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How We Feed Cows

Wm. Stewart, Northumberland Co., Ont. Wm. Stevent, Northumberland Co., Ont. We feed most of our alfalfa to our dairy cows. We know from experi-ence that alfalfa is the greatest of all clovers as a horse feed but our horses do not get much of it, as our pure bred Ayrshires are always the first consideration on our farm.

For winter feeding we feed alfalfa and grain in connection with ensi-age; but not much grain. We gro We grow our ensilage in such a way that there our ensninge in such a way that there is a great crop of ears and it makes good heavy feeding. I do not know how we would go about to produce milk profitably without alfalfa and ensilage

The Practice of In-breeding

"Don't inbreed." This is the counsel handed out by Mr. J. W New York State, who was visited re cently by an editor of Farm and Dairy. Mr. Dimick continued Dairy. "There has been too much inbreeding. It is a great temptation to in-breed, if you have strong line of stuff, but I do not see that you gain much by it. The Jersey cattle to-day

much by it. The Jersey cattle to-lay are suffering greatly from inbreeding. "Probably the greatest problem the breeder has to face, is to get outside blood that will properly 'nick' with his stock. If the choice is wrong, one gets a great big set-back from which he cannot recover for years. "It is always wise to experiment

"It is always wise to experiment on outside stuff first. Try it out in a small way. We send out quite a number of our best Holstein females out to the best bulk in the country, and in this way we get in stock that may ultimately prore valuable and better than we can get in any other better than we can get in any other better than we can get in any other better that the statistic try better the practice we have the astisfaction of the practice we have the astisfaction get with our this other stuff compares with our own."

Thoughts on Plowing

J. H. Grisdale, B. S. A., Ottawa, Ont. Plowing is admittedly the founda tion operation in all crop production effort. Plowing has been performed with many different kinds of rlows, and in many different styles. No de and in many dimerent styles. No de-finite rule can be laid down as to the best method of plowing. A safe rule, however, is to plow only when the soil is in shape, that is when not too wet; this rule, of course, applying

to heavy soils only. Plowing deeply in autumn, turning an upstanding furrow, and plowing shallow in spring, turning a low lying or flat furrow, is another gener lying or list furrow, is another gener-al rule, and is applicable to a great-er variety of soils than the first. Plowing should, in my opinion, be done whenever possible with the two-furrow gaug plow, using four, or at least three horses. In this way, the cost of the operation is materially re-

Disc plows recently put on the market afford a means of performing this operation at times and under conditions where it would probably be impossible for the common mould board plow to operate, as for instance plowing heavy clay lands when hard and dry. They are also useful in burying manure, grass or weeds and in exposing heavy soils to the action of the frost, since they leave a very rough surface exposed to the air

rough surface exposed to the air. Subsoil powing is a cultural oper-tion very seldom practiced, and ose that should be more frequently per-formed by the farmer, and serves, as indicated in preceding paragraphs, to open up the upper subsoil and so is crease the water containing capacity of the root-holding soil strist. The of the root-holding soil strata. The subsoil plow may to a certain extent be replaced by what is known a the subsoil hook, a cheap, light affair.

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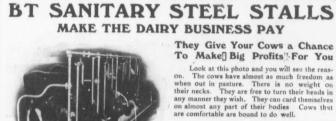


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