

To Make Pig Pork.

Among the many radical changes in farm management during the last quarter of a century there are few that have brought the farmer greater profit than that of marketing pigs at six or seven months old, instead of keeping them three times as long, says Waldo F. Brown in Practical Farmer. The best market demand at present is for good fat pigs, and they command the highest price. It has been demonstrated over and over, time and again, that the cost per pound increases with the age of the pig, and so it is in the line of economy to push the pigs from the start and sell early. I have no data to determine exactly what the saving is, but I venture the assertion that a ton of pork can be made from pigs six or seven months old for one third less money than from mature hogs. Probably the best reason I can give for this is, that in adding 100 pounds to the weight of a pig after it reaches 200 pounds, you must furnish "food of support" to repair the waste of the 200 pounds while adding the extra weight. Again, the gain in the first case is made up of growth as well as fat to a much greater extent than when hogs near maturity are fed. The risk of loss from disease is reduced at least in proportion to the shortest time the hogs are fed, and I believe even more than this, for I find it easier to keep young growing hogs thrifty than those of mature growing age. There is also a saving of labor, as every farmer knows that there is a large amount of work in feeding hogs that must be attended to every day, and it is much easier to feed 200 days than 400. How ought we to manage to get pigs ready for market at the age mentioned? First. We should breed from mature mothers. There is less danger of losing a litter with mature sows, that have been tested, and the pigs are larger at birth, and the mothers will suckle better, and will rear larger litters and more uniform in size and quality. Every farmer knows that a two-year-old heifer is about a half cow for the dairy, and so a sow bred at eight months old, to come in at twelve, as used to be the universal custom, could not produce the large, healthy pigs that a mother from two to five years old will. For another reason, the pigs from a mature sow will cost less, and that is that two litters a year can be raised from her, and so the sow kept earning money the entire year, instead of being fed six months at no profit. I write from an experience of twenty years in breeding for two litters, and say that with good care the sow can be kept healthy and prolific for many years. And it makes a good deal of difference whether five sows or ten must be kept to produce the same number of pigs. I find but little difference in the profit from spring and fall litters. I can get a little more weight at a given age on a pig born in March than one born in September or October, but my time is not so valuable in the winter and I can feed them more easily, and the chances are rather better for a good price in the spring than they are in the fall.

How should the sows be cared for that are to be kept raising two litters a year for a series of years? Ist. They ought not to be confined for long at a time to a pen or house. There should be a grass lot for them to run in, which may be large or small, as suits your convenience. I can keep sows healthy in a lot too small to furnish grass by cutting green food for them. There is no other stock that can be fed green food so easily in the house as hogs, and with oats, clover, sorghum, corn and pumpkins, you can have feed for about seven months of the year, and with bran, beets and cull potatoes you can make a wholesome diet for the winter. I speak of these things because I know that it is absolutely necessary that the brood sow should be fed liberally, and that it will not do to feed her on corn exclusively, for the brood sow should never be made fat, neither should she ever be allowed to get very poor. There is one period of six or eight weeks in which your sow can hardly be overfed, and that is from the time her pigs are two weeks old until they are weaned. The time of greatest caution in feeding the sow is the first ten days after farrowing. Overfeeding with corn before the sow regains her normal condition often produces fever, and causes the sow to dry up and the pigs to starve to death. Feed with slop at first, made from bran and oil meal, with about a quart of the oil meal to a peck of bran. In three days begin giving one ear of corn at a feed, and increase gradually. When the sow is all right she will eat any amount of food and turn it into milk without danger of indigestion. Get the pigs to eating as soon as possible. Before they are four weeks old they will begin to eat corn with the mother, and now a part of the pen should be partitioned off so that the pigs can run in and out but the mother cannot, and you can soon teach them to drink milk from a shallow trough and to eat corn. Before weaning they should be eating so much that they will not nurse the mother at all. Until the pigs are five months old their food should be bulky

