

News And Views Of And For Canadian Farmers

The Making of Lean Pork is Useful

In former years it was the practice to feed the pigs slowly through the summer, winter them, pasture through the second summer, and fit for market in the following fall and early winter.

Compared with the hog business of 50 years ago, the hog business of to-day is radically different. Lean meat is demanded by consumers of pork meats, and only in exceptional cases are the fat parts of the meat mentioned by the consumers except perhaps when side portions called for because it is cheaper than pork chops or ham.

With the facts in mind the pork producers have the task before them of meeting the demands of the consumer. The problems of producing the lean meat, at the least possible cost, are the ones that should receive attention.

One should keep in mind the fact that muscles, the lean meat, come by inheritance and can be developed by liberal feeding while the animals are young and growing. Constant growth produces muscles in an economical way.

There are many excellent hog foods. Corn has been relied on to a great extent but N. A. Clapp, in the Michigan Farmer claims that it is the most expensive of the feeds generally used. It is a fact that should be kept in mind that fat costs more for its weight than the lean, and as corn alone does not encourage the development of muscle in the right proportion with the fat, it is an expensive feed.

The Latest Market Reports

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The bulk of trading on the Union Stock Yards was in stockers and feeders. Butchers were slow. Prices were steady. Small meats were steady in price. Hogs unchanged. Receipts: 5614 cattle, 52 calves, 1,109 hogs, 1,614 sheep.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; market steady; native beef steers, \$5.90 to \$10.40; western steers, \$6.35 to \$8.50; cows and heifers, \$2.70 to \$8.10; calves, \$6.50 to \$10.50.

East Buffalo, Nov. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; steady. Veal—Receipts, 350 head; active; \$4 to \$11.75.

Toronto, Nov. 12.—The Board of Trade has issued these quotations: Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, new crop, \$1.13 1-2, 1st port; No. 2 northern, \$1.11, immediate shipment.

BEEF AND MILK YIELD.

How much milk per cow should a herd of big, thick milking Shorthorn cows give on an average? Who can answer? A great deal depends upon the cows and their feeder, but does this sound reasonable—big cows weighing from 1,400 to 1,600 pounds each or heavier, and carrying a fair amount of flesh as well as showing the type capable of producing calves which could be easily fattened to topnotch finished beef, may be considered very satisfactory and suitable dual-purpose cows if they practically maintain their condition and produce from 6,000 to 9,000 pounds of milk per lactation period of anything under eleven months? Perhaps 9,000 pounds is a little high. It is a good herd that can be made average 7,000 pounds per cow. It must be remembered that the average production of the herd will include the milk of the light and heavy milkers included. It is only between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds per cow per annum. Dual-purpose cows then, as a herd, might be considered good producers if they average less than 7,000 pounds each. As a dual-purpose herd the average production averaging 7,000 pounds per cow and raising big, healthy, fairly thick, meaty heifers, bulls and steers seems a safer proposition than the herd of phenomically high milk producers, but it the progenies of narrow, skinny, weak-constituted calves.—Farmer's Advocate.

What middlings are an excellent feed to start the young pigs, and can be profitably used with other feeds during the whole feeding period. When used alone the meat made from middlings seems a little too soft and flabby, but mingled with other feeds, like corn meal, it adds palatability and digestibility, and also helps to balance the ration making economical production more possible than can be the case without them.

As lean meat is what is demanded, instead of putting the hogs in the pen and feeding grain alone for a considerable time, as was the custom a half century ago, the pigs are taken from the pasture fields when in good healthy condition, and supply the butchers and packers with what they need in the shape of palatable bacon, light hams and choice cuts, such as consumers relish, leaving a handsome profit with the producers, and giving satisfaction to those who select the best of pork meats as a part of their diet.

