

Again it should be remembered that the main demands upon the sow are those for the building of new tissue. Hence it is important that her food should be nitrogenous or rich in protein. Feeding stuffs such as bran, peas, oats and barley are suitable, and some alfalfa or clover will increase the bulk and at the same time furnish considerable nutrition. In the summer time it is a different proposition, for the pasture grasses and outdoor conditions are particularly conducive to successful farrowing. Generally speaking, a fence corner is not a commendable place for a sow to farrow, but a sow with a pasture for a run and a fence corner to herself at farrowing time is usually quite successful. It is nearer to nature and nature's way, hence the suitability of the conditions. In the piggery, however, we must adapt conditions to the circumstances and meet the requirements with prudence. Breeders lay particular stress upon the bowels during pregnancy, and especially at farrowing time, the danger to be avoided being constipation. To this

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