Book Notice

This book is planned as a textbook in courses on pasture management. The author describes himself as "an animal husbandman with agronomic experience," but the book is largely agronomic, with enough animal husbandry included to indicate the best use of the agronomic practices.

Mr. Lush has endeavored to cover the field of pastures and pasture management in the entire United States with the single exception of Western range management, which he does not discuss at all. He does mention irrigated pastures in the West.

To discuss pastures over this extent of climate and soil and their utilization by a half dozen different types of livestock is a sizable assignment for 170 pages of text. The book is an excellent outline of the necessities of pasture management, and gives the non-technical reader an idea of the complexity of the subject.

To be used as a text in any given region, it will require extensive supplementing from the experience of that region. This is by no means a criticism of the book. Agronomic problems vary so greatly with soil and climate, and their solution must be so accurately tailored to the interaction of these with the livestock to be handled and economic conditions present, that it is impossible for any one book to cover so large an area in much more than outline form. For example, the author devotes less than half as many pages to choosing pasture plants and establishing pastures as the Ohio Agricultural Extension Service has for many years used in an Extension bulletin on the same topic for Ohio alone.

For this limited outline-type general presentation, it would be hard to improve on the present book. It will undoubtedly be used in many courses on pasture management, as a foundation on which to build more extensive recommendations adapted to the particular area.

One who wishes specific recommendations which he can immediately apply may be seriously disappointed. One who is looking for ideas and suggestions which can be developed and adapted for his particular area will find many of them.

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