

Having stated that the Berkeshire breed is the best adapted for yielding pork for commercial purposes, I shall add an example of the weight to which they may be brought, at no very advanced age.

A hog was fed and killed some years ago in Cheshire, that measured nine feet eight inches from the nose to the end of his tail, and in height four feet five and a half inches, when alive, he weighed 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. when killed and dressed 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. or 86 stone 11 lbs. averdupois. LAWRENCE is of opinion, that individuals may be fattened to the weight of more than one hundred and twenty to one hundred and thirty stone. The largest breed in Britain is supposed to be found on the borders of Sussex and Surry, where they feed to an almost incredible size at an early age.

It is highly necessary for the safety of young Stock, to separate the *in-pig* Sow from all others during the latter days of gestation, and to give careful attention during the time of parturition, as some mothers are apt to neglect and even to destroy their offspring. No animal differs more in disposition than Swine. Individuals of the same family have been known, the one to yield large litters and nurse them with the greatest tenderness, whilst another only produced half the number, and generally lost great part of that half from inattention, or I may say cruelty of disposition.

Having as fully as the nature of the present work would admit, referred to the different species of stock, the possession of which, it is thought, would prove advantageous to the Province; it will be expedient to advert to such means as may most effectually and permanently establish them in the country; the difficulty however of doing so in a satisfactory manner is deeply felt, the suggestions therefore now offered, are made with the greatest deference to the opinions of others, but as they spring from long and serious consideration of the importance of the subject, so are they honestly given, and whenever they are found at variance with sentiments of others, the author, will carefully attend to the objections they may bring forward: well aware that, it is only by the conviction which arises from candid discussion, that the prejudices of mankind can be vanquished and truth thoroughly established.

The most eligible and efficient means, then, which first present themselves for our adoption, I take to be through the liberality of the Legislature and the patriotic exertion of the different Agricultural Societies established in the Province, by a simultaneous importation from Great-Britain of specimens of the different stock desired, and that upon as extensive a scale as the bounty of the former and the funds of the latter will allow; and although, we find some celebrated lots bringing enormous prices in Britain, we may procure in various districts of that country most excellent specimens, upon moderate terms, if we adopt a judicious course in making our application.

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