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A COLUMN ABOUT PIGS

Hints as to Both Summer and Winter Treatment.

How to Protect Them From Sun Scald—A Little Grease on the Body Is Helpful—Keeping Brood Sows Cheaply In Winter — Unnecessary Loss Among Young Pigs.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture Toronto.)

During midsummer owners of light colored pigs frequently complain of sunburn or sunscald. This condition of the hide of the animal is similar to that of people; it gives the same degree of uncomfortableness to the pig and is caused in the same manner. Consequently, the same method of prevention and treatment may be carried out.

Shelter Is Most Desirable.

In the first place, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and the prevention is shelter. No matter what kind of stock is in the pasture, shade is essential, and much more so is it for pigs on account of the thin coating of hair on their bodies. If the pasture for pigs is so situated that there are no trees to afford shade to the animals it would be just as well to keep them shut up during the hottest parts of the day and allow them to run out during the evening, night and early morning hours. By keeping them in a pen that is somewhat darkened, they miss both the hot rays of the sun and the flies that are always so bad around a stable of any kind, during the hot weather.

Give Them a "Hog Wallow."

Some people provide a "hog wallow" in their pasture which is a very good thing, but the location should be some place in the shade, as it is a well-known fact that the hide will blister far quicker when wet than when dry. A pig seems to think that a wallow is an essential thing, and if he persuades the farmer into thinking the same, the farmer should lead him to believe that during the heat of the day is the best time to keep out of it.

Vaseline Good for Sunburn.

If the pigs have become sunburned at all, it is well to keep them inside for a few days and thoroughly grease their bodies, with some nice smooth grease such as vaseline. The grease tends to keep the air from the irritated skin and ease the uncomfortableness of the animal. Vaseline also has a wonderful healing and curative property which makes it preferable in such cases.—J. C. McBeath, O. A. College, Guelph.

Keep Brood Cows In Winter as Cheaply as Possible.

During the winter the brood sows should be maintained as cheaply as possible, but at the same time they must be properly fed in order to farrow a large number of healthy, well-grown pigs in the spring. Best results are obtained when sufficient food is given to produce daily gains on the sows of one-half or three-fourths of a pound. To do this the grain feed must be limited, and diluted with some roughage, for unless the ration has sufficient bulk, the sows will become constipated and hungry, due to the undistended condition of the digestive tract. Legume hays are the chief roughages available at this season, and their use will cheapen the cost of feeding.

Alfalfa Excellent for Feed.

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Dated at Hamilton, Province of Ontario, the 22nd day of August, 1921.
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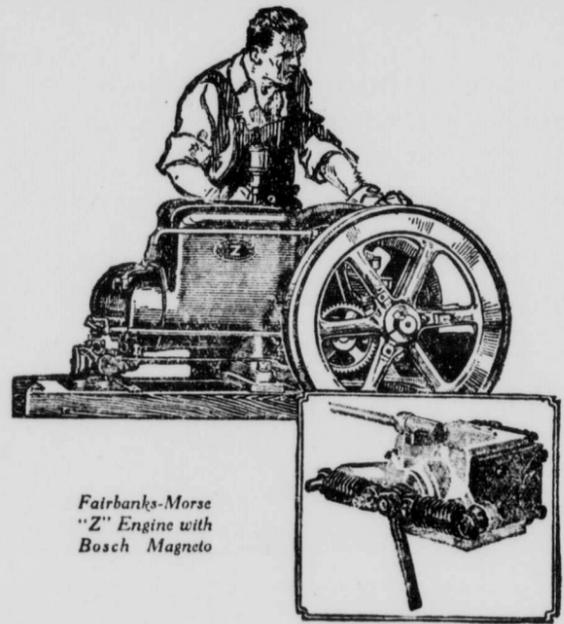
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