

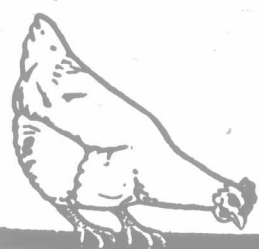
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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Fall Pruning.

Would it be all right to prune apple trees in the fall?

Ans.—The old saying, "Prune when the knife is sharp," has not yet been proven to be incorrect. There are some probable disadvantages that might occur from fall pruning, such as drying out and consequent winter injury to the limbs and branches, but where the temperatures are not exceptionally severe, even this factor will not be important. Under ordinary circumstances fall pruning will be all right. We, however, would prefer doing it from the latter part of February on through the spring.

Silage.

1. Is there any way of knowing that silage is keeping all right in the silo? I filled silo with corn, some of which was cut a couple of weeks and some only cut a couple of days. It was all put in together at the one time.

2. Why do some put water on corn when filling silo, or after it is filled?

FARMER.

Ans.—1. We would not advise digging into the silage to ascertain how it is keeping until ready to commence feeding. Anything you might do now, provided it were spoiling, would not save it. More than likely it is all right if well tramped. A little may be spoiled on top, as is always the case.

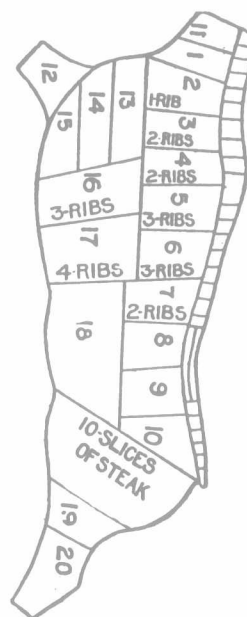
2. It is believed that a little water added to corn which has become very dry by remaining out long after being cut improves the silage. It certainly is an aid to packing the silage tightly, and the exclusion of air is important.

Beef Ring.

Would you print in your paper rules and illustrations of beef ring?

C. A. R.

Ans.—The accompanying chart, which has appeared many times in these columns, is for a twenty-share beef ring. It shows the method of cutting. The cuts are distributed as follows:



Roast.	Boil.	Steak.
1.....14.....	1.....	1.....
2.....13.....	2.....	2.....
3.....19.....	3.....	3.....
4.....16.....	4.....	4.....
5.....17.....	5.....	5.....
6.....18.....	6.....	6.....
7.....15.....	7.....	7.....
8.....12.....	8.....	8.....
9.....20.....	9.....	9.....
10.....11.....	10.....	10.....

There are different forms of organization, according to the preference of the people forming the ring. Some prefer 16 members, some 20, some 24. On the whole, the 20-share ring seems about as suitable as any, although different circumstances warrant different forms of organization. We cannot give rules which would suit all rings. You had better see those interested and discuss the matter, after which call a meeting and decide upon the number to form the ring, be it 16, 20 or 24, and so determine the size of the cut which each member gets each week. A president or chairman and secretary-treasurer are required, as well as a committee to arrange details as to killing, etc. A good butcher should be engaged to do the work.

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