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FEED FOR BEEF PRODUCTION

Three-Year Experiment Shows That It Costs More to Feed Calves Than Older Cattle.

Results of a three-year-old experiment with calves, yearlings and two-year-olds to study the influence of age on the economy and profit of feeding for beef production indicated that the initial cost per hundred pounds of meat produced was greater with the calves than with the older cattle; that the length of time necessary for finishing steers decreased with age; that the rate and the cost of gain and the proportion of roughage to concentrates consumed increased with age; and that the amount of gain necessary in finishing cattle of equal condition decreased as their age increased. The difference in total quantity of feed necessary for finishing cattle of different ages and fed to the same marketable finish was negligible.

The experienced farmer who feeds cattle should handle older cattle in preference to calves, while the farmer who produces and finishes his own ent-



Finished Steers of Good Breeding Bring Much Better Price Than Scrubs.

He may find calves more profitable. While this is regarded as the best practice under ordinary circumstances, there are advantages, especially at this time in feeding younger cattle, the principal ones being the obtaining of a higher market price for the finished steer, if of good breeding, and an opportunity to hold for a longer period of time when fattened with less loss than the more mature steer."

GIVE HOGS' FEET ATTENTION

Bad Underpinning Are Often Due to Lack of Trimming as Well as to Overfeeding.

When the new breeder is getting ready to exhibit his hogs at the county and state fairs he should pay attention to the feet of the animals as well as to fitting them. If the animals are overfed, very often they have a tendency to go down in the feet. Bad feet are also often due to lack of attention as well as to overfeeding and poor breeding. Animals that are not given an opportunity to take a proper amount of exercise on hard ground are apt to show this trouble more than those under ordinary conditions. In trimming the toes the pig is thrown on its side and with a sharp jackknife the ends of the toes can be pared off. Occasionally the sole of the foot may need paring also, so that the pig will walk flat on the foot. Care should be taken to smooth up the job and to not cut the foot too deeply, so as to bleed and cause lameness. The trimming should be done at least ten days or two weeks before the show.

BEEF PRODUCTION FALLS OFF

Nearly Half of Farmers Last Year Operated at Loss—Similar Conditions This Year.

Beef in the United States was last year produced at an average cost of 14 to 15 cents, according to figures furnished by H. C. Taylor, chief of farm management of the United States department of agriculture.

However, only 58 per cent of the cattle concerned were produced for that and 42 per cent cost more. Fifty-six per cent of the producers kept these costs at 15 cents or less, so that nearly half of the farmers producing beef operated at a loss. 1920 figures indicate that a similar condition rules and that production is falling off considerably as a result, since no one likes to produce at a loss.

Feeding prices and land values are given as the reason for the falling off of the profit. As a remedy for it Mr. Taylor suggests keeping of better records of all farm accounts, elimination of excessive marketing charges and good management.

SCREENINGS NOT POISONOUS

As Feed Substitute for Bran They Can Be Fed to Sheep With Much Advantage.

According to a recent report of the U. S. department of agriculture, sweet clover seed screenings are not poisonous to live stock. They can be fed to sheep to advantage, being a good grain feed, but they probably are not so good as bran. However, as bran is a marketable product and sweet clover screenings are not, being an otherwise waste product of the farm, as a feed substitute for bran it constitutes a net saving of the cost of bran and is therefore of considerable value to the producer who can use it.

How to Know Poetry.

We literates have been taught to read poetry, and taught also that it is highly commendable to enjoy it. In order to know what kind of poetry ought to be especially enjoyed, we read other books, written by critics. In order to understand what the poetry that ought to be admired means, we read other books by professional grammarians. By the time we have finished this preparatory reading, we are somewhat confused. We are in doubt as to what poetry actually is, and how it differs from prose. In this predicament we fall back on the printer. If every line begins with a capital letter, we assume that it is poetry.—Samuel McChord Crothers in the Atlantic Monthly.

India's Fertility.

India, more than half the size of Europe, has every variety of surface, climate and production. The contrast between the level monotony of the Great plain and the beautiful contours of the Mligiri and Puntney hills is no greater than that between the arid heat of Jacobabad and the polar frigidity of the Himalayas; or that between the palm groves of Cochin and the wheat fields of Lyailpur. The productivity of India extends over three zones: the tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate; though on account of varying elevations those do not always comply with mere considerations of latitude.

Embroidery Ancient Art.

The art of embroidery has been practiced from time immemorial—it is said to be as old as the art of dressing. The mummy clothes of ancient Egypt show the earliest extant embroidery and the "pome-granates" of blue and purple and scarlet" of the book of Exodus were of embroidery. The art reached its height in the early middle ages. In Greece and Rome laws were made to moderate its use, but without success. The most distinguished artists did not count it condescension to make the designs from which the highest ladies in the land executed their embroideries. No workers were more skilled in the art than the English.

Well, It's a Fine Phrase.

If he were aware of the phrase the pursuing motorcycle cop might inform you some time, as he drew alongside, that the race is not always to the swift.—Mohawk Messenger.

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