

**Agricultural.**

**FATTENING HOGS**

To fatten a hog of any weight, there is a plenty of corn and potatoes, requires no great skill, but to do it in a manner that will render the animal more valuable to the farmer when fit for market, than the substance consumed in fattening would be, besides paying for the trouble attending it, is a matter worthy of consideration.

The summer of 1836 being very dry, my corn and potato crops were in light and compelled me to try an experiment, which I found to work so well, that I have since followed it, to my entire satisfaction. It was this, I adopted the feeding of apples, of which I had an abundant crop, mixed with pumpkins, a few potatoes, and a small quantity of meal, prepared in the following manner. For convenience I set in my swill house, adjacent to the sty, a large iron kettle, holding about nine bushels, and then had a wooden cylinder made, that held from twelve to fifteen more, and hooped with iron bands, just large enough to set upon the arch outside of the kettle, and by putting a little clay or mortar on the arch before setting on the leak (as I called it) I made it perfectly tight, I then had a cover or lid fitted to the top, which was also made tight or nearly, by laying on a piece of cotton cloth or canvass underneath it, before putting it on.

Into this kettle I first put about three bushels of potatoes washed clean, then filled to the curb with cut pumpkins, and filled the curb to the top with apples, adding two or three more pails of water, in proportion to the quantity of meat that I intended to mix with it after mashing. After letting this boil awhile, I removed the cover, and fill again with apples, and again make tight.

The apples and pumpkins, you will notice are steamed by this process, and when all are sufficiently cooked, they are taken out, well mixed, and half a bushel of corn, meal, or a bucket of ground oats, and peas, or of buckwheat, and rye, instead, added to the mixture while hot, and thus rendered more valuable for being with the mass. I think that sweet apples fed in this way to hogs are worth nearly as much as potatoes, and sour ones more than half as much. I have never made pork with as little expense or less trouble, than since I have practiced this method.

I now prepare most of my feed in this way for fattening my beef and mutton, and I find it equally advantageous, indeed I believe that I get the best profit from feeding sheep in this way, particularly my old ones. My course is, in the month of October, to select from my flock all that do not promise fair to winter well, old ewes in particular, which will be likely to die in the Spring, as all sheep growers know they are liable to do, and give them a good chance for fall feed, and also feeding them with the same kind of substance that I do my hogs, and by the first of January have them all first rate mutton, bearing good fleeces. This kind of feed is excellent for milk cows, and a cow, that comes in early or for ewes that are with lamb! It does well to mix with cut feed, only there should be more water put into the mixture.

When my potatoes are short, I put in beets and carrots for my sheep and cattle and consider them much better for being cooked. Turnips are easily raised, and are very good food for sheep or cattle during the winter, yet will not compare in value with either carrots or beets. Potatoes or pumpkins are valuable for horses, fed raw. I never knew a horse to be troubled with the bots that was fed with a few raw potatoes every week.

I have made my communication rather desultory, but my principal object in this communication is to show the value of apples for fattening hogs and sheep, when mixed with other substances, and the saving to farmers from picking out their old sheep and fattening them, instead of pelting them in the fall, or letting them die in the spring, as many do.

When a sheep gets old, the front teeth partly gone or pointed, the best way is to take them out entirely, as they feed better without than with them.—*New York Farmer.*

**CURING AND PREPARING PROVISIONS.**

A barrel of Prime Pork should contain from 25 to 30 pieces, cut from the ribs, loins, chimes, and belly pieces, all lying between the ham and shoulder, forming what is called the broadside or middle, 3 hands and two hind-leg pieces, or 3 hind-leg pieces, 2 hands, and 15 or 20 pieces from other parts of the hog, except no part of the head. The meat must be of prime quality, firm and well fattened, cut into 4lb. pieces, exactly 50 to the barrel, and weigh not less than 200 lbs. net, and must have a good capping of St. Ubes, or other coarse salt. This is indispensable. Bacon Mess Pork, is so called, when the fall proportion of prime pieces in Prime Mess is withheld; there are therefore various classes of bacon pork. Pieces contain the same number, that is 50 pieces of 4lbs., and the same rules, as to mashing, are to be observed, as in the barrel. The three must not have less than 300 lbs., and well capped with salt. It is usual to put in 52 pieces. In bacon mess the number of prime mess pieces should be marked on the head. No part of the hog's head is allowed in any instance.

Beef is usually cut into 5lb. pieces, and packed in all particulars, precisely as pork, except a larger proportion of salt, and is used in packing. Beef is almost entirely packed in pieces. For export, it is only sliced & then used.

A piece of Prime Mutton Beef should contain 52 pieces, 5lbs each, and weigh not less than 260 lbs. net. It should be made from well fed buttocks, and contain 32 pieces, of loins, flanks, rumps, plates, buttocks, two shells of rumps, two pieces cut close up to the neck, with the bone taken out; do shades, thigh bones, or necks. To be well salted and capped with St. Ubes or other coarse salt.

A piece of Prime Mess Beef should contain 38 pieces, of 5lb., and weigh not less than 301 lbs. net. It should be made from prime fat cows, and heifers, 28 of prime, from loins, and chimes, with one rib in each, flanks, rumps, plates, buttocks, and buttocks, with 10 coarse pieces, consisting of 2 neck pieces, not the strag, 2 thighs or buttock bones with some meat to them, 2 shells of rumps, 2 or even four chimes, not cut too close to the neck, and 2 shoulder pieces with part of blade-bone in them, well salted, and capped with St. Ubes or other coarse salt. The pieces, whether for beef or pork, must be made of well seasoned oak, with 8 wooden and 3 iron hoops on each end.

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