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## FALL PIGS ARE PROFITABLE IF WELL FED AND CARED FOR

Feed Sow Sparingly at First, but Bring to Full Feed in Ten Days—Young Pigs Must Have Plenty of Exercise—Good Pasture is Important.

Two litters of pigs a year from one sow is usually practicable, and adds materially to the success of the farm project, the United States Department of Agriculture has demonstrated. Spring pigs should be farrowed early in March in order to finish for market in the early winter. Fall pigs usually are timed to arrive in September, which gives them a chance to get well started before cold weather arrives. After farrowing and before placing the pigs with the sow to nurse, cut out the eight small tusklake teeth at the sides of the mouth. These are very sharp and might tear the sow's udder or cause pigs to hurt each other at nursing time. They can be broken with bone forceps, wire nippers, or a knife, but should never be pulled out.

**Give Sow Water but no Food**  
As a rule the sow should not be fed for the first 24 hours after farrowing but should be given a liberal drink of water. If the weather is cold the water should be slightly warmed. A thin slop of bran and middlings may be given if she shows actual signs of hunger. The feeding for the first three or four days should be light and the time consumed in getting the sow on full feed should be from a week to 10 days.

Great care should be taken to feed the sow properly, or the little pigs will show it. If they follow the sow around and pull at the teats constantly, it shows she is not giving enough milk and more feed should be given her to stimulate its flow. On the other hand, overfeeding is bad, as it tends to congest the udder, which will cause scouring in the young pigs.

It is best for the sow and litter to be in the open, where exercise, sunlight, and fresh air act beneficially for all of them. Even in cold weather they may be able to get exercise in a lot sheltered by a building and at the same time be in the sunshine. Do not allow the little pigs to be out in a cold rain, and always provide clean and dry floors in the pens. If the pigs do not get exercise they may become fat and lazy. The best way to avoid this is not to overfeed and to compel the young pigs to take plenty of exercise.

It is of the greatest importance in raising pigs for the market that they gain weight as rapidly as possible. The first opportunity to force the pigs comes when they are a few weeks old. Up to this time they have been living solely on their dam's milk, for which no perfect substitute has been found. After about three weeks the young pigs begin to develop an appetite for some accessory feed to supplement the sow's milk, and they should be given some additional food. The pigs will eat from the sow's trough, but it is better that a pen or "creep" be arranged adjoining that of the sow, allowing the pigs to have access to a self-feeder in which shelled corn alone is fed for a couple of weeks and afterwards shorts or wheat middlings.

Excellent feeds for pigs of this age are dairy by-products, such as skim milk or buttermilk. These, together with mill feeds, as middlings, shorts, and even a cheap grade of flour, or with ground oats from which the hulls have been removed, give excellent satisfaction.

Pigs should be castrated while they are young, preferably when 6 to 8 weeks old, and before weaning. Detailed information on this subject is given in Farmers' Bulletin 780, which may be had on application to the Division of Publications, Department of Agriculture.

Brooders differ widely as to the age for weaning. The majority wean at from 6 to 10 weeks, and some allow the pigs to run with the sow up to 12 weeks. If skim milk is not obtainable it is best to let them nurse up to 10 weeks. The weaning should be brought about directly by taking the pigs away from the sow. "Tapering off" is not good practice.

**Feed for Newly Weaned Pigs**  
Skim milk and corn or skim milk and shorts, fed in the proportion of 3 to 1, make an excellent ration for weanlings. If skim milk is not available a mixture of 5 parts corn meal, 1 part middlings, and 1 part tankage, fed as this slop is very good.

Good succulent pasture is always beneficial to pigs when weather permits. Rye is much used for fall hog pasture in the North, rye and crimson clover farther south, while cow peas and soy beans are used in the Southern States. Soon after weaning it is best to separate those animals which are to be kept for breeding purposes from the fattening stock, as the development for best results with each class requires a different system of management.

### STATE-WIDE COTTON IN COLUMBIA ON THE 9th

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 5.—Carl Williams, of Oklahoma City, president of the American Cotton Growers Exchange, will address a state-wide meeting of farmers to be held in Craven Hall, this city, Friday, September 9th at 12 o'clock noon. The meeting has been called by Harry G. Kaminer, president of the South Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, the organization which is being formed in this state for the co-operative marketing of cotton. Mr. Williams is considered one of

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the foremost experts on co-operative marketing of cotton in the United States. He is the president of the American Cotton Growers Exchange, the overboard organization of the four state-wide co-operative marketing organizations that have already been formed. He was one of the leaders in the organization of the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, the first one of the organizations to reach its quota. He is editor of the Oklahoma Farmer and Stockman. Cooperating with Mr. Kaminer in calling the meeting are R. C. Hamer, president of the South Carolina Division of the American Cotton Association, which is sponsoring the organization of the cooperative marketing organization, and W. W. Long, director of the extension forces of Clemson College, also actively interested in the campaign.

President Hamer has asked the president of each county branch of the cotton association to appoint fifty or more delegates to the meeting next week and the members of the executive committee of the association have also been asked to see that their respective congressional districts are well represented.

Dr. Long has requested the agents of the extension force to attend the meeting and to bring as many interested farmers as they can.

President Kaminer and the organization committee of the cooperative marketing association will also endeavor to see that each county is well represented at the meeting. It is the hope of the joint agencies that the meeting will be one of the most representative farmers' gathering ever held in the state.

"Mr. Williams is coming a long distance to be with us," said Mr. Kaminer last night "and I wish every farmer in South Carolina could ar-

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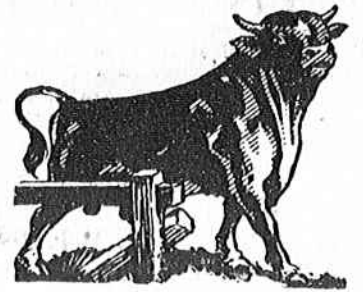
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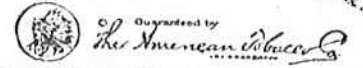
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range to hear him speak, on, to my mind, the most important subject affecting the farmer today. He has a message that is well worth hearing. He has made a very close study of the cooperative marketing and is in position to give us first-hand information on it. He can tell us how Oklahoma has met some of the problems confronting us and solved them. The meeting will be open to every farmer in the state and I trust that Craven Hall will be packed when Mr. Williams arises to speak. No farmer who hears him will regret it."

### ANOTHER BODY FOUND

Hull, Eng., Sept. 5.—The body of William Julius of Los Angeles, Cal., one of the members of the American contingent on board the dirigible Z2, was found today. The bodies of several of the British sailors who lost their lives in the disaster also were found today.

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