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SILAGE AND SHOCK CORN.

Relative Merits in Beefmaking, Pork as a Side Issue.

The Illinois agricultural experiment station has been investigating the relative merits of silage and shock corn as factors in beef production. An experiment was conducted on the extensive farm of a McLean county cattle feeder. In the feeding of 5.33 acres of silage to calves 8.69 acres of crops other than corn were used. In the feeding of 5.33 acres of shock corn to calves 5.68 acres of crops other than corn were used. This difference may or may not be found unavoidable. Among conclusions arrived at were the following:

It requires a third longer time to feed an acre of corn silage than an acre of shock corn.

The average number of pounds of meat made per acre from a system of

FED ON SILAGE.

silage feeding where oats and hay were used as supplementary feeds was 385.35, where shock corn with oats and hay were fed 337.91 pounds, a difference of 47.45 pounds per acre in favor of a system of silage feeding.

So far as the cost of harvesting and feeding crops for the production of beef is concerned in the net profits of the enterprise, it should be borne in mind that it will probably require nearly twice as great an expenditure of labor and capital in a system of silage feeding as in a system of shock corn feeding.

The silage fed steers were in much better thrift and flesh at the end of the experiment than were the shock corn fed steers.

In case of the silage fed steers 97.69 per cent of the meat produced was beef and 2.31 per cent pork. In case of the shock corn fed steers 84.22 per cent of the meat produced was beef and 15.78 per cent was pork. This clearly shows that pork production is an important factor in a system of feeding shock corn for beef production, while it may be entirely eliminated from a system of silage feeding for beef production practically without loss.

It should be noted that the silage fed lot consumed less feed than the shock corn lot and less feed per pound of gain whether beef alone is considered or beef and pork combined. The amount of dry matter required to produce a pound of gain of meat where the corn was fed in the form of silage was 6.52 pounds; where fed in the form of shock corn it was 8.57 pounds.

With an average daily ration to each steer fed silage of 26 pounds silage, 2 pounds oats and 4.55 pounds of mixed hay an average daily gain of 1.68 pounds was secured for a period of eighty-eight days. With an average daily ration to each steer fed shock corn of 13.22 pounds shock corn, 2 pounds oats and 4 pounds mixed hay an average daily gain of 1.42 pounds was secured for a period of eighty-eight days.

Under conditions comparable with those prevailing in this experiment one steer would be able to make an average daily gain of 1.68 pounds for a period of six months on .82 of an acre of silage, oats and hay, of which .31 of an acre would be devoted to corn for silage, .23 of an acre to oats and .28 of an acre to hay. One steer receiving shock

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corn, oats and hay would be able to make an average daily gain of 1.42 pounds for a period of six months on .92 of an acre, of which .45 of an acre would be devoted to growing the corn, .23 of an acre to oats and .24 of an acre to hay, making a difference of .26 of a pound of meat per day per steer and one-tenth of an acre of land for the season, both being in favor of the steers receiving their corn in the form of silage for the period designed.

The cuts show typical representations of two lots of animals, one fed on silage, the other on shock corn.

A Handy Fodder Stack.

How best to stack corn fodder to keep and be handiest in getting at when feeding is often a question given much thought by the farmer. This method possesses many advantages that will recommend it above others: Set two posts twelve or sixteen feet apart where you wish the stack to be. Across from one to the other, four and a half or five feet from the ground, spike a 2 by 4. Stand the fodder against this with the butts on the ground and the smaller ends coming together at the top. There should be a space of two or three feet at the bottom. This will give the rat, dog and cat an opportunity to keep the stack clear of mice. This stack will turn the rain and snow of winter, will keep dry and bright and when used will not be opened to the weather, as no stalks are left exposed by removing the top.—Farm Journal.

TO HUSK OR NOT TO HUSK

Western and Southern Practice In Cribbing Corn.

In putting corn in the crib to the west it is customary to husk the corn in the field, carrying the clean ear corn to the crib. In southern Louisiana it is generally the custom to take the corn to the cribs in what is known as the slip shuck, leaving part of the shuck on the corn, presumably to protect it. Dr. D. Morris, imperial commissioner of agriculture for the West Indies, says that the insects the most destructive to stored corn are the grain moth and several weevils, and as the corn may be infested with these insects while still in the field there is little to support the idea that the husk serves as a protection. The husks give the bulk of stored corn very little protection from insects and provide the best hiding places for rats and mice. Most of the corn has to be husked before it can be used, and husking can be done more rapidly while the corn is being gathered than at any other time, and under ordinary circumstances it is the best time for doing the work.—Louisiana Planter.

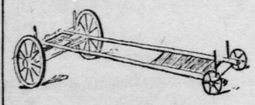
Commenting on the foregoing, Farm and Ranch says: In Texas and Louisiana the best way we know of to secure the destruction of your enemy's corn by weevils is to persuade him to crib it without the shucks. Weevils are bad enough in corn with the shucks on. The weevils that are in the corn when cribbed will multiply by the thousands. Corn well inclosed by the shuck suffers much less than that which is shucked.

