

**POLL AND COLOR.**

**What the American Herdbook Calls For in Angus Cattle.**

A Texas correspondent inquires of Breeder's Gazette if the top of the head of an Angus bull is nearly straight and different from the steers and females of the same breed. It is curious how such inquiries originate. In the naturally polled (hornless) head the skull formation is different from that of the horned breeds. In the latter the top of the head is comparatively flat from horn to horn, although the top line sometimes rises into a little arch or oval shape. In the polled head the top of the skull rises more or less sharply to the center, where it forms a little knob, doubtless provided by nature as the weapon of offense and defense in place of the horns. This oval or angular shape at the top of the head varies in different animals, but there is no difference in this respect between the bulls of this breed and the females and steers. Some cattle are considerably higher on the poll than others, but this is a personal peculiarity, just as is a somewhat long and narrow head or a short and broad head. Our correspondent further inquires if the bulls of this breed show signs of horns or little nubs if they are pure bred. These nubs, or scurs, as they are properly called, do sometimes, but not often, occur on pure bred animals of this breed, both bulls and females. They vary all the way from little wartlike excrescences to small horns fixed firmly to the skull, although the latter are of very rare occurrence. This manifestation represents the efforts of nature to hark back to the original horned type. It is a very interesting and convincing demonstration of the power of atavism. Bulls that show scurs are not eligible to registry in the American Herdbook.

A further inquiry calls for "the different colors" of this breed. The Angus cattle are almost uniformly black, with a little white on the belly, udder or scrotum. Occasionally an all red calf is dropped, but not often. This red is a peculiar shade, not like the color of the Red Poll or that of the Shorthorn. It is a rather light red and once seen can usually be identified. Occasionally the white on the belly "jumps the fence" and appears in the switch of the tail or on the hind legs around the ankles and in rare cases in spots on the body. Bulls "with a noticeable amount of white above the underline or on leg or legs" are not eligible to registry. Effort has been persistent for years to breed out the red color and white outcrop on legs or body above the underline and wholly to eliminate scurs, but the power of atavism is so persistent that the result aimed at has not been entirely accomplished. It should be clearly understood that these "off colors" and scurs are of very rare occurrence and that the uniform black color and polled head are transmitted to grade progeny in from 80 to 90 per cent of the cases.

**Stock Farms in Great Britain.**

The latest official census of farm stock in Great Britain has been published. There are 11,749,436 head of cattle, 30,829,721 head of sheep and 3,111,000 swine in that kingdom. This is an increase of 21,527 cattle, but a decrease of 224,945 sheep and 252,689 hogs. The increase in cattle comes from Ireland and Scotland altogether, and much more than that, for the actual fact is that in England and Wales the cattle have decreased 72,471 head since this time last year.



All kinds of grain are high in price, and hay in New England is a ready cash crop. In face of these facts what shall farmers do? asks Charles W. Burkett in New England Homestead. In the first place, rely on the corn plant. It is the farmer's best all round friend. From experiments at the New Hampshire experiment station I found that for winter feeding when horses are not on heavy work corn stover run through the fodder cutter proved quite equal to timothy hay. Sell the hay, then, and feed corn stover. The latter costs less than a third of timothy.

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**Feeding For Mutton.**

Clover is the model hay for sheep, but I have had good results with good corn fodder, says a correspondent in National Stockman. Timothy and marsh hay are fairly good if cut early and supplemented with a heavier grain ration. My grain ration is usually bran, oats and corn, according to their relative cost, time of year, kind of

sheep and for what purpose they are being fed. This grain ration is placed in troughs in the yard and usually once a day. During the middle of the day they get cornstalks or shredded cornstalks in the yard. I feed hay twice a day in the barn, in racks with bottoms in them, and to prevent the accumulation of chaff and dirt in the fleece we always feed when the sheep are out. I never allow them access to hay or straw stacks and always keep plenty of good water and salt before them.

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