and nitrogenous, but the last six weeks of their feeding corn should be fed heavily, but not exclusively, for there should be some more bulky and loosening food given with it. I give as great a variety of food as I can during the period that they are making bone and muscle, but depend upon bran for the bulk of the food, but use either milk, cooked potatoes, oil meal or wheat middlings to make the bran slops palatable, and if all of these can be used all the better. One rule which should always be observed is to feed only what they will eat up clean. A healthy pig should always come to his feed agile and voiceful, and if over-fed so that soiled food remains in the troughs or on the feeding floors, your pigs will soon lose appetite, and are in danger of becoming diseased. Following these methods, one need have no fear of cholera, and may be sure of getting profitable growth.

His Grievance.

"Mad, sir—mad! I'm mad clear through!"
It was evident to the lawyer that he was on the verge of securing a good slander or personal damage case, and he invited the stranger to be seated.
"Mad!" repeated the stranger, "I'm mad enough to eat bessemer steel. I'm mad enough to push this case through if it costs me all of \$15."
"I infer," said the lawyer, "that some one has wronged you."
"Wronged me!" roared the stranger. "He's made a monkey of me! I tell you, sir, he's made me look like a blooming idiot. He's given the people a wrong impression of my mental strength and the educational advantages of my youth, and I want to make him sweat for it."
"Tell me about it," said the lawyer, and we will see what can be done."
"It all hinges on my middle name," explained the stranger, "and that name is Xerxes. Now, I am not going to deny that that is more or less of a fool name for any one to carry around at this period of the world's history, but I can't see that I'm to blame for it."
"Certainly not," asserted the lawyer.
"Just because my parents were foolish enough to give me that kind of a name is no reason why everyone I meet should think he has a license to have fun with me, and I am entitled to the protection of the law, as I figure it."
"Most assuredly."
"Then it's a cinch I'll get big damages," said the stranger, with every evidence of satisfaction at the prospect.
"You see, my full name is John Xerxes Jones, but, of course, I don't use the middle name."
"Of course not."
"I just write John X. Jones, and that's the way I put it on a big petition that is being circulated."
"What has that to do with your suit for damages?"
"Why, the big, lumbering idiot I want to sue came along and wrote 'his' above the 'X,' and 'mark' below it, and I'm either going to have him arrested or he's going to have a case of assault and battery against me."—Chicago Post.

The German Language.

Here is a story translated by the New York Critic from a Dresden paper, which illustrates the beauties of the German language:
Among the Hottentots (Hottentoten) the kangaroos (beutelratte) are very numerous. Some are caught and shut up in a cage (kotter) furnished with a cover (latteogitter) which shelters them from bad weather.
These cages are therefore called in German lattengitterwetterkotter; and the kangaroo, once imprisoned, takes the name of lattengitterwetterkotterbeutelratte.
Now, one day an assassin (attentaeter) was arrested, who had killed the Hottentot mother (Hottentotenmutter) of two children, one of whom was a stammerer (strottertröttel).
The mother, in German, is designated by the word Hottentotenstrottertröttelmutter; from which it follows the assassin takes the name Hottentotenstrottertröttelmutterattentaeter.
The assassin was shut up in one of the afore mentioned kangaroo cages—to wit, a beutelratte lattengitterwetterkotter—from which he shortly escaped.
Fortunately, he soon fell into the hands of a Hottentot, who went joyously to the mayor of the village.
"I have caught the attentaeter," he announced.
"Which one?" asked the mayor, "we have several."
"The attentaeter lattengitterwetterkotterbeutelratte," replied the native—who seems to have been something of a linguist.
"Of which attentaeter are you speaking?"
"Of the Hottentotenstrottertröttelmutterattentaeter," he stammered.
"Then," said the mayor, "why did you not say at once that you had caught the Hottentotenstrottertröttelmutterattentaeter lattengitterwetterkotterbeutelratte?"
The native, it is said, fled in affright.

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