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GIVING THE LAMBS AN EARLY START

It is very important that the young lambs be started right early in life in order that they may develop rapidly and continuously at a minimum cost writes an Illinois shepherd in Farm and Fireside. After the lambs are dropped it is a good plan to keep them and their dams separate from the rest of the flock until they gain the necessary strength to go with the rest of the flock.

The ewes should be fed plenty of roots or other succulent feed and a liberal ration which contains sufficient protein to promote a large flow of milk.

When the lambs have reached an age of ten days or two weeks a small pen should be arranged in one corner of the sheep barn or yard and a lamb creep provided, by which the lambs can gain access to this pen at all times while their dams are excluded. Some barn should be put into a trough there at first, and in a surprisingly short time the lambs will find their way to it and eat a considerable amount. After they have become accustomed to this



Oxford sheep originated in England in the early part of the nineteenth century from a cross of Cotswold and Hampshire Down. They have been known since 1851 as Oxfordshire or Oxford Down and are now widely distributed over the United States and Canada. They are the largest and heaviest of the Down breeds. When in good flesh the rams should weigh 250 to 275 pounds and the ewes from 200 to 225 pounds. The wool is rather coarser than any other of the medium wool breeds, and the fleece is heavier, weighing from ten to twelve pounds uncleaned. The ram shown was champion at the Iowa state fair last fall.

grain ration a little ground oats from which the hulls have been sifted may be added.

This, with what clover leaves they will eat if the ewes are fed bright clover hay, will materially hasten their growth, and when they are turned out to grass they will be well started toward sheephood. Where handled judiciously the thrifty single lambs of the larger breeds can be made to gain quite or nearly a pound a day for the first few months of their lives. I have often raised lambs that weighed forty pounds when five or six weeks old and have repeatedly weighed lambs when on grass that were gaining from six to seven pounds a week. But in order to get such gains as this the flock must be handled carefully and be in a thrifty condition.

I am confident that a great many farmers and sheepmen make a mistake in taking the grain ration from their ewes as soon as they are turned to grass. It must be remembered that the change from dry feed to the succulent grass is a great one, and it is very essential that such changes be made gradually and cautiously. Not only should the grain ration be continued at least until the sheep become thoroughly accustomed to pasture, but the feeding of clover hay should be continued at least once a day for some time after the sheep are turned to grass. Quite often some farmers say that their sheep will not eat the hay after they are turned to grass, but I have found by repeated experiments that they eat a reasonable amount of good clover hay in the early morning with relish. Remember, in making this statement I say "good" clover hay.

It is better to confine the sheep in a yard with access to the barn at night, especially during the early spring and the early part of the summer, when storms are so frequent, and feed the hay in the morning and continue the separate grain ration for the lambs until the pasture gets at its best.

Potatoes as a Hog Feed.
The value of potatoes as a hog feed has been tested at the Wisconsin experiment station, where the potatoes were cooked and fed with corn in comparison with corn alone. It was found that it required 142 pounds of potatoes to save 100 pounds of cornmeal. A Danish investigator found that it required 400 pounds of potatoes to save 100 pounds of mixed grain. From these results it seems that 4 1/2 bushels of potatoes are worth about the same for

feeding purposes as one bushel of corn. They should always be fed cooked.

Amount of Grain For Cattle.
The amount of grain that should be given to cattle that are being finished on the grass should be gauged by the prospective time for selling and by the condition of the grass. When the animals are to be sold early, as in June or July, more grain or meal should be fed than if marketed later, as in August and September. When the grass is really at its best, which usually is in the advanced weeks of June, grain will not add much to the gains, but if dry and doubtless does tend to the consumption of less pasture.

Escaped with His Life.

"Twenty-one years ago I faced an awful death," writes H. B. Martin, Port Harrellson, S. C. "Doctors said I had consumption and the dreadful cough I had looked like it, sure enough. I tried everything I could hear of for my cough, and was under the treatment of the best doctor in Georgetown, S. C., for a year, but could get no relief. A friend advised me to try Dr. King's New Discovery. I did so and was completely cured. I feel that I owe my life to this great throat and lung cure." Its positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

CELERY GROWING.

Directions Given by Successful Cultivator of Vegetable in Pennsylvania.
Last year's experience proves very forcefully that celery needs considerable moisture as well as to be well fertilized, says a Pennsylvania grower in a letter to the American Agriculturist.

