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Tips For the Farmer

BY DAVID JOHN.

Feed Young Calves Lightly.

It is well to remember that the digestive tract of the calf is comparatively small and that small feedings of small amounts during the first month are almost imperative. Not over ten to twelve pounds of milk per day should be fed to a calf under six weeks of age. The amount of milk may be increased gradually, until, at the age of three months, twenty pounds may be fed as a minimum allowance. Calves under one month of age should be fed three times a day.

The American Jersey Club has built a club house in New York city at a cost of \$12,000. At the annual meeting of the club it was reported that during the year ending March 31st, 23,334 cattle were registered, against 21,769 last year. A banquet was held in connection with the annual meeting at which Holstein, Ayrshire and Guernsey Breeders' Associations were represented.

Some Useful Hints.

Farm Stock and Home, of Minneapolis, gives the following useful hints:
 Collar boils need the attention of a veterinarian who can easily remove the cause.
 Better one rose in front of one's window than a whole arnful on one's coffin.
 Screen out the flies. Better still, do away with the swill-pit back of the kitchen.
 Careful selection of the stallion is essential to the production of a uniform harvest of colts.
 The uncleaned cistern under the kitchen is a breeder of disease, and sometimes death.
 The peddler usually carries with him a full stock of troubles. This applies to all varieties.
 The chickens like rape. A little patch of it near the barnyard will keep them busy and contented.
 The chief value of the manure spreader lies in its ability to put a thin coating over a large area, and thus produce maximum results.
 Teach that boy soon of yours to leave the birds, including the hawks, alone. They are destroyers of insects and of mice, but only to a small degree of grain.

From Many Farms.

Prof. Elliott, superintendent of C. P. R. demonstration farms in Southern Alberta, purchased during his recent trip to England a small flock of Exmoor sheep for breeding purposes in the foothills.
 In order to stimulate interest in good roads in Canada, W. J. Kerr, president of the Canadian Highway Association, has offered three valuable medals to children writing the best essays on "What Good Roads Mean to Canada."
 Ex-Sheep Commissioner W. T. Rich urges plenty of light for sheep when shut up in stables. Light is absolutely necessary for the growing of wool, he states, and moreover darkness often produces a sort of fungus on the animals' bodies.
 W. T. Macoun, dominion horticulturist, at Ottawa, states that no part of Canada can grow the McIntosh red apple better than the province of New Brunswick. Famous apples also obtain a high standard of quality in that section of Canada.
 The largest plow in the world is operating at present in the western states. It has three forty-five horsepower gasoline tractors pulling fifty-five fourteen-inch plows. Wonderful improvements have been made since the time of the wooden mould-board plows.
 Over 16,000,000 pounds of cheese were exported from the United States to Great Britain during the first eleven months of last year. Great Britain herself the largest milk-producer, cannot commence to supply the home demand for consumption and her manufacturers.
 Those who pin their faith to the Holstein milk can find many arguments to uphold their belief. E. F. Oster, of Bronte, the well-known Holstein breeder, says that a few days ago he had occasion to kill a two-year-old heifer for beef, and the meat with different by-products realized close to \$100.

Cool the Milk.

F. Hens, chief dairy instructor for Western Ontario, says:
 Patrons of cheese factories realize the necessity for cooling milk during warm weather if the right quality and the greatest quantity of cheese is to be made from the milk. It is necessary that the night's milk be cooled to sixty-five degrees. Patrons can not expect the cheesemaker to make from overripe or tainted milk a good "average" or the finest quality of cheese. Before many days the weather will turn warm and at once some of the milk will arrive at the factory in an overripe or sour, perhaps tainted and grassy condition. This may easily be avoided if each patron will build a tank of wood or cement in which the milk cans may be placed and surrounded with cold water. A large number of patrons cool the milk and all patrons should do so in justice to the others, to the cheesemaker, the cheese buyer and the consumer who pays high prices for the product.
 One of the excuses offered by some patrons for not putting the cans of milk in the cooling tank is, that as thirty-gallon cans are used it is difficult to raise the cans from the tank to the milk stand or to the hauler's wagon. Several simple methods have been devised for this work, such as a track and pulley or a long pole over a post with attachments to hold the can. The crate gear consists of a large and small gear wheel with shafts through holders, which are bolted to the upright. A wood roller is placed on the large shaft on which the rope winds. A "dog" is attached to large gear wheel to hold the load at any point. The woodwork may be made at the farm

and by securing the two gear wheels the parts are easily assembled by a blacksmith.
 With such an outfit sweet, cool milk may be delivered to the factory in the warmest weather.

Alfalfa Truths.

Alfalfa may be successful raised on almost any type of soil, provided that it is well drained, sweet, free of weeds and well supplied with organic matter and mineral plant food.
 Good drainage must be provided.
 The ground must be free of weed seeds.
 If the soil is sour, it must be limed before alfalfa can do well.
 Inoculation of the soil with special bacteria is necessary and must not be neglected. Soil from a good alfalfa field or from a place where sweet clover is growing, should be used for inoculating.

The best land on the farm should be used for the first trial of alfalfa. If successful, it will pay better than any other crop.
 Alfalfa is an excellent feed for all kinds of live stock.
 It is rich in flesh forming and milk producing nutrients.
 It is more digestible than red clover and is not far behind such materials as wheat bran in feeding value.
 Alfalfa will yield from three to six tons of hay per acre per season, according to the fertility of the soil.

