

**Farm and Fireside.**

**ABOUT FEEDING HORSES.**

Part of a Speech of One of the South's Greatest Experts in This Line.

The following is clipped from The State, being a part of the speech recently made by Judge Henry Hammond, of Beech Island. Judge Hammond is recognized as an expert on the subject of feeding stock:

"When the farmers of the South learn to use more of their cotton products, learn to feed their horses and stock with cotton seed products, it will mean millions of dollars to the South, part of which every farmer will save for himself. No report has ever shown that injury to a horse has been a result of feeding cotton seed meal. Feed it every day. That's what I do. It is not a hot or a cold climate feed. Feed not less than one pound nor more than three, the amount to be determined by the age, size and work of the animal. Not only is it the most nutritious food but it greatly aids the digestion and general health and good appearance of the animal.

"Feed cotton seed meal with anything you ever heard of a horse or mule eating corn, whole; corn, cracked; ensilage, bran, etc. Don't stick to any one food. Give a variety. Change as the price changes. It is always best to feed hard-working stock ground (not too fine) feed. Cotton seed meal is fed to best advantage when thoroughly mixed with the other portion of the grain part of the ration.

"If you know what number of pounds of grain will maintain your animal reduce this two pounds for every pound of meal you feed him. To illustrate this if you have been giving him 14 pounds of corn give him now only 10 pounds of corn and two pounds of cotton seed meal. He will soon improve and do better work than ever before."

**COTTON CROP 11,571,966 BALES.**

Secretary Hester Places This Year's Crop Two Millions Under Last.

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, reports the commercial cotton crop of the United States for the season of 1907-08, ending August 31, to have been 11,571,966 bales, as compared with 13,510,982 bales in the season of 1906-07.

The total port receipts were 8,579,842 and overland movement 859,450, while Southern consumption is placed at 2,193,277 bales.

**Winter Lettuce.**

You can have a little frame with some glass hot-bed sashes that will come in very handy for starting plants and bedding sweet potatoes in spring, and can set in this frame lettuce from seed sown the first of the month, and can thus have lettuce in winter and early spring well headed, if attention is given to airing the frame. Winter salad is very acceptable and wholesome, and every one who values his home table should endeavor to supply it with lettuce all winter and spring.

If you give attention to what I have said you will find that you have a great relief from the usual ration of peas and collards on North Carolina farms in winter, and with plenty of good cows and plenty of peavine hay to feed them with you can have a table fit for a Tar Heel.—Progressive Farmer.

In its contention for 15-cent cotton the Farmers' Union is perfectly justified. It has been shown quite often that 10-cent cotton means very cheap labor, so cheap that it cannot be had, and the farmer is forced to depend to a great extent on the assistance of the female members of the family. With fair living wages paid for help there is absolutely no profit in 10 and 12-cent cotton, and the man who owns a farm is entitled to a fair profit on his investment without being compelled to put his wife and children at work in the cotton field.—Farmers' Union Sun.

**How to House Poultry.**

If houses for poultry are to be built attend to the matter at once before cold weather interferes with outside work. Everything should be in readiness for your flock by the coming of cold weather. If you have houses already go over them and see that they are in perfect repair.

In building the first thing to do is to select a proper location. The ideal one is the south slope of a hill. The next best one is a place protected from cold winds by building on the north and west. If no facilities for shelter are at hand the north wall of the building must be made of extra thickness. Evergreen trees make an excellent wind-break, and I would advise planting them for future protection no matter how thick you may make the walls of your house.

Be very sure that whatever location you select has perfect drainage. This is a matter of the greatest importance. Leading poultrymen agree that more sickness among fowls originates from dampness than all other causes. More and more the opinion grows among practical poultry growers that the best

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house for fowls consists of a closed room, in which they may roost, lay and remain in cold weather if they choose to do so, and a shed opening to the south, where they can scratch and sun themselves to their liking. There should be an opening between this shed and the closed room through which the fowls may have free egress during the day, but which should be closed at night in cold weather and for the protection of the hens from intruders. The shed floor should be covered with chaff, straw or leaves to the depth of five or six inches. If road dust or sand is mixed with it the better the fowls will be suited. If grain is scattered over the litter the fowls will busy themselves scratching for it, and this open air exercise will be a strong factor in keeping the flock healthy. It will also result in a larger yield of eggs if an egg-producing diet is given in connection with it.—Eben E. Rexford, in The Outlook.

**Mr. Callender at Home.**

Rev. W. E. Callender has returned from Richmond, where he preached during the month of August. Mr. Callender states that he enjoyed his stay in the Virginia city, having experienced a number of unusual pleasures, among them was an opportunity to view the famous "Richmond Blues" in a dress parade. This company is one of the best in Virginia, and Mr. Callender says the Traynham Guards of this city can hold their own against them on any point.

**Crimson Clover.**

Get in the crimson clover as soon as possible. Sow it among the cotton, so it wherever there is danger of having bare land in winter. Use not less than fifteen pounds per acre, and more will do no harm. Bear in mind that any land lying without a green crop on it in winter is losing plant food in the winter rains. The green crop will aid in the restoration of the needed humus. Sow it on land that is to go in corn in the spring, sow it on land that is to go in cotton. Sow it where you expect to plant sweet potatoes next spring. In fact, never let land lie bare in winter. Sow a bushel and a half of oats before sowing the clover on vacant land and you will have a good crop of hay and one that can be more easily cured than the clover alone and one that will ward off the danger of feeding the clover alone. But always cut as soon as the clover blooms.—Progressive Farmer.

**Condition of 76.1 for Cotton Crop.**

Washington, Sept. 1.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the United States department of agriculture today announced that the average condition of the cotton crop on August 25th was 76.1 per cent. of a normal crop. This is compared with 83 on July 25th last, 72.7 on August 25th, 1907; 77.3 on August 25th, 1906, and 73.9, the average of the August 25th conditions for the past 10 years. The report by States, giving the condition on August 25th last, and the average for 10 years past, respectively, follows:  
 Virginia.....87  
 North Carolina.....80  
 South Carolina.....76  
 Georgia.....77  
 Florida.....80  
 Alabama.....77  
 Mississippi.....79  
 Louisiana.....63  
 Texas.....75  
 Arkansas.....83  
 Tennessee.....82  
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