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GOOD POLICY TO KEEP SHEEP ON THE FARM

Every Farmer Should Have His Own Flock—A Good Paying Proposition.

Every farmer should have a few sheep. Weeds do not need to be trimmed in a sheep pasture. It is almost impossible for weeds such as sow thistle and burdock to get any headway whatever when sheep are around. They will keep them trimmed to the ground, and none of them will get a chance to go to seed. Sheep are splendid for running over the stubble fields; they turn into money what would otherwise have gone to waste. They will even lick peas up off the ground. And, again, what would we do in this cold country of ours without woolen clothes?

Sheep furnish us with both food and clothing. Some say sheep are hard on pasture, and cattle will not pasture with them. Perhaps they are hard on pasture, but not nearly to the extent that some people think. A good many farmers do not have enough pasture for their other stock. Then, when it becomes short, if there are sheep around, the sheep get the blame for it. Of course sheep can graze closer than any other animal, and when pasture becomes short and dry, and there is very little growth, the sheep get ahead in the race.

It is a good policy to have a rough or an old pasture for the sheep. Keep them on this and by themselves until some of the harvest is off. Then they will feed on the stubble and not bother the pasture very much. It is not advisable to keep too many sheep, about 10 or 12 breeding ewes on the average 100-acre farm are enough; that is, where mixed farming is practiced.

Clover hay is the ideal feed for winter feeding. A feed of pea straw may be given once a day. If no clover hay is to be had, give some straw, half threshed, with a few turnips—not more than one fair-sized one to each ewe—with a little timothy once a day and a light grain feed each day. If any clover is being fed, then don't feed roots. They have a bad effect on the lambs. They will be very large and weak. Better save the roots until the lambs come, or until a few days before; they will help the milk supply. If the ewes plenty of exercise. Feed in the open on the snow or dry ground. Let them run out and in as they wish. They will care for themselves.

MEXICAN DEMAND FOR ALBERTA RED.

No question at the present time is of greater importance to the Alberta husbandman than the west as an outlet for Alberta's products. The province is now being fed by the west, and high freight charges as long as high freight charges as long as high freight charges are shipped eastward. Un- in this difficulty is overcome it will be impossible to compete with the grain raising districts on the American continent. Alberta is a province of profitable crop yields, but it is not possible to depend upon these yields to make up a vast difference in freight. If Alberta lands are to compete with other grain raising districts, says the "Farmer's Advocate," a permanent market is required.

The fact that not ten per cent. of last year's crop exported from Alberta went eastward, and this in the face of the fact that the western side of the continent should be considered as of some importance for the betterment of commerce. It is a fact that the western side of the continent should be considered as of some importance for the betterment of commerce. It is a fact that the western side of the continent should be considered as of some importance for the betterment of commerce.

HOG NOTES.

The large sow has strength in her to carry the litter till they can depend on their own feeding, and this without reducing her to a shadow. No matter how well bred the sow may be or how careful she is given to a good brood, unless she is mated to a good boar, the result will be a poor litter. It is a good policy to have a rough or an old pasture for the sheep. Keep them on this and by themselves until some of the harvest is off. Then they will feed on the stubble and not bother the pasture very much. It is not advisable to keep too many sheep, about 10 or 12 breeding ewes on the average 100-acre farm are enough; that is, where mixed farming is practiced.

HENS ENTER CONTEST.

The hens have apparently entered into the spirit of the egg-laying contest, and reports of the laying of exceptionally large eggs continue to come in. The latest report is from G. V. St. John, who owns a Black Minorca hen that has laid an egg nine inches long by six and a half inches, with a weight of four and a half ounces. This is the largest egg that has been reported. Surely the hens are making great efforts along the line of egg appreciation.

Chicago Wheat Market Closed Other Exchanges Weaker

Reports of Rain in Wheat Belt Influences American Markets—Winnipeg Easier—Liverpool Cables Lower.

World Office.
Tuesday Evening, April 5.
Liverpool wheat futures closed today 3/4 lower than yesterday; corn unchanged. May wheat at Winnipeg closed 1/2 lower. May oats unchanged.
Winnipeg receipts of wheat to-day were 221 cars, against 24 a week ago, and 121 a year ago; oats 14, 23; barley 14, 1, and 14 a year ago.
Duluth receipts of wheat to-day were 213 cars, against 242 a week ago, and 121 a year ago.
Minneapolis receipts of wheat to-day were 230 cars, against 150 a week ago, and 134 a year ago.

Ohio Crop Report.
The state crop report of Ohio for month of April places the condition of winter wheat at 81, against 80 in December and 82 in April last year. 4,700,000 bushels of the last crop is still in the producers' hands, compared with 4,600,000 bushels at this time a year ago.

