

failures when broken up for roots or rape.

This deficiency may be made good by the manurial action of heavy concentrations of sheep, but the difficulty in the initial phase is to secure sufficient feed for this purpose.

As nitrogenous topdressing is impracticable at present, two alternatives present themselves:—

(a) A change from the cruciferous first crop to a sowing of oats and lupins for autumn green feed.

(b) Prior treatment of the sward with lime and phosphate to induce clover growth, and possibly surface-sowing of subterranean or white clover.

### Answer to Correspondent

#### Crops for Winter Feeding Pigs

“COCKY” (WAIKATO).—

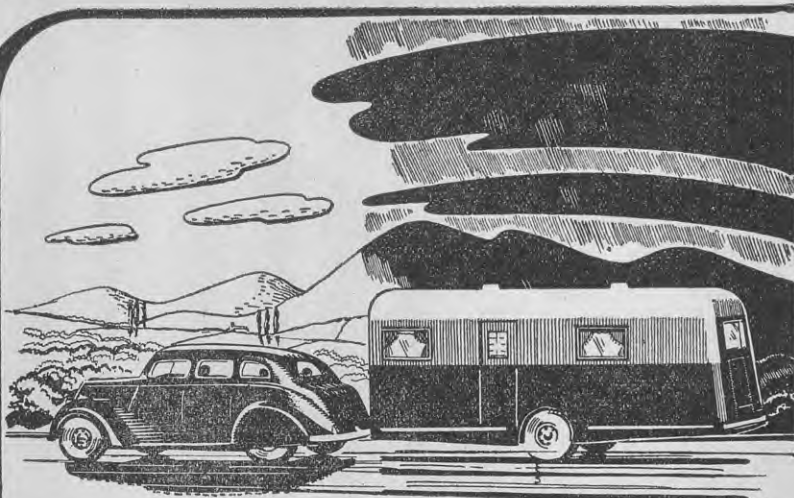
I would be much obliged if you could give me some advice on the best crop to grow for the winter feeding of pigs. I find it exceedingly difficult and expensive to keep the pigs growing from the time the milk falls off in late autumn until the cows flush up again in the spring.

I have a piece of drained peat swamp that has now consolidated, and having had it cleared of stumps and timber have started to plough it. I would be grateful if you could advise me what crop would give the best results under the above conditions, and any further information as regards amount of seed and manure and when to plant. The area of the land is about two acres.

#### FIELDS DIVISION—

Maize for cob would be the most satisfactory crop for the purpose required. This crop requires a thoroughly cultivated seed bed and a soil that is naturally rich or well fertilised. Sowing should be done during November, and drilling can be done 14in, 21in, or 3ft apart. If 3ft apart, pumpkins, marrows, or kumi kumis can be grown between the rows.

Seeding at the rate of 25 to 30lb per acre is recommended. A suitable fertiliser consisting of three parts superphosphate, one part blood and bone, should be applied at not less than 4cwt. per acre.



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