

PLAN FOR PROFITABLE SPRING LITTERS

Begin in Fall by Selecting Long, Deep Sows Plenty of Vitality and Give Them Good Care—Which Includes Full Rations—Throughout the Winter

Sensible hog management saves only the most desirable sows for permanent use in the breeding herd, according to the specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, who are striving to effect maximum pork production under economical methods. The methods of many hog raisers are out of joint with the almanac. That is to say, many farmers waste valuable time, when it is likely to be too late, in trying to cure hog ailments, although they could have readily prevented these troubles by sensible and seasonable management. The skater who sharpens his blades after spring has come in order to enjoy the ice of the past winter is of the same pattern as the hog raiser who in the spring wishes that he had practiced timely management during the previous period of cold weather.

The Federal Department advises that all breeders should exercise conscientious and painstaking care in the selection of sows for permanent maintenance in the breeding herd. The animals should be of good length, full depth, showing plenty of vitality as well as the inclination to take sufficient exercise. They should not be skimped on starvation rations or half-feeds, but rather should receive a full allowance, which, broadly interpreted,

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means that the porkers receive about all that they will eat with respect to economical methods or pork production.

Green Foods Essential
It is highly desirable that the sows to be bred in the fall should have access to green forage crops as long as there are any such materials available. The sow realizes immeasurable benefit from rustling about for the bulk of her feed. The method insures the female porker of the exercise which is necessary to maintain her in the condition which favors good litters of pigs. As, on many hog farms relatively little green feed is available during the pig-raising periods, it is imperative that the individual farmer provide plenty of food in balanced mixture in addition to making it necessary for the sows to exercise in the procuring of this food. Many successful farmers maintain that during the winter season they feed their brood sows all the corn that the animals will eat. Some fallacy may be apparent in this statement unless the reader is thoroughly familiar with the conditions under which this plentiful use of grain is practiced.

The general plan of feeding corn is to scatter it in the ear over the fields where the sows may hustle after it. It is hard work to scoop corn from a wagon which is driven through the field. A much easier and more practical plan is to fill the manure spreader with the ear corn and to adjust the machine so that the grain will be well scattered. This process may possibly look wasteful, especially in view of the current price of corn, but if the feeder will be careful and not distribute an excessive quantity, he will find that the hogs will make efficient use of all this grain.

The Department specialists recommend the supplementary use of tankage, shorts or middlings, oil meal and ground alfalfa hay with the corn. It is hoped that fish meal may also become available soon for the use of hog growers, as this material has been

demonstrated as useful as tankage for pork production. Under existent freight conditions, it would be impracticable to attempt the distribution of fish meal among the Central Western hog producers, although it can be used successfully in the Atlantic and Gulf States.

Use of Alfalfa
Careful test by the Department of Agriculture indicates the value of grinding alfalfa hay, soaking it for 24 hours in barrels containing hot water, adding a little salt and possibly a bushel or more of shorts to a barrel of feed and giving the mixture to the sows in the form of a thick slop. It is suggested that the preferable time for feeding this slop is each morning, so that during the balance of the day the animals can rustle about for corn. Good alfalfa hay should also be available in convenient racks so that the sows can eat this roughage as they please.

One of the most important matters, and undoubtedly the one which is most commonly neglected in the proper handling of hogs, is to supply the porkers with an abundance of clean, pure drinking water. For this purpose some automatic watering device or home-made convenience of this nature should provide the hogs constantly with water. Without question, water is the cheapest material used in pork production and the importance of having it supplied in quantity and of proper quality can not be overestimated. Hogs should not be forced to drink from an icy tank, nor should they be provided with only a limited supply once or twice a day. A tank heater or a properly protected gravity system will control the former evil, while a permanent and dependable supply of water will overcome the latter.

American Farmer's Responsibility

At present the stupendous task of filling the world's pork barrel falls to the lot of the American farmer. To accomplish this result is possible only through a markedly increased production. According to the opinion of the Department officials there is no more patriotic duty that the American hog grower can perform than to accord special and undivided attention to every little detail of hog management during the coming winter and spring so that the sows may be properly attended to, favoring maximum litters which may be grown to maturity with a minimum of mortality. By wisely selecting the brood sows for the pig crop of next spring and by properly caring for the animals during the winter and seeing to it that every pig is saved at farrowing time, the American hog raiser will not only be performing valuable services for this country and the Allies, but they also will be laying up funds for investment in Liberty Loans and War Savings Stamps.

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes in the Town of Manning, and for the assessment and collection of a per capita dog tax, and for the assessment and collection of a per capita tax in lieu of working the streets of the said Town, for the fiscal year commencing the second Monday in April, 1917, and ending the second Monday in April, 1918.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Manning, in Council assembled and by authority of the same,

Sec. 1. That a tax of ten mills on every dollar of the assessed value of all real and personal property lying or being within the Corporate limits of the Town of Manning, including bonds and stocks of Banks and Corporations, doing business in the said Town, except such property as is exempt by law from taxation; be and the same is levied for the fiscal year commencing the second Monday in April, 1917, and ending the second Monday in April, 1918.

Sec. 2. That a commutation tax of two dollars per capita on all persons liable to work on the streets of the said town for the fiscal year above mentioned in lieu of working on said streets be, and the same is hereby levied which said commutation tax shall become due and payable when other taxes are payable. All able bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, not otherwise exempt by law are liable to the said tax, and all persons who shall be living within the Corporate limits of the said Town, sixty days prior to the collection of said tax shall become liable to said tax, until the said person or persons can show satisfactory evidence of having performed road duty, or duty upon the streets of some town or City, or produce a receipt for the payment of a Commutation tax in lieu thereof, covering the majority part of the fiscal year included in this ordinance.

Sec. 3. That a per capita tax of fifty cents be levied on all dogs owned or kept within the limits of the Town of Manning.

Sec. 4. That all taxes levied under the provisions of this ordinance shall become due and payable to the Clerk and Treasurer of the Town of Manning between Nov. 1st, 1918 and December 1st, 1918.

Sec. 5. —That if the said taxes are not paid on or before the 30th day of November, a penalty of 25 per cent, shall be added until the 15th day of December, 1918, after which last mentioned date the collection of the said taxes and penalties shall be enforced by execution and sale.

Ratified by Council this 8th day of October, 1918.

S. J. SMITH,
Mayor Pro Tem.
E. B. Brown,
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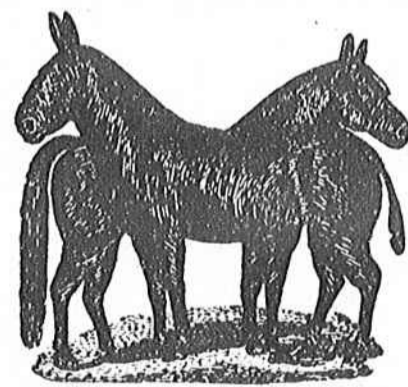
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