

Much feed is thrown away every winter in the common management of stock. I do not mean the fodder actually wasted in larders or stables, but that which is fed, especially to young animals. For instance, suppose I feed four calves and six yearlings all winter, and in the spring they are no larger than the previous fall, how much of the fodder they consumed is wasted? I will have a pile of manure proportionate to the fodder eaten, but it would be worth no more than the cost of the labor in taking care of the stock. In order to realize any gain on these animals, I must wait for the extra growth they make in summer pastures. This, undoubtedly is the actual result of wintering a large proportion of the young cattle in this country. They are fed enough to keep them alive, or maybe better than this, to enable them to hold their own, that is, not to fall away much. But there is no profit in this kind of management, as you can see.

When an animal is fed enough to maintain life and locomotion, and this, of course, is necessary, such additional food as it may gain will naturally, if it is not required to keep him from freezing, (which is not often the case), make growth, if a young one, and more flesh if it is stunted or full grown. The increase or growth will be according to kind of food given. If the food is coarse or weak, such as staw or poor hay, the animal cannot consume more than enough to maintain vitality, hence stronger or richer food is essential to profits. I should expect to maintain this, with calves, by giving them each a quart a day of bran and oil-meal, mixed, two parts of bran and one part of oil-meal. They would be kept in a roomy stable with a rack for hay on one side and feed boxes for oat or another, and a trough in the stable for water to be carried to them. I would not let these calves out of the stable once during the winter. It would be cleared out every day, and a little fresh litter scattered on the floor.

If these calves had a feeding of roots with their meal, I should consider their management about perfect, but all the roots I have might be needed for the fattening cattle. But the calves would get all the hay they would eat. The yearlings, on the contrary, would be tied in the stable with halter. This treatment would be best for oat or another, and a trough in the stable for water to be carried to them. I would not let these calves out of the stable once during the winter. It would be cleared out every day, and a little fresh litter scattered on the floor.

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GOOD SEED-CORN.

It is a poor plan to take seed-corn from the bin, or even save it at husking time. It ought to be selected just when the kernels are hardening, about the first of September.

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