SHORTHORN CATTLE IN NEW ENGLAND

The Shorthorn cattle are beginning to mean more to the Maine farmer than ever before. This is a breed that has proved a success to everybody so for who has attempted making a specivity of it, writes a correspondent of the Rural New Yorker, Those cattle have proved good for breeding pur-They are hardy, good growers, melce heavy beef and are excellent

There are a number of good Shorthorn herds in New England, and the



The Shorthorns are one of the most famous of the beef broads. There are many pure bred herds in this country, notably in the corn beit. In England the Shorthorn is still the popular cow for the general farmer. The animal herewith shown is a two-year-old heifer of the beef type.

breed is growing more popular there. The cows of a milking strain give a good mess of milk, while the calves grow fast and make good beef. There is now in parts of New England a good local demand for fresh beef, particularly in summer, from the hotels and boarding houses. The Shorthorn

in have a double value. At the lest dairy show in England the with and butter prizes were won by Shortherns. One cow gave 118 This cow gave in one day 58 pounds of milk, from which 2 pounds other Shorthern gave 49 pounds 13 ounces of milk and 2 pounds 14½ ounces of butter in one day. The best Jersey in this contest gave 35 pounds 5 ounces of milk and 2 pounds 51/2 ounces of butter, while a Devon cow gave 62 pounds 13 ounces of milk, but only 1 pound 13% ounces of butter. The larger breeds are still most popular in England.

SELECTING THE BOAR.

Highly Important That Head of the Herd Be Pure Bred.

The first requisite in selecting a herd boar is to buy from a responsible breeder in whom you have confidence. It is well to select from a good sized litter and from matured parents that show good breeding themselves. It is often desirable to purchase the boar when he is a pig, since if you live a distance from the breeder or in another state the expressage is much less. It is well to select a boar pig that shows great vitality and has a masculine look. He should be broad between the eyes, with a good heart

Where a boar is to be used on big. rangy sows he should be more com-pact than if to be used on smaller As the boar gives half the blood to the whole herd, while one sow can influence her own litter only, it is highly important that, whatever the sows may be, the boar should be pure bred and one which will give vigorous mated with a young boar will produce plgs which will mature earlier than those produced when the sow is young and the boar aged. This is a strong as long as she continues to breed satis-

Use Care In Milking.

The warm milk as it comes from the cow offers a splendid medium for the favorable growth of all kinds of bacteria which may gain access to it. In order to lessen this development milk-ing should be done as carefully and quickly as possible and the milk strained through a metallic strainer. Do not use a cloth strainer, for even under good conditions this comes a bothed for bacteria.

******* HORSE LORE.

Begin to take the chill off the water you give the horses when the weather gets cold. You can heat it cheaper on the stove than you can in the stomach of the horse, says the Farm Journal. Keep the horses doing some-thing every day. An idle horse will be a sick horse before you

know it. Save time and nerve by getting farm horses that know how to walk and will do it without being urged all the time.

Some men start for the doctor when they have a sick borse. Others feed well, care well and drive well, so they never have to go to the doctor.

With the fall letting up of work, let up on the heavy feed. Like men, horses doing little work should eat little. A good currying occasionally

does not make a sleek borse. It takes every day grooming to open the pores, soften the skin and produce a good, healthy, *****

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METHOD TO TELL AGE OF THE SHEEP

husbandry in a leading university says that fine wool sheep live longer than dlum or coarse wool sheep. former have been used successfully as breeders from one to eight years and the latter from one to six and more rarely seven years. The prime of life probably extends from one to five or six years.

bead as opposed to the head of the mature sheep. Its teeth are smaller in every way. They are usually smooth and white as opposed to a more corrugated, darkened surface in the old beep. The age of sheep is told by the four pairs of incisors which are found only on the lower front jaw. These are all present by the time the lamb is

In the yearing the central pair of small incisor teeth are replaced with a large pair when the lamb is ten to fourteen months old. They are almost twice as wide and much longer than those at either side.

At the age of two years the animal gets a second pair of large teeth. At three years it gets a third pair of large teeth. It would then have three pairs of large teeth and one pair of

small or lamb teeth. The four-year-old has a full mouth of four pairs of large teeth. The outer ones are never as large as those in the

After the sheep is four years old it is difficult to tell the exact age. With age the teeth usually grow longer and narrower. They begin at six years to resemble shoe pegs. Sheep that are living on short pasturage and get sand with their grass wear their teeth short even in old age. This is unusual in Minnesota.

When sheep get long, peg-like or broken teeth, it is time to dispose of

CARE OF THE MULE.

Attention Should Be Given to Feeding

at Breeding Time. Many are anxious to get informs tion about mules, animals that play an important part in farm work and heavy hauling. Some prefer them to the draft horse. Why? Well, they say mules can everinstingly pull a heavy load without the slightest letup. In the south they are a deliverer to the



MULES HAULING COTTON

etton growers. Some people imagine that mules don't need any special care, because, as a rule, their makeup is rugged. That's true in this respect. They can stand more abuse than any animal used for heavy working purposes. But at breeding time attention to feeding should be given. Some grain for the mules to keep them in good condition without fattening them is very important. If the mule runs down from lack of nourishing food either the progeny will be weak and lacking in vigor or the breeding may be entirely prevented. The best of all grain foods for keeping the mule in condition are oats. Rye is sometimes It should be kept from the animals after they have been bred, as it may

FEEDING THE COLT.

Many Farmers Make Mistake In Using Bottles and Nipples.

Noting in a recent farm paper a plan to raise the baby colts on a bottle with a rubber nipple, a breeder advises farmers not to bother with bottles and nipples, at least not for colts.

Take a deep pan or crock and pour into it enough milk to cover your hand. Crook your forefinger C shape in the milk. Let the colt once get hold with its soft, velvety lip of that crooked forefinger and it will drink at the third day. Colts do not or need not suck the finger like calves.

Sufficient milk is placed in good glass jars in the tank, and the colt learns to come to the gate for its milk, taking it from any crock, pail or veesel we choose to feed it from. And the milk should be warmed slightly at

Handling Young Pigs, When pigs are three weeks old the sow and litter should have the run of a lot to have exercise, air and sunshine. They will then begin to eat. At eight weeks of age they should be weaned and provided with a feeding trough. Soaked corn, skimmilk, cooked feeds, with mill feeds added, form a good diet for them. Do not feed cornmeal to excess, for it fattens rather than causes healthy growth.

Regularity Road to Success. Dairying is quite confining, but this is one of the good features of the industry. Once a farmer gets started he must keep regular hours and do his work in the proper time, and it is this crowding the man into the collar r.nd making him work that tell. Many would shirk if they could; but, there being no way for them to do this, they stick to their job and make a success

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