Skilful management in feeding regularly of a moderate quantity of the feeds at hand on the farms, allowing the pigs a chance to get a part ration of the pasture grasses, clovers and forage crops which they relish and will consume greedily, will enable one to fit pigs for market at a cost which will leave a handsome profit, even at the present high prices for grain feeds.

feed is good, of which supplies are ample to fill all requirements. Quotations:—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 77c to 78c. Oats—No. 2 local white, 44c to 46 1/2c; No. 3 local white, 45c to 47 1/2c; No. 4 local white, 44c to 45 1/2c. Barley—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.95, seconds \$5.45, stent bakers' \$5.25; winter patents, choice, \$5.80; straight rollers, \$5.10 to \$5.30; do. roughs, \$2.40 to \$2.60. Oats—No. 1 northern, 97 1/2c; smutty, 97 1/2c; Barrels, \$5.20 to \$5.25; bags, 90c to 95c. Bran—\$21. Shorts—\$23. Middlings—\$29 to \$30. Moulins—\$30 to \$32. Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$17.50 to \$18.

Winnipeg, Nov. 12.—Cash quotations:—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.05; No. 2 northern, \$1.02; No. 3 northern, 97c; No. 4, 91c; rejected No. 1 northern, 97 1/2c; smutty No. 1 northern, 97 1/2c; Barley—No. 1 northern, 97 1/2c; No. 2 northern, 95 1/2c; tough No. 1, \$1; tough No. 2, 98 1/2c; red winter, No. 1, \$1.04; No. 2, \$1.01; No. 3, 96c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 41c; No. 3 C.W., 40c; extra No. 1 feed, 40c; No. 1 feed, 38c. Barley—No. 3, 71c; No. 4, 65 1/2c; rejected, 60c; feed, 60c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., \$1.87 1/2; No. 2 C.W., \$1.84 1/2.

Quebec.—Ontario, No. 1 Sp. \$6; other varieties, \$5 to \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 3, \$4 to \$4.50; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, No. 1, \$3 to \$3.50; No. 2, \$2.75 to \$3; No. 3, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Quebec Famine, No. 1, \$7.75 to \$8; No. 2, \$5 to \$6; No. 3, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Five cars of apples shipped to Liverpool by S.S. Carpathia from this port.

Manitoba wheat—No. 2 C.W., 47 1-2c, track, lake ports. American corn—No. 2 yellow, track, Toronto, 74c. Canadian corn—No. 2 yellow, 73c, Toronto. Ontario oats—No. 2 white, new crop, none offering; No. 3 white, 39c to 40c; commercial oats, 38c to 39c. Ontario wheat—No. 2 winter, new, 97c to 99c; sprouted or smutty, according to sample, 75c to 85c; wheat slightly sprouted, 92c to 95c.

POULTRY MANURE BEST FERTILIZER YET DISCOVERED

For years scientists have proved the fertilizing effects of poultry manure, showing it contains more quality than is found in any of the commercial fertilizers on the market. As a top dressing for a lawn it is especially adapted, owing to its high content of nitrogen in the form of ammonia compounds, which are almost as prompt in effect as nitrate of soda.

The writer, in his alternate poultry yards, each year grows vegetables, fruits, etc., and the only fertilizer used is the manure from the fowls. On the dropping boards is lightly sprinkled a coat of sifted coal ashes (road dust is also good), and at least once a week the droppings and ashes are gathered and placed in a dry place until wanted.

While on the subject, I might add that when there is a large flock there is a great amount of manure made, and the saving of it means something more than simply cleaning out the poultry house. The droppings of their value will be lost before the fact becomes known. Manure from some hens is worth more than from others. The droppings from the old fowls is more valuable than those from immature ones, because the latter are growing and do not void manure containing as much nitrogen and mineral matter as the old fowls.

On the local farmers' markets throughout Ontario, potatoes sold today last, and sold as follows: Belleville, 85c to 90c per bushel; Berlin, 85c to 90c; Chatham, \$1; Guelph, \$1; Hamilton, 90c to 95c; London, \$1; Owen Sound, 60c to 65c; Peterboro, 90c to \$1; Port Hope, 75c to 80c; St. Thomas, \$1 to \$1.10; Woodstock, \$1 per bushel.