Interesting Notes.

Young animals, especially, must be abundantly supplied with muscle-making material. This explains why the clovers furnish more suitable food for them than the grasses proper.
 Damp hog pens often cause diarrhoea in young pigs. Place the sow with the young litter in the dryest pen in the piggery, or, better still, in a portable pen by herself.
 There are two classes of soils which are commonly much more deficient in nitrogen than in other plant foods. These are the very sandy soils and the very rolling or steeply sloping hill lands.
 As a soiling crop alfalfa easily heads the list. It yields the most herbage and of the highest quality; indeed, it is much better for the meadow, and usually for the animals, to feed it off by soiling rather than by depasturing.
 No invariable rule can be laid down as to date of seeding, as weather conditions and other factors over which man has no control, may determine the possibilities of seeding time. Much however, can often be done to modify adverse conditions.
 When allowing the pregnant mare to go in and out of her loose box stall, always be careful to have the door securely fastened open, so that there is no possibility of her being injured by squeezing through a small space and catching her abdomen. This may cause abortion.

Produce and Prices.

Kingston, May 25.—Market clerk reports the prices prevailing as follows:
 Carrots, 20c. to 25c. a peck; potatoes, \$2 a bag; beans, 10c. qt.; cabbage, \$1.50 to \$2 doz.; celery, 15c. to 20c.; onions, 75c. a peck; lettuce, 5c. to 10c. a bunch; apples, 40c. to 50c. peck; turnips, 15c. to 20c. a peck; radish, 5c. bunch; rhubarb, 10c.; green onions, 5c. bunch.
 J. A. McFarlane, Brock street, reports grain, flour and feed selling as follows:
 Oats, 55c.; local wheat, \$1.10 per bush; wheat, 85c.; seed rye, \$1; peas, \$1 to \$1.10; yellow feed corn, 90c.; bakers' flour, \$2.75 to \$3; farmers' \$2.85 to \$3.10; Hungarian patent, \$2.90; oatmeal and rolled oats, \$3.50 per barrel; cornmeal, \$1.50 to \$2; bran, \$27 per ton; shorts, \$29 per ton; baled straw, \$8; loose, \$8; hay, loose, \$17 to \$18; pressed hay, \$17 to \$18; seed wheat, \$1.40 to \$1.50.
 Meat—Beef, local, carcass, 9c. to 10c.; prime western, 11c. to 12c.; carcass, cuts, 11c. to 22c.; mutton, 13c. to 15c.; lambs, \$2 to \$2.50 a quarter; live hogs, \$9; dressed hogs, \$13, veal, 9c. to 12c.
 Dairy—Butter, creamery, 30c. to 32c.; prints, 27c. to 30c.; rolls, 25c.; eggs, 22c. to 25c. doz.
 George Mills & Co. quote the following prices for raw furs: Red fox, \$4 to \$5; blue fox, \$4 to \$5; skunk, \$4 to \$5; mink, \$4 to \$5; raccoon, large, \$3; medium, \$1.25 to \$2; small, 75c.; minks, as to color and size, \$2 to \$7.50; weasels, 20c. to 65c.; spring muskrats, large, 80c. to 85c.; No. 1, medium, 60c. to 65c.; No. 1, small, 41c. to 45c.
 John McKay, Brock street, reports as follows: The hide market is steadily declining, owing to poor quality and poor demand. We quote hides No. 1, trimmed, at 10c. a lb.; No. 2 and bulls, 9c. a lb.; sheep skins, fresh, 85c.; deacons, \$1; veal skins, 14c. per lb.; sheep skins same as hides; tallow rendering, 5c. per lb.; wool, washed, 20c. per lb.; wool, unwashed, 15c. per lb.; ginseng, 35 to 36.50 per lb.; prime hides, No. 1, \$3; red fox, No. 1, prime, \$5 to \$7; mink, No. 1, prime, \$5 to \$7; skunk, No. 1, \$1 to \$2; raccoon, No. 1, \$1 to \$2.50; muskrat, No. 1, 35c.; bear, black, \$10 to \$20; lynx, \$15 to \$30.
 Above prices are for No. 1 prime stock, blue pelts and unprime according to value.
 The Dominion Fish company reports the following prices: Whitefish, 15c. lb.; pike, 10c. lb.; Chinook salmon, 30c. lb.; kippered herring, Yarmouth 50c. doz.; perch, 10c. lb.; salt codfish, 10c. lb.; halibut, 15c. to 20c. lb.; fresh haddock, 10c. lb.; bullheads, 12c. lb.; smoked filets, 15c.; oysters, 40c. to 50c. qt.; bluefish, 15c. lb.

An Ominous Record.

New York Herald.
 Of the 535,341 trainmen employed on the railroads of the United States in 1911, one in every 194 was killed, and one of every eight was injured.
 Of the 91,694 yardmen employed, one of every 187 was killed and one of every eight was injured.
 Taking all railroad employees, including trainmen, yardmen, bridge-men, trackmen and crossing watchmen totalling 1,548,923 men, one of every 458 was killed and one of every eight was injured.
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