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## FACTS ABOUT MANURE

BACTERIAL PROCESSES IN . A FARM FERTILIZER.

Digestive Action Must Take Place Before Barnyard Manure Is In Condition to Release Plant Food -The Fire Fanging of a Pile Means Loss of Value.

In a bulletin issued some months ago by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Prof. D. H. Jones, B.S.A., of the Ontario Agricultural College staff, dealt in a lucid manner with the bacterial action that takes place in the manure pile. These complex processes are essential to the fullest realization of the fertilizing value of barnyard manure and are described as follows: described as follows:

The action of various species of bacteria in manure is just as necessary to prepare it for plant assimilation as is the action of bacteria in the soil. The changes that take place in manure from its fresh to its well-rotted condition, are due almost allower. rotted condition are due almost alto-gether to the action of bacteria aided to some extent by molds.

When fresh manure is added directly to the soil, the plant food which it contains is not so readily available to growing plants as is the case with well-rotted manures. The bacteria contained in the fresh ma-nure aided by those present in the soil have to break down the complex organic compounds of the manure into simpler forms, or, as previously described, digest them before the

growing crop can use them.

In the case of well-rotted manure, however, most of this digestive process has been completed by the bacteria, and the plant food present is largely in the right condition to is largely in the right condition to be readily used by the growing crop. The rotting or ripening of the ma-nure is mainly the digestive action of the bacteria contained in the

manure.
The kinds of bacteria which bring about this action in the manure pile are the same as those which bring about the digestive processes in the soil. But the conditions which prevail in the manure pile are different from those which prevail in the soil. and as a result we are just as liable to have injurious action, resulting in loss, induced by these bacteria, as an loss, induced by these bacteria, as we are to have beneficial action. Consequently, the bacterial action in the manure pile has to be controlled if we are to get best results.

There are large numbers of bacteria in manure when it is produced. These numbers rapidly increase and are added to from the stable floor, the air and surequarily greaterials.

are added to from the stable floor, the air and surroundings generally, and a rapid fermentation of the manure results. Exeryone is familiar with the sharp, pungent, ammonia-cal odor, which is given off from an occupied horse stall if it has not been cleaned but for a day. This odor is given off from the manure, liquid and solid, through the rapid action of the ammonia is given off into the the ammonia is given off into the the ammonia is given off into the atmosphere it is lost, and so this acshould be prevented as far as

If the fresh manure is thrown into a pile and the pile is kept well pack-ed and moist the production of ammonia will not be so rapid as to be readily given off into the atmosphere. Most of it, as it is produced, will be seized upon by the nitrous bacteria and changed to nitrates, and these nitrates will be changed by the nitric bacteria into nicric acid and finally result in nitrates. It is the presence result in nitrates. It is the presence of these nitrates in well-rotted ma-nure that is largely responsible for well-rotted manure giving quicker returns than fresh manure when add-

ed to the soil.

Everyone who has had anything to do with horse manure will be fato do with horse manure will be familiar with the condition known as
fire fanging. This fire fanging
means loss, as it destroys the plant
food in the manure by a slow burning. The condition of fire fanging is
due to a rapid oxidation in fresh
manure induced primarily by the digesting bacteria. In order for this
to occur, there must be abundant
oxygen within the fresh manure pile.
This condition exists when the fresh This condition exists when the fresh manure is loosely packed and strawy. In such manure the bacteria will induce rapid oxidation, which causes a rise in temperature. The tempera-ture will continue to rise until eventually the bacteria which have started it are destroyed by the heat, and much of the manure rendered worthless. Therefore, to prevent fire fanging the manure pile should be kept well packed and moist for the purpose of excluding excessive quantities of air.

There is not the danger from fire

There is not the danger from fire fanging in cow manure or pig ma-nure that there is in horse manure, as these manures are naturally wet and compact. Mixture of these with horse manure, providing the whole is well packed, will thus reduce loss by fire fanging.

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Grooming Increases Cow Comfort and Makes for Clean Milk.

pasture period the animals of their own accord keep themselves clean.

The enthusiastic use of the brush and currycomb, supplemented by a moist cloth, as siege guns against dust and dirt, are good mediums for increased production, according to the opinions of progressive dairymen. clean coats and luxurious feelings of contentment induce increased pro-duction of milk. If you doubt the profits from grooming dairy cows, put it up to Bossie and her stable mates via the referendum-vote method.

From a sanitary standpoint, the densely matted, filthy and caked coat of the dirty cow is one of the main sources of contamination in milk. Filth dries on the body of the animal Filth dries on the body of the animal, and, unless it is removed previous to milking, a portion of it is likely to fall into the milk pail and carry undesirable bacteria with it. Hence, grooming cows is a fundamental safeguard against inferior, germ-laden milk. Where cows are groomed dally during their period of close confinement an attendant requires only about two or three minutes a cow to prepare and gloss up the animals as though for a banquet. On the other hand, it is difficult and time-consuming to clean off cows which have been

kept without grooming in a dirty stable. The commendable practice is to groom and clean the cows daily at such a time between the milking periods that there will be abundant opportunity for the dust put into cir-culation to settle so that it will not contaminate the milk as it is drawn from the cows. It is necessary for best results to wipe off the udder and flanks of each cow with a moist, clean cloth just before milking, in order to remove all the surface dust and dirt which has escaped the previous clean-up processes. It is recommended that dairymen exercise special care to provide plenty of ma-terial so that at all times they may use clean cloths in preparing the cows for milking, as too commonly the wiping cloth, unless carefully handled, becomes a source of contamination. It is also advisable to clip off the long hairs from udder and flanks of each cow.

Feeding Ensilage to Cows. Do not wait too long when files are bad and the weather is warm to open your silo and begin feeding ensilage to your cows. They will not only pay for their feed in the summer, but will be in much better condition in the winter months, to do better work.

Do not fail to have some sort of shade in the pastures if you wish your cows to do well in the hot summer months. A cow that has to fight flies in the sun all day will not give larger exturns in the nell at night large returns in the pail at night.

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