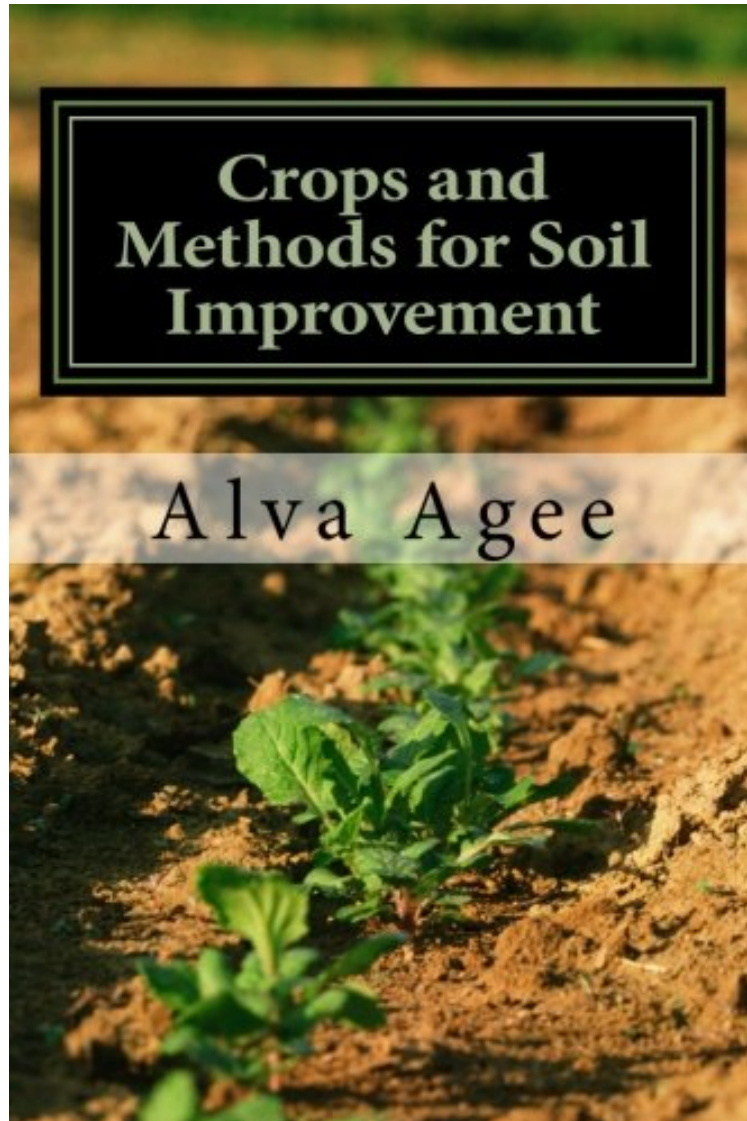


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lay out the process was amazing. The seamless nature of planting crop after crop to insure the land remained fertile was refreshing. One could readily identify a couple grasses or cash crops to grow whether you had livestock or not. The author did include information on commercial fertilizers and homemade mixtures to augment solis and I was pleased that it was near the end so the natural flow of planting to generate good tilthe and productiveness of soils could be appreciated. I decided that I would read the book and re-read it later to make planting notes. If you couldn't tell, I really enjoyed this book.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Timeless information.By Dirk WaldenFor a book written at the turn of the century, 1910 I think. Its a very good book, the information is still very relevant in this day and age. Especially if you are interested in doing things with no or minimal chemical inputs. Also the fact that some farmers are going back to actual horse power this book is helpful. Also he works on the Old MacDonald farm model since that was what was the standard at the time. The Kindle dictionary feature is very helpful when reading this book. I am pretty well read but my turn of the century English is not so good. Ha ha.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good presentation on soilBy David ChallacombGood presentation on soil. It outlines a methodical approach to using crops and livestock to improve the soil. It is full of a lot of details and analyses on soil, crops, and manure that make it somewhat useful for technical reference, however the main theme is of simple and straightforward information on how to take care of soil.

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About the AuthorAlva Agee (1858-1943) was the American author of: Crops and Methods for Soil Improvement (1912), Right Use of Lime in Soil Improvement (1919) and First Steps in Farming (1923). He was head of the department of Agricultural Extension, acting Dean and Director of the School of Agriculture and Experiment Station of the Pennsylvania State College, and New Jersey State College of Agriculture and was later Secretary to the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture.