

The Farm.

How to Feed Young Calves.

From the American Stock Journal. The importance of bringing calves to an early maturity, with the fullest development of their best qualities, has naturally excited the attention and employed the ingenuity of the most experienced breeders.

The calf is produced the cow almost uniformly shows an inclination to clean it by diligently licking off the slimy matter adhering to the young animal; and this she should be allowed to do without the slightest hindrance.

There are two modes of feeding calves—me, to permit them to run about with the parent cow during the first year; the other is to wean them when about a fortnight old, and bring them up by hand.

Whether calves are designed to be raised for breeding, labor, or fattening, care should be taken that they have a sufficient supply of good food; for, if the supply of it is scanty at first the animal will rarely, if ever attain a considerable growth.

Various plans have been suggested and tried with considerable success, for rearing calves without any or at least with a small quantity of milk. The time of weaning them varies from a fortnight until they are several months old; but the latter period is preferable.

In several counties of New York, calves are left with the cow for about ten days, or a fortnight, and being taken from her, are taught to drink, and the patience and attention requisite in teaching calves to drink, a very inadequate idea only can be formed.

The first six or eight months, and well housed, and kept warm and clean. In the county of Suffolk calves are usually weaned soon after they are born, when they are fed with lukewarm skimmed milk and water, having scalded bran or oat-meal in it, and some very sweet hay until the grass is ready.

Lucerne—SOLLING. A correspondent of the "Maryland Farmer" speaks in the following terms of Lucerne for soiling and hay.

Mr. C. W. Howard, in the "South-Western Farm and Home," mentions the following concerning lucerne: "As a forage plant for the South, lucerne is very superior to all other crops."

sheep. It is preferred by the domestic animals to any other kind of hay. The produce of lucerne is enormous. Five tons of excellent hay may be cut from an acre. It is estimated that fodder, green and dry, may be obtained from an acre of lucerne for the support of five horses during the entire year.

We believe the seed can be procured at most of the large seed stores; and generally cost about double the price per bushel of red clover; but then about half the quantity per acre is sufficient for seeding.

Save the Best Fowls for Breeding. The Poultry World.

It is the worst possible policy to kill all the best and handsomest fowls, and save only the mean and scraggy ones to breed from. This is precisely the way to run out your stock; for like tends to breed like, and the result is, that by continually taking away the best birds, and using the eggs of the poorest, your flocks will grow poorer and poorer every succeeding year.

It would seem as though this was too plain to be insisted upon, but in fact, "line upon line" is needed. It is the crying want of the poultry upon the farms the country through, this careful and intelligent selection of the best for breeding.

SEED POTATOES.—It still seems to be a disputed point in agriculture whether it is necessary to use large potatoes for seed, or whether small ones will not do as well.

It is scarcely reasonable to suppose that nature's law, so true in other cases that "like produces like," should fail when applied to this crop, and the fact that good crops can be raised from small seed, does not prove that small seed is best.

We always prefer to use good-sized seed at least enough of it to give us a chance for similar seed next season, and then make out the remainder of the plot with medium-sized seed.

We can scarcely find two farmers who can exactly agree as to the proper time and manner to put in their wheat. Some say sown early and some say late, but the latter period is preferable.

We have on our farm, a fence which was old fifteen years ago, and is still good for service. Since then, we have set a new fence, and before it was three years old the posts needed replacing.

THE FLOWER GARDEN. From "The Illustrated Floral Guide." CAUSES OF FAILURE.

In the first place we will examine the causes of failure. If seeds are planted too deep, they either rot in the damp, cold earth, or the want of warmth necessary to their germination, or, after germination, perish before the tender roots can reach the sun and air; so that that which was designed for their support and nourishment proves their grave.

If the soil is a stiff clay, it is often too cold at the time the seeds are planted to effect their germination; for it must be understood that warmth and moisture are necessary to the germination of seeds. Neither of these will do alone. Seeds may be kept in a warm, dry room, in dry sand or earth, and they will not grow.

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Table with columns for District No., No. of Schools, and various financial figures. Includes sub-sections for District No. 1 through District No. 8.

COLORED SCHOOLS.

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