

Geo. III's instructions on  
sowing of sainfoin, 1786.

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The land to be made very clear from Weeds,  
to be sowed with sainfoin as early in March as  
the land can be prepared for it, a bushel of  
seed is sufficient for an acre. If the land  
is dry and fine, it will require little harrowing  
to cover the seed; this is the most difficult  
operation; the seed being very light it is difficult  
to cover it exactly, and the harrows must be  
heavy or the seed will be buried too deep.

When the plants are about six or six inches  
above ground they should be set out regularly  
with an hand hoe, leaving the strongest plants  
at about eight inches distance every way from  
each other. Sainfoin succeeds best when sowed  
alone; it should be dressed most sparingly with  
fine powdered manure, coal ashes, soot, and  
such like are the most proper.

Cattle not suffered to feed on it for a couple  
of years.

The continuing to hoe the Weeds every year will  
be of great benefit to the Sainfoin

This was written by George <sup>3</sup>



His Ma. Command

March 20<sup>th</sup> 1786

in his own hand  
writing

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