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Farm Notes.

The farmer who does not breed up his stock and retain his calves for the dairy makes a mistake. One of the greatest sources of loss is the practice the average life is found about six years, greatest sources of loss is the practice of buying fresh cows and selling off the dry ones. When a cow is bought nothing is known of her until she is tested for her results. She may have many faults, and may bring disease into the herd. Abortion in some berds into the herd. Abortion in some berds in the test of the gauge as it is known to exceptional cases in which ties may last of buying fresh cows and selling off the dry ones. When a cow is bought nothing is known of her until she is tested for her results. She may have many faults, and may bring disease into the herd. Abortion in some berds is due to this cause, as it is known to be contagious. A well-bred cow, raised on the farm from healthy, productive stock, is more valuable than two animals purchased at random, and can be raised at less expense than to buy animals purchased at random, and can be raised at less expense than to buy be about 84,500,000, which, with steady be raised at less expense than to buy an inferior animal.

Manuring crops in the hill is simply to concentrate the fertilizer in a small is an insufficiency of the material used, but as the roots of plants spread over a large area, in search of food, it is better to broadcast all manures and fertilizers, thus not only giving greater feeding capacity to the roots, but also per mitting of a more intimate incorporation of the ingredients with the soil during cultivation of the crop.

It would be a valuable lesson to each farmer if the experiment was made to endeavor to learn how much one acre would produce. By experimenting on a small plot, sparing no expense or labor in the effort to test the capacity of the land, the fact would be made plain that many farmers are wasting capital and labor on too much land. Manure that is only sufficient for one acre is of but little value when spread over ten acres.

As the spring opens the orchards will require cultivation and fertilizers. The best fertilizers for all kinds of fruit crops are those abounding largely in potash, such as ashes and muriate or sulphate of potash. Bone meal is also excellent, and nitrate of soda gives good results, especially on small fruits, but the most important ingredient of the fertilizer is potash in some form.

Small potatoes, though not so attractive in market, are just as valuable on the farm as those that are large. They can be cooked and fed to cows, hogs or poultry, and will provide an agreeable change of food for them. It turnips are added to the potatoes and a small quantity of bran sprinkled over the mess the whole will be improved, as

ure added to the land. Many farmers experience but little gain in the sale of extra milk or butter, but they become richer in the increased fertility of the soil, due to the better quality of the manure applied, although such results may not be apparent for several years.

If you cannot grind or pulverize the old bones you can reduce them by laying them in wood ashes, and keeping bones and ashes occasionally, will hasten the decomposition of the bones. If you cannot do this bury the bones around the fruit trees and grape vines.

A New York farmer raised an acre of sunflowers for seed, and found that the seed was an excellent addition to grain for the use of hogs and poultry, a small mill being used to grind it for hogs. The stalks made excellent kindling-wood and the heads and seeds were ground together.

Old strawberry beds are mulched cine. when the ground is frozen, and then burned over clean. It does not harm the plants, but clears off the ground and causes the plants to come up in better condition in the spring. It is a method now highly recommended by some fruit growers.

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Corn land should be plowed early, in order to expose the cutworms, and the seed should be planted as soon as the season permits. A week's early start with corn gives it an advantage in securing root growth and resisting the effects of drought.

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As a safeguard against the borer some fruit growers use fine wire mosquito netting, wrapping a small piece around the body of the tree a few inches above and below the soil.

In this section young pigs will get a good start for spring if kept warm, and will grow rapidly as soon as the weather opens, but they will need care

during the cold days. Begin now and scatter air-slaked lime around the grape vines, first clean ing up all the debris of last year, and you will thus assist in preventing the

rot next season. Poultry droppings should be mixed with the manure from animals, and it will then keep better and give better

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