Hay At Local Points. Hay sold as follows: Belleville, baled, \$16 to \$17 per ton, loose \$17 to \$17 per ton; Berlin, baled, \$17 to \$18, loose, \$14 to \$16; Cobourg, loose, \$15 to \$16; Chatham, loose, \$12 to \$14; Guelph, baled, \$19 to \$20, loose, \$16; Harrison, baled, \$13, loose, \$12 to \$14; Hamilton, baled, \$16 to \$20, loose, \$15 to \$17.50; Owen Sound, baled, \$18 to \$20, loose, \$12 to \$14; Peterboro, baled, \$18 to \$20; loose, \$18 to \$20; Port Hope, baled, \$18 to \$20, loose, \$18; St. Thomas, baled, \$18 to \$20, loose, \$15 to \$16; Woodstock, baled, \$14 to \$15, loose, \$11 to \$13 per ton.

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Beans At Montreal. Another advance of 15c per bushel all round is the feature of the Montreal bean market this week. Car lots of 1 1/2-pound pickers are selling at \$3.55 to \$3.60 per bushel; car lots, 5-pound pickers, \$3.45 to \$3.50; and undergrades, \$3.10 to \$3.15 per bushel.

Poultry prices at Toronto are unchanged according to Gunns, Limited who give them as follows, live weight delivered at Toronto: Chickens, 12c per pound; old fowls, heavy, 11c light, 7c; ducklings, 10c; old ducks, 8c; geese, 8c; poult turkeys, 15c; old turkeys, 12c; and old roosters, 7c per pound.

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OAK LEAVES REDUCE MILK. I have to shut my cows out of an oak pasture every fall when the leaves begin to fall, regardless of the fact that they have good feed otherwise, says a man who has pasture under his oak trees. "They pick up in the milk flow at once, when I shut away from the leaves, and that, too, without changing their other feed in any way. I have tried this several times with the same results. Oak leaves will reduce the milk flow, of that I am sure."

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Kingston Markets

Table listing market prices for various goods in Kingston, Nov. 13. Includes categories like Meats, Fish, and Hides with prices per unit.

Weed Seeds On the Farm

Preventing the introduction of weed seeds on the farm, preventing weeds from going to seed and preventing perennial weeds from making top growth are the three principles of weed control.

In purchasing for planting clover seed, grass seeds or grain many weed seeds as impurities are brought to the farm. In no permanent way will the quality of seeds offered for sale be improved except by a greater knowledge and alertness on the consumer's part.

The first requisite is to know what constitutes good seed; second, to know fairly closely what grade seed is worth, and, third, to be willing to pay a fair price for it. Laxity on one or more of these points is responsible for most of the farmer's trouble over poor seeds. Cheap seeds are really the most expensive kind that can be purchased.

with the poor results and extra labor of working with any blunt tool. Start your repairing. A few shingles for the roof, those broken windows, the lack of whitewash in the pig pen, are all calling your attention.

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DAVIS MENTHOL SALVE

Sooths and Heals Inflamed Skin Sore Joints Piles and Boils In 2 to 25c. Davis & Lawrence Co. Montreal.

Business Reopening

I HAVE RE-OPENED A Furniture Refinishing Shop, where all kinds of work will be done. Mahogany and Antique Furniture a Specialty. An invitation is extended to all old friends and also to the public, to call and inspect my work.

Pat. Driscoll SOWARDS Keeps Coal and Coal Keeps SOWARDS. \$1,000.00 REWARD

For information that will lead to the discovery of whereabouts of the person or persons suffering from Nervous Debility, Diseases of the Mouth and Throat, Blood Poison, Skin Diseases, Bladder Troubles, Special Ailments, and Chronic or Complicated Complaints who cannot be cured at The Ontario-Medical Institute, 263-265 Yonge St., Toronto. Correspondence invited.

Bulk Oysters Dominion Fish Co. PHONE 826.