

The Farm.

Irrigation.

Unlike those sections where rain seldom falls, the farmers of the East need only supply their farms during periods when rains are not frequent, which does not compel them to construct large storage reservoirs, tanks of sufficient capacity being required only, and on some farms it has been demonstrated that more than a full supply of water can be thus obtained.

It must be admitted that the conformation of the land is to be considered, and there must consequently be some height to give pressure to the water. It must also have at least a slight decline in order to flow properly; but the tank can give pressure which is the main point. Water may be conducted along the heads of the rows by a ditch made with a plough, and a small furrow down the middle of the space between the rows permits the water to flow.

There is a form of irrigation by which short lengths of drain-tile are arranged in the soil at a depth only sufficient to escape the plough, keeping the tile as near the surface as possible, the drain-tile being connected with the water supply. The tiles need not be placed in the ground permanently, but in a manner so as to permit of their removal to any location desired.

When to Set Out Strawberries.

The best time in the whole year to set out strawberries is in July. If the soil has then been properly enriched, the new runners which always start when the plant has fruited quickly start out, and should be as quickly transplanted. They are much better for producing a crop than are the old plants, which are the only ones to be procured for spring planting.

winter has more or less dead roots on it. These not only do not help its growth, but they are a positive detriment to the future vigor of the vine. The otherwise unexplainable running out of old varieties and their becoming less and less productive is, we think, due to the presence of these decaying roots, which sap the vitality of the vine.

Horse Breeding.

There is one very disquieting side to the resumption of breeding horses on the part of farmers, and that is that for the last five years farmers have been selling their best animals, and they were the only ones that brought any kind of prices. The natural consequences have followed, and to-day many a farmer has the worst lot of scrub stock in the way of horse flesh that could fall to the lot of any country.

Good mares can be used for the farm work just as well as geldings, and those who have made a practice of using mares would not have geldings, as they claim that the mares are not only of higher intelligence, but can stand more work. The mares to be selected should be at least 15, 3, and 16 hands would be all the better.

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