Keeping Seed Potatoes.

The success of the potato crop depends much upon the vigor and condition of the seed potatoes. Some growers have adopted the following practice with excellent results: When the potatoes are dug, those which are to be used for seed are stored in a dry, dark shed or barn until about the 10th of November. Just before freezing weather sets in the potatoes are carefully sorted, and those which show the slightest signs of decay are rejected. A layer of straw from eight to ten inches thick is spread on the ground and the tubers placed upon this straw. The piles should not be made too large. The best results are usually obtained from mounds three feet wide at the base and piled up in ridges as high as convenient. A covering of straw is placed over the potatoes, and this is followed by a layer of soil from six to eight inches thick, but before severe weather sets in more soil is added, and when the severest weather is at hand more straw or strawy barn manure is added. The aim is to cover gradually as the cold increases. This method of storing potatoes seems to winter them much better for seed than when they are placed in root cellars or when they are stored in mounds immediately after they are dug, says American Gardening.

Low Truck For Hauling Fodder.

A low truck for drawing fodder corn from the field is made from the front part of an ordinary farm wagon. A strong oak reach about a foot long replaces the longer one. To the rear end of this is bolted an iron clevis that holds a crosspiece, as shown in the cut from the Farm Journal. For the plat-



A FODDER CORN TRUCK.

form two poles fifteen feet long are used. At two feet from the upper end holes are bored and they are pinned to the crosspiece mentioned above, the ends resting on the bolster about two inches from the standards. The rear wheels are fifteen inches in diameter, put on an iron axle, the whole taken from old farm machinery. Being so near the ground, it is best to board up the lower end of the poles for five or six feet.

Emigration to Canadian Northwest.

The movement of western farmers across the line into northwest Canada has become almost an international topic, says the Orange Judd Farmer. The Dominion land office at Ottawa says that of 25,000,000 acres of land now owned by citizens of the United States a fifth of this vast area has been acquired during the past year and that perhaps 1,000,000 acres have been taken up by bona fide settlers from the States. During the first six months of 1902 fully 21,000 American citizens settled in Manitoba, and the movement still continues. Our Canadian friends need not worry over the alien element crossing the border from the United States, because these sturdy farmers who settle permanently in the northwestern frontier will become good citizens of Canada. A word of caution may not be out of place, however, to our own people in Iowa, the Dakotas, etc., who may eventually find they are making mistakes in mortgaging their farms in order to raise money to invest in these new faroff lands. As a general rule, the words of the poet hold true, "To stay at home is best."

Agricultural Notes.

Don't pick apples on the hot days that sometimes come in autumn. Have all fruit cool when taken in to be stored.

For cabbage worms that appear late in the season pyrethrum or saltpeter at the rate of a teaspoonful to a gallon of water can be used with good results.

Grand Rapids is a favorite forcing lettuce.

The American persimmon makes a handsome tree ornamentally considered. It has dark green leaves that remain on late in the fall.

Harvest the turnips, mangels and cabbage before the winter shuts down.

Modifying It.

Mrs. C. was horrified to discover that her little seven-year-old daughter was acquiring the habit of alluding very freely to the devil, and at last she told her determinedly that a repetition of the obnoxious word would bring severe punishment.

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"Oh, yes'm," she answered. "He preached about our Lord going up into the mountain and being tempted by—by—by the gentleman who keeps hell!"

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Billiard Terms.

"What are the principal shots in billiards?" asked the fair young damsel of the wise young man. "The kiss, the follow, the bank and the draw," he replied. "How lovely!" she exclaimed. "It is almost like a courtship. First, the lover gets a kiss, then he follows the girl all about and then"—

"And then," interrupts the man who aspires to pessimism—"and then they get married and he goes to the bank and draws, for that is his cue, unless he wises to be frozen." (For the benefit of the unsuspecting reader, adds the Baltimore American, we will state that "cue" and "frozen" also are billiard terms. There are still more than might be worked into the little jeu d'esprit, such as "scratch," "break," "drive," "tip," "table," "run," etc., but lack of space prevents carrying the theme to the bitter end.)

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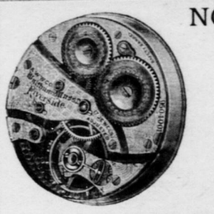

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Our space is limited. We cannot give detail price list. But we will, during this sale, offer ALL our Jacket Suits, Wraps, Skirts, Waists, Wrappers, Millinery, Furs, Dress Goods, Trimming, Lace Curtains, Rugs, Hosiery, Underwear, Blankets, Haps, Calicoes, Muslins, Ginghams, and Flannelette and Cotton Waistings at genuine sacrifice prices.

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