European Visible Supply.
The European visible supply of wheat this week is 94,536,000 bushels, against 91,583,000 last week, a decrease of 2,953,000 bushels. Last week there was a decrease of 2,000,000 bushels, when the total was 78,100,000.

Foreign Crop Summary.
J. P. Bickell & Co. furnish the following summary of the foreign crop situation: United Kingdom—The crop already sown is showing a poor growth as the weather is unfavorable for germinating. It being too cold. The average is smaller than last year.
France—There are some complaints heard regarding some damage from vermin. The plant shows poor growth in some parts, and these complaints are in the wheat. The weather is cold for this season.

Germany—Some anxiety is being felt regarding the outlook for the plant, owing to the cold and unusually cold weather. Supplies of native wheat are rather small. There is an improved report of the crop outlook continues favorable, and weather seasonable.

Italy—There are no complaints heard regarding the outlook for cereals, although the weather continues wintry. Russia—in the southwest reports are varied, but mostly favorable. In the northeast reports are improving, owing to beneficial rains. Arrivals at the ports continue light, although interior stocks are reported to be low.

Hungary—The crop outlook continues favorable, the weather is cold, but there is plenty of snow covering.

Spain—A moderate improvement has been noted during the week as a result of good rains.

Argentina—The fleet at the ports loading the Argentine wheat, although the interior is still small and the quality inferior. Offerings of new crop wheat are very light and sellers are very firm.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The farmers are so busy seeding that there is not much business transacted with the St. Lawrence market. Two hundred bushels of oats, and a few loads of mixed products, are the only crops that are being marketed. Two hundred bushels of oats, and a few loads of mixed products, are the only crops that are being marketed.

Dressed hogs—Prices easier at \$12.25 to \$12.75, the bulk going at \$12.50.

Grain—Wheat, red, bush, \$1.10 to \$1.15; wheat, white, bush, \$1.10 to \$1.15; barley, bush, \$1.05 to \$1.10; oats, bush, \$1.00 to \$1.05; peas, bush, \$1.00 to \$1.05; beans, bush, \$1.00 to \$1.05.

SEEDS.

The following are the prices at which the Toronto seedmen are selling re-cleaned seed:

Red clover, best, bush, \$3.00 to \$3.10; red clover, choice, bush, \$3.00 to \$3.10; alfalfa, best, bush, \$2.75 to \$2.85; alfalfa, choice, bush, \$2.75 to \$2.85; timothy, best, bush, \$2.25 to \$2.35; timothy, choice, bush, \$2.25 to \$2.35.

85 CARS AT CITY YARDS GOOD CATTLE SOLD FIRM

Common Grades 15c Easier—Sheep, Lambs, Calves, Hogs—All Selling Lower.

The railways reported 85 carsloads at the City Yards, consisting of 1432 cattle, 1221 sheep, 311 sheep and 354 calves. The quality of cattle was fair to good. Trade was active at steady prices for the best grades, but the common were reported at 15c per cwt. lower.

Butchers.
Geo. Rowntree bought for the Harris Abattoir Company 230 cattle—best steers and heifers, 1500 to 1600 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 230 sheep, 100 to 120 lbs. each, at \$5.50; 230 calves, 425 to 525 lbs. each, at \$5.75.

Feeders and Stockers.
Harry Murby sold upwards of 100 stockers and feeders at prices ranging from \$4 to \$5.75 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.
A moderate supply of milkers and springers sold at steady prices, ranging from \$30 to \$35 each.

Veal Calves.
Nearly 400 veal calves at \$3 to \$7.50 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.
Sheep, best, at \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; spring lambs at \$3 to \$4 per cwt.

Hogs.
The general run of hogs sold at \$20.70, fed and watered, and \$20.40 f.o.b. cars.

Corbett & Hall sold: 13 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 5 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 10 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 10 butchers, 1100 lbs. each, at \$6.50.

McDonald & Halligan sold three loads of butchers' cattle at \$6.50 to \$6.75; cows at \$4.75 to \$5.

Samuel Chapple of Hamilton bought 60 sheep at \$4 per cwt.; 25 yearling lambs at \$3.50 per cwt.

Fred Rowntree bought 8 milkers at \$25 to \$30 each.

Winnipeg wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.12; No. 2 northern, \$1.10; track, lake ports; 1/2c over these prices with winter storage.

Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 1/2c; lake ports, No. 2, 1/2c; over these prices with winter storage; Ontario, No. 2, 1/2c at points of shipment.

Wheat—No. 2 mixed, or white, \$1.08; lake, nominal.

