

FARM NOTES.

The department of agriculture estimates the increased value in the cattle of Louisiana and the adjoining cotton states, due to the use of improved breeds and crossing them on the native cows during the last few years, at 35 per cent. During the last year the increase in the value of every ox and cow in the cotton states was from 10 to 20 per cent.

In nothing do we need to exercise greater care and judgment than in feeding. While one cow will only fully utilize from four to six pounds, a careful test will no doubt prove the cow that consumes ten pounds will bring to her owner a larger net profit than the one that consumes but five pounds.

One who has tried the process says that those who will try bagging a few grapes will appreciate the great advantages of fastening on cheap paper-bags when the bunches begin to form. There will be no waste, while double the price may be obtained, as they will stay on the vines until after cold weather. The bags should be attached as soon as the earliest indications of grapes are noticed.

A good condition powder may be cheaply prepared on the farm. A mixture of one pound pennegrick, one pound gentian, one pound salt, one pound sulphate soda, an ounce of sulphur, one pound of phosphate of soda, half a pound of chloride of iron and half a pound of black antimony, given in tablespoonful doses twice a day, will greatly assist the appetite and promote the condition of the animals.

The farmer's wife is emphatically a partner in his business. On her devolves the care of the dairy in addition to the routine of household duties. Her sphere of action, though strictly domestic, is a wider one than that of the ordinary housewife. As her husband in virtue of the ownership of land which he subdues and tills, is entitled to the name of landlord with all the cares and honors the name implies, so she is entitled to the name of landlady, and must assume the responsibility as well as the respect.

The continued raising of one crop upon the same soil exhausts the kind of plant food needed by that kind of plant. Some plants have long roots, others short ones; by changing, the nutriment is drawn from different parts of the soil. Some plants draw their sustenance largely from the air, store up nutriment and leave it in the soil. This class of plants usually have broad leaves; clover, beans and peas are of this class. Wheat, corn, oats, and those plants having a few narrow leaves, are exhaustive to the soil. Upon a sandy loam, the following is a plan for rotation: First year, meadow; second summer, follow; third, wheat; fourth, corn, and all the undecomposed manure. Sow rye at the last cultivation, pasture it in the fall and spring; fifth year, sow oats or barley and seed it. At the present price of sugar it will not pay to raise amber cane except as a forage crop, for which purpose it is excellent, and especially adapted for light, sandy soil.

The grape rot is now known to be a fungus growth which attacks the fruit successively through the season. As the spores ripen they break and spread upon fruit not before affected. It is, therefore, important to go through the vineyard early and cut out all berries that show any signs of injury. A still earlier preventive measure is to remove all decayed grapes, cuttings, or other rubbish from under the vines, and then plough the ground, so as to turn under the surface any that are accidentally missed. After the first plowing the ground should not be cultivated except to destroy weeds. Stirring it deeply would bring some of the spores to the surface of the ground, where they would be blown about by winds. The use of sulphate of iron or copperas in water is also recommended as a spray for the vines during the growing season. By adopting these precautions grape growing may be re-established even in localities where successive years of rotting had caused grape growers to abandon the business.

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