

DISARMING BOAR OF HIS TUSKS



The tusks of a boar ought to be kept short. This not only makes him less a menace to the other animals, but many hog raisers believe him less fierce and self confident, writes G. B. Hill in the National Stockman. An inch and a half in length is the limit to which the lower tusks should be allowed to grow. This means taking them off once every six months. The quickest and one of the commonest ways of disposing of them is to knock them off with a cold chisel and hammer. The trouble with this method is that it is likely to splinter the bone around the socket of the tusk, and I have even known the jawbone to be broken. A much better way is to break the tusk off with long horse nippers, or with a blacksmith's pinchers. Or the tusk can be nicked deeply on both sides with a three cornered file, after which it can be knocked off with greater safety, though it is still

Duroe-Jersey hogs are very popular with many hog breeders and pork growers. They attain maturity earlier than most breeds, and for that reason alone the red hog is well liked. Pork from Duroes is of the finest quality, and their skin is the thinnest of any breed. The sows are very prolific, are the gentlest of mothers and are easily handled in lot or pasture. The Duroe sow shown was a champion last year.

better to use pinchers. The stub can be smoothed down with a few strokes of a flat file.

To hold him for this or any other operation on his head, the following method is as good as any: Make a

small slip noose at the end of a half inch rope and get it into his mouth, around his upper jaw—that being the hardest part of the whole performance. Do not noose both jaws, and never the lower jaw alone. Take a turn with the rope around a fence post and haul the hog up so he is held short. Then push him around sideways against the fence and have some one hold him braced there while you operate. Some men take pride in handling a hog alone, but it seems a waste of energy when you can get a helper, and you need both hands free to work with.

Roots For Sheep Feed.
No amount of grain fed to sheep will take the place of their daily feed of roots, says a correspondent of the American Agriculturist. I have come to believe that three pounds of rutabagas will almost take the place of the daily allowance of a pound of oats for the ewes, and often when oats were not plentiful I have wintered my ewes on nothing but clover hay, a little corn fodder and rutabagas. They furnish succulence and still help to build firm, substantial substance. As to the quantity of roots to feed, I should say feed all of your sheep as much as they want all winter, and by using clover hay and corn fodder you will need no grain. I figure that three pounds of swedes are about equal in feeding value to one pound of oats.

The Breeding Sow.
Select the breeding sows from early spring litters when they are six months old. One can form an opinion which ones are most likely to prove long bodied, good formed, of quiet disposition, good feeders and with a tendency to grow frame and size rather than put on an excess of fat. Breed the gilt when about ten months old and if she proves herself a good breeder, raising uniform litters of strong, healthy pigs, keep her for several years, or as long as she is profitable.

Selecting a Boar.
Select the boar for use before you are quite ready to use him. Get him acclimated to your surroundings and method of feeding and care. Never use a young boar until he is past ten months of age if you want large, strong litters. Some breeders claim by using a young boar on mature sows one can produce hogs of greater size when a year old.

Idaho Values on Increase.
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