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Richard Kalbas who operates a farm some three miles south of Giddings has had some outstanding results with the use of lime in connection with winter legumes.

Mr. Kalbas last week was turning under some hairy vetch in a field which had had varied applications of lime and showed graphically the difference in growth on limed and unlimed soil.

"Where I used lime I have a good growth and cover of hairy vetch and where I did not use lime the growth is poor," Mr. Kalbas said. He stated further that on land that had been limed he made between 25 and 30 bushels of peanuts to the acre and had a good hay crop, whereas on the same land before liming he was losing a big percentage of peanuts and hay due to root rot.

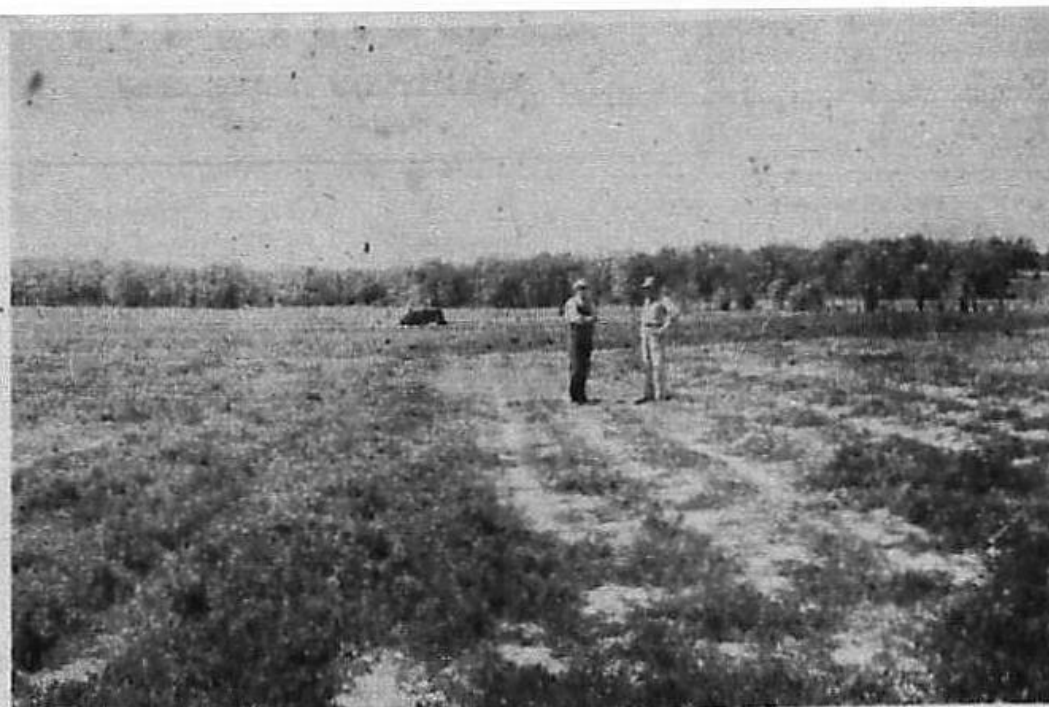
Mr. Kalbas took advantage of the PMA assistance in getting this lime spread on his land and has already had 30 tons of lime spread on his land this year. He says he gets better results on his land by putting two tons to the acre.

Warren D. Moody, county PMA secretary, says that the liming practice is one of the approved ACP practices in Lee County in 1950, and urges all farmers to take advantage of it.

Total cost of spreading lime is \$5.15 per acre, but, if the farmer secures prior approval from

PMA, the agency will pay \$2.65 per acre of this cost, leaving the farmer to pay only \$2.50. Mr. Moody explained that farmers should place their orders now so that the lime spreader in the county can place his orders.

SHOWS RESULTS OF LIME—Richard Kalbas of Rt. 3, Giddings is telling County Agent Brown O. Spivey about some of the outstanding results he has had with the application of lime in connection with the growing of winter legumes. The two are standing in a field of hairy vetch on Mr.



Kalbas' farm. Growth on the left shows the result of one application of lime while that on the right had no lime. Plot in the background being turned under had two applications. Mr. Kalbas recently spread another application of lime on the plot in the foreground. Results from this should be evident next year. —News Staff Photo.

Lee County farmers last year spread 3 thousand tons of lime on their land. In 1946 Lee County was second in the state in the total amount of lime spread — 5700 tons or about 95 carloads. In 1945 1100 tons were spread.

Total spread in 1947 and 1948 was 3100 and 3200 tons, respectively. These years the PMA was limited in funds and as a result most farmers were prevented from spreading as much as they wanted, Mr. Moody said.