

acreage, have 33 per cent. of the total area of Kafir-corn. The rapidity with which Kafir-corn has found favor among feeders and farmers is demonstrated by the fact that seven years ago when the crop was first reported to the State Board of Agriculture there were but 46 941 acres, while the returns now give 582,895 acres, a marvelous increase of 1,142 per cent., showing that it has taken rank among the most valued foods for live stock in all sections of the State.

Milo maize and Jerusalem corn, non-saccharine sorghums near kin to Kafir-corn, and of no mean value, have for four years past steadily declined in acreage, the former about one-half, and the latter from 32,000 to 3,715 acres.

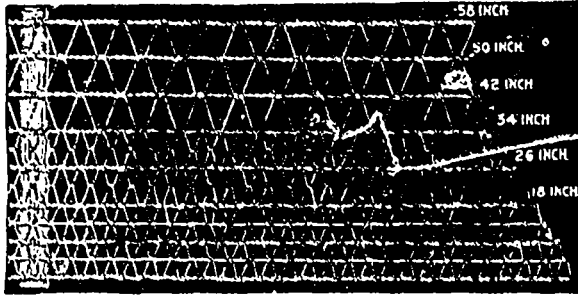
Saccharine sorghum, the running-mate of Kafir-corn as a forage, shows a superb increase in acreage, rising from 388,259 acres last year to 448,791 this year, a gain of 60,532 acres, or 15.59 per cent. The leading sorghum-growing counties are Pinney, with 18,148 acres; Butler, 17,264; Barber, 16,597; Cowley, 11,540; Sumner, 9,659; Marion, 9,240; and Dickinson, 9,032. Sorghum has made an annual average increase of nearly 20 per cent. since 1893, when Kafir-corn first came into prominence.

A Kansas Wool Grower's Methods.

Press Bulletin.

At the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, Mr. J. N. Grau, of Mitchell county, (northern) Kansas, who is largely and profitably in the sheep business there, read a paper prepared at the suggestion of Secretary F. D. Coburn, giving his idea of how best to manage and care for the flock, and his method of selecting animals for breeding purposes. For the last fourteen years his flock has numbered from 800 to 1,000, and as he has succeeded by close attention to his business, his observations should be of no little interest and value. He says in part:

I fatten my surplus stock for market. In the selection of breeding ewes I never pay much attention to the fineness of the fiber, but more to the constitution, good form, no wrinkles on body, good fleece, or long, dense staple of wool, and good milking qualities—as this can be had in sheep as well as in cows, and to produce a good lamb they must have an abundant supply of milk. I sort out about one-third to one-half of my ewe lambs for breeders at one year old, sending the rest to market for mutton; always feeding the lambs well so as to get the size of the sheep the first year. If neglected they will grow smaller every year. By this way of selecting and feeding I have increased the average size of my flock twenty pounds. In selecting the rams I look for a good constitution, which will represent a good feeder and always the best in the flock. of a good



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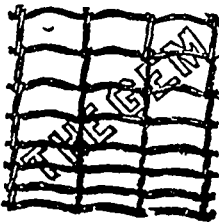
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