

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Cow Aborted.

1. Cow aborted two months before her time. Milk is there in good quantity. Will it be proper to go on and milk her?

2. How long a period before the milk will be fit for use, in event of afterbirth not coming away? What treatment should she get? Kindly advise through your valuable paper. W. J. J.

Ans.—1. Yes.

2. It should be all right in a week or ten days. You can tell pretty well from the appearance of it. When cows go full time, the ninth milking is usually saved for use. Afterbirth should be removed within 24 to 48 hours after calving. Keep her away from the herd if possible, and disinfect the stall and gutter where she is kept as well as her hind parts.

Late Oats for Hay.

Am living in a new district, and as I expect to be short of hay next winter, do you think it would be advisable to break up three or four acres which has orchard grass on it now? I intend to cut the hay on it about the middle of June and sow oats. The land is partly drained, but very wet. The orchard grass is run out, as the land was never plowed. If we happened to have a dry summer, do you think the oats would be a failure?

Ans.—In a very dry year the oats so late sown might not give a very good crop. However, they would surely be better than no crop, and cut when in the milk stage, they make good hay. You might like to try millet on the land. It should do very well for this purpose.

Wild Tares.

I am sending a weed. Could you kindly tell me what it is? The field that I have it in I am planting with beans. It is in patches, and the roots are thickly entwined. By cultivating the beans and hoeing them well, would the weed be destroyed? B. R.

Ans.—The weed is wild tares. Cultivation as suggested would check the spreading of the patches, but might not clean the field entirely of the weed. If it does not, follow a short rotation of crops, putting in early-maturing crops, and one year summer-fallow up to about July 1, then sow rape in drills at the rate of 1 1/2 lbs. per acre. Cultivate as long as possible. Leaving down to grass for three or four years is sometimes recommended, but cleaning crops and a short rotation is generally preferred.

Wheezy Pigs.

A litter of nine pigs about five weeks old have suddenly developed great difficulty in breathing through the nose, and they frequently gasp for breath. The pigs seem otherwise in good health, but as the trouble appears to be spreading, I should be grateful if you could give me information as to the nature and cure of this malady. The pigs were not weaned when this appeared. They have been kept dry and clean. A. J. H.

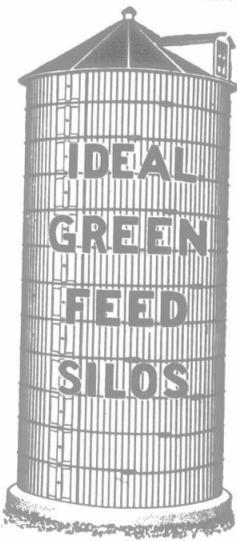
Ans.—These young pigs seem to have suffered from too much prosperity. The mother was probably being fed too much grain, and at that age the young pigs would likely be eating with her. When young pigs get too much to eat and too little exercise, the lungs and heart become clogged with fat and the blood fails to circulate freely. A basement stable is a fruitful cause of much of this trouble, as many inquiries of this nature mention that the pigs are kept in such quarters. If the pigs could be gotten outside and given plenty of exercise each day, the trouble would likely disappear in a short time. A teaspoonful of sulphur to each pig given daily for two days in milk will also help to purify their blood.

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