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The term "sterility" is used to designate a state of unproductiveness in either the male or female. Other terms are also commonly applied, thus in the case of finales the term "impotency" is frequently used, and in females the term "barrennesa."

Sterility, or impotency of the male may be either temporary or permanent. It sometimes organs in stallions following an attack of some infectious febrile disease, such as influenza. It may result in both stallions and bulls from too frequent service, particularly before maturity and from acquired had habits, chiefly masturbation.

The maintaining of stallions and bulls closely confined in stalls without sufficient exercise, and keeping them pampered and over-feel with consequent excessive fatness, tends to greatly reduce their procreative powers, and may ultimately render them entirely impotent.

Defects and imperfect development

Defects, and imperfect development of the testicles are also causes. The Cryptorchid, or ridgling animal, with one or both testicles absent from the scrotum, is very liable to be less productive than those which have both testicles present in the scrotum. In many cases the question as to whether a stallion of bull is infertile may be determined by means of a microscopic examination of the semen as to the motility of the sperm cells, or seed it contains. If the sperm cells are absent, or if those present in the semen are inactive and show no power of movement, it indicates infertility of the male.

The prevention of sterility in male simals requires proper methods of The prevention of sterility in male animals requires proper methods of feeding, regular exercise, and avoiding excessively frequent service. Many young stallions and bulls of good merit are rendered impotent by excessive

excessively frequent service. Many young stallions and bulls of good merit are rendered impotent by excessive sexual use before maturity. Excessively frequent sexual service of mature males also renders them less sure, causing the failure of many of the mares covered by them to conceive.

The young stallion or bull, during the first season of use, should be restricted to service not more frequent than ence every third day during the breeding season. Mature males should be restricted to two services, and exceptionally three, in a single day, during the breeding season. A good vigorous stallion or bull, properly handled, may capably attend to 100 females during the breeding season.

In the case of stallions and bulls impaired in procreative usefulness, and seemingly impotent, in that many of the females served by them fail to conceive their breeding usefulness can be greatly improved and restored at times by the use of repeated small doses of Yohimbin, or of preparations containing that drug. The Yohimbin treatment is worthy of a trial in cases of impotency in males. It can be obtained through reputable veterinarians and used under their directions.

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If every advantage is taken to produce growth and development and not too much fat while the pig is young, reasonable profit can be looked forward to. It is well nigh impossible to fatten pigs successfully unless they have been well grown out before the finishing period commences.

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Little pigs ordinarily start to eat from the trough when about three weeks of age. Once they have learned to eat, best results are obtained by providing a low trough for them which is not accessible to the sow. In this way materials more suitable to the young pigs can be supplied in the ration. Under normal conditions a little middlings or shorts stirred in the skim milk is very excellent. However, undoubtedly due to war conditions, the quality of middlings obtainable is much lower than that of a few years ago. The product is much redder in color, contains more of the finer bran and less

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