

SOUTH CAROLINA CAN RAISE MULES

Unnecessary for State to Send Away Large Sums for This Product Annually.

BIG DRAIN ON RESOURCES

Money Now Spent For Mules Would Purchase Good Draft Mares From Which to Obtain Mules—Points on Care of Mare and Colt—Home Raised Mules as Good as Any.

The tremendous outlay for mule power on the farm can be eliminated to a large extent in South Carolina. Already a considerable number of farmers in the state are raising their mules at home and if this policy is adopted by all the state's farmers, the large annual drain on the state's resources for this product will be stopped.

Invested in brood mares, the amount usually spent for mules would purchase large, well-bred draft mares of the right type for producing mules. The cost of raising mule colts on the farm to an age at which they can be put to work is about \$90 each, when even every item in the process is charged against him. This amount sounds large, but the fact is that most of it is charged against things that are not missed on the average farm, since the colt can be developed largely on pastures and products of the farm that would probably not be marketed in any other way.

Mares selected for mule raising should be of draft type, with quality, and should weigh about 1,400 pounds, though smaller mares are used with good results for producing mules of light weight. If mares are bred to foal in fall, when work on the farm is usually lighter and fall pastures are good, they need lose very little time during the year from their work in the field. Light work is beneficial to a brood mare even up to the time of foaling, and the resultant colt is stronger and more thrifty because of it, provided the mare has been properly nourished with succulent feed for a few weeks before foaling.

The average period of gestation, or time between service and foaling, is about 340 days or 11 months, although this varies somewhat in both directions. With this information, a farmer can have his mare foal at about the proper time.

The pregnant mare's grain ration should be proportioned to the amount of work she does. About three weeks before foaling, wheat bran should be added to her feed, the proportion of this being gradually increased and other grain proportions decreased as foaling time approaches. Her food should be altogether free of moldy grain or woody fodder or straw.

An essential point is to give the mare in foal a large, roomy box stall. After foaling, mares should rest for about two weeks before being put back at work.

Give the mare and her colt as much pasturage as possible, with the addition of bran and grain while the colt is young. Care and attention are essential to mature the colt to proper size and grain should be given to it regularly with its pasturage or clean hay.

Do not let a colt follow its mother on the road or in the field. Do not let a colt suck while the mare is overheated. Always let the mare cool off first.

That mules can be raised profitably in South Carolina has been demonstrated by several farmers in the state, who save the expenditure usually made for mule power and claim for the home-raised mule many advantages over its imported competitor. Write to Sidney S. Rittenberg, Clemson College, for an itemized statement of a comparison of mare and mule.

JOHN O. WILLIAMS,
Livestock Demonstration Agent,
Clemson Agricultural College.

LETTERS TO CLEMSON.

In seeking information or help from Clemson College, farmers should address the expert or officer in whose line the point in question is, whenever possible. This will avoid delays which are sometimes costly. This is especially true of such matters as insect pests, plant diseases and animal diseases, which can spread so rapidly. In outbreaks of hog cholera, farmers should either communicate immediately with the county demonstration agent or with the veterinary division of Clemson College. Merely addressing the college will get a letter to its goal eventually, but sometimes delays which are dangerous come about. It is a good plan for a farmer to keep one of the experiment station bulletins always at hand, as in the front of each of these bulletins will be found the experiment station staff, which will serve as a directory to any one wishing to write to the college for information.

The summer of 1915 was the most successful for silo-building that South Carolina has ever had. There is much yet to be done in this line, however, and it is to be hoped that this year's record will be far exceeded next year.

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These Are Therefore, to cite any and all kindred, creditors, or par-

ties interested, to show cause before me at my office at Edgefield Court House, South Carolina, on the 14th day of November 1915 at 11 o'clock a. m., why said order of Discharge should not be granted.

W. T. KINNAIRD,
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Oct. 13--4t.

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L. G. WATSON,
Com. for H. C. Watson.

Oct. 12—2t.

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