Barley—No. 2, 50c to 54c; No. 3, 51c; No. 4, 47c outside.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patent, \$2.70; second patent, \$2.50; strong bakers', 50c per cent; 28s 8d bid, c.i.f., Glasgow.

Corn—New, kiln-dried, 65c; new No. 2 yellow, 64c; Toronto freight; No. 2 yellow, 64c; new, 65c; c.i.f., Collingwood or Midland; kiln-dried, 64c.

Peas—No. 2, 70c to 75c, outside.

Ontario flour—Wheat flour for export, \$3.10 to \$3.15; Montreal for export opening of navigation, car lots, buyers' basis.

Toronto Sugar Market.
St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$3.20 per cwt., in barrels; No. 1 golden, \$4.80 per cwt., in barrels; Beaver, \$4.80 per cwt., in bags. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots no less. In 100-lb. bags, prices are 5c less.

1400 CATTLE AT UNION YARD BEST GRADES SELLING HIGH

Prices as Good as Any on Record—Hogs at \$9.90 Cwt., F.O.B. Cars.

Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards on Tuesday were 12 carsloads, consisting of 24 cattle, 127 hogs, 4 sheep and 11 calves. There were 1232 cattle left over from Monday, which with the 24 fresh arrivals, made 1456 cattle on sale to-day.

Trade was good with the general average of prices for exports never better in the history of the cattle trade in Canada. There never was a time in the history of the cattle trade, at which there was as many high priced export cattle as there was at Monday and Tuesday's markets.

The best grades of cattle sold at as high prices as ever, but the medium and finished were about the same as quoted in Monday's report.

Exporters.
E. L. Woodward bought for Swift & Co. 420 exporters as follows: 228 steers for London, 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.80; 20 bulls for London, 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.80; 100 steers for Liverpool, 1500 lbs. each, at \$6.80; 30 heifers, 1000 lbs. each, at \$6.40. These were average weights and prices.

Wm. Creelock bought 40 cattle for the D. B. Martin Co. at \$5.50 to \$6.10 for best, and \$5 to \$5.50 for common and medium.

McDonald & Halligan sold 17 loads of cattle, best exporters, averaging in weight from 1200 to 1500 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; medium exporters, from 700 to 1000 lbs. each, at \$6.25 to \$6.50; best butchers, \$5.25 to \$5.50; cows, from \$3.25 to \$5.

Coughlin & Co. sold: 14 exporters, 1249 lbs. each, at \$7.10; 8 exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at \$7.10; 12 exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 10 exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50; 10 exporters, 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50.

Maybes & Wilson sold on Monday and Tuesday 5 loads of exporters, weighing from 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 8 loads of butchers, from 800 to 1000 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 2 loads of cows, from 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 2 loads of cows, from 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Dunn & Leveck sold on Monday and Tuesday 1000 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 8 loads of butchers, from 800 to 1000 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 2 loads of cows, from 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75; 2 loads of cows, from 1000 to 1200 lbs. each, at \$6.50 to \$6.75.

Notwithstanding the fact that there were 2232 cattle on sale on Monday and Tuesday at these yards, still more exporters were wanted, as there were orders that could not be filled.

Rice & Whaley sold several loads of exporters at \$7 to \$7.10, and topped the market with one load at \$7.50, the highest price reported this week so far.

The hogs on sale at the Union Yards were sold by Rice & Whaley at \$9.90 f.o.b. cars at country points.

Dunn & Leveck sold four straight loads of exporters at \$7, and one load at \$7.25 per cwt.

R. Winters and P. Lamont, two brave cage dealers, did noble service in helping rescue children from the house burned on Sunday at the Union Yards.

CATTLE MARKETS

Hogs Lower and Active on Chicago and East Buffalo Markets.

Beaves—Receipts 280.
Calves—Receipts 523; market weak to 3c lower; veals, 5c to 5.50.

Hogs—Receipts 100; market 10c to 15c lower; choice heavy, \$10.70 to \$10.80; butchers, \$10.70 to \$10.75; light mixed, \$10.40 to \$10.45; choice light, \$10.50 to \$10.55; packing, \$10.50 to \$10.70; pigs, \$10 to \$10.30; sales, \$10.55 to \$10.70.

Sheep—Receipts 1200; market 10c lower; sheep, \$6.75 to \$6.75; lambs, \$7.50 to \$7.75; yearlings, \$7.50 to \$7.75.

Chicago Live Stock.
CHICAGO, April 2.—Cattle—Receipts 2200; market weak; steers, \$6.25 to \$6.50; cows, \$4.75 to \$5.25; calves, \$5 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 to \$5.25.

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