Nearly all of our celery plants are started in small greenhouses, sowing the seed from the last of February to the latter part of March. Our soil is red shale loam, sand, fine siltings from coal ashes, much and quite well rotted manure. The houses are cheap affairs, heated with stoves, and used for growing a few vegetable plants each spring. Seed of Golden Self Blanching celery is sown in benches, sometimes in rows three inches apart and sometimes broadcast. If we have good men to thin we like to broadcast. In sowing by this method we use a baking powder can with small holes in the cover. A small hand seeder is used for sowing in rows, but with the plow and cover off, because we want to sift fine dirt very lightly to cover the seed, only about one-sixteenth of an inch.

Before sowing the soil is made very fine and level, because we do not want water to run from higher parts, and bonemeal and wood ashes are used to fertilize this. We use 600 pounds of the former and about 300 of the latter for 1,800 square feet of glass. Calico curtains are used to shade the benches until the plants are up.

We generally try to plant our muck in the fall. In spring the land is well disked, then eight tons of 14 per cent dissolved South Carolina rock is applied to the three acres and well worked in. Then we sow muriate of potash at the rate of about 1,200 pounds an acre, after which we plank the ground for setting, weighting the plankers enough to give us a sufficiently firm bed. We set by hand, using two fingers of one hand as dibber, being very careful not to get plants set too deep or so shallow as over the heart. This would keep them from growing.

Rows are three feet apart where we expect to branch with heads and two and a half when it is to go into the celery houses. Plants are set four or five inches apart in the rows. If the soil is too dry when we wish to set we have water poured along the rows in a little stream, being careful to follow the mark, made with a light wheelbarrow frame, along the side of a line.

After the plants are set we put on about 1,200 pounds of 12 per cent dried blood to the acre, running it right along the rows close to the plants. As soon as the plants are four to five high in the greenhouses we clip the tops and are sure to clip again before we set, taking about half of the tops off. Sometimes the plants are clipped three times. And we thin them there to about 100 to the square foot of bed. They are often thicker.

As soon as the plants in the field are rooted a little we commence giving them nitrate of soda, putting it as close to the rows as possible or in rows of the roots and putting on only a very little while the plants are small, because we want it to feed them without shocking or giving them a setback. This nitrate of soda is given to them every ten days, adding to the amount each time as the plants grow, so we use about 1,200 pounds of this to the acre. We use about two tons each of muriate of potash, dried blood and

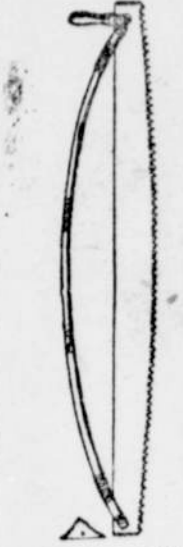
nitrate of soda on the three acres. That is why it is about 1,200 of each an acre.

We try to keep the soil stirred around the plants all the time, giving level culture, using a horse cultivator when the soil is dry enough so we do not need to mud shoe the horse.

After the celery has been set about two months it should be ready to blanch, sometimes before.

One Man Crosscut Saw.

It is often convenient to have a crosscut saw that one man can use for cutting medium sized logs. The one shown herewith, turned on its end, fills the bill very well. It consists of a blade, a handle, set as shown, and a bow reinforced with wire around it at various points. Preferably this bow should be of well seasoned hickory, ash or some other tough but not too heavy wood. It is not necessary to have very much spring in the bow, although some springs adds rigidity and tension to the saw, which can thus be run more easily. The most important points for the winding are toward the ends, where the pole is split by sawing to admit the blade. The pole should be only a few inches longer than the saw when laid out straight.—New England Homestead.



CROSSCUT SAW.

Good business men always carefully calculate the cost of an article before fixing the selling price. How many farmers know what a bushel of wheat, a dozen of eggs, a quart of milk or a barrel of apples costs them?

Save Your Fertilizer Value.
This is a good time for spreading manure over the fields you will break up later on. While it may not rot down enough to have much fertilizing effect this season, it will be in the soil and safe from losses by leaching.

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Thistles.
In the fourteenth century thistles were used as food for cattle, and they were considered as a crop. In the old priory of Lindisfarne there is a note in the archives of 1344 of thick leather gloves required for the harvesters of the thistle crop. It is curious that, though the thistle is the emblem of Scotland, the Scot never seems able to say which kind of thistle is the true national emblem. It is said that a thistle which resembles Carduus marianus was figured on the old coinage of the day of James V., who was first to put thistles on the Scotch money. The horn spoons sold in Edinburgh sometimes have little silver thistles on the end of the handles.

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