

Milch cows rule steady at from \$18 to \$20 each, the latter for choice quality. Veal calves are quoted at \$3 to \$5.50 per cwt., with very choice ones bringing \$6 per cwt.

The sheep market rules steady. Choice export ewes sell at from \$8 to \$6 per cwt., and bucks at \$4 to \$4.50. Common yearling lambs sell at \$3.50 to \$4.50, and grain-fed ones at \$4 to \$6.50 per cwt. Spring lambs bring \$3 to \$6 each.

The hog market has advanced considerably since last writing, the packers no doubt realizing that there is not the supply in the country and that next fall's crop will be light. Select bacon hogs, fed and weaned, are quoted at \$7.10, and lights and fats at \$6.85 per cwt.

HORSES.

The market is good for about all kinds of horses just now but they are hard to get in the country at this season of the year as farmers want them for work. Prevailing quotations here are as follows:—Workers, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs., \$150 to \$180; heavy drafters, 1,350 to 1,600 lbs., \$165 to \$225; expressers, \$150 to \$300, road-

sters, \$125 to \$200, matched pairs and carriage horses, \$300 to \$450, serviceable sound workers and drivers, \$75 to \$125.

A Farmer's Hog Pen

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feed, labor and young pigs, to say nothing of the saving of worry and disappointment. With what little knowledge I have of the subject, I will try to describe my idea of a convenient, simple hog-house, suitable to the average farmer's needs. I might say here also that if I were building now, I would follow this plan instead of the high and more costly building I put up.

In the first place select a suitable location, if possible a spot convenient to the other farm buildings, either naturally drained, or that can be conveniently drained. The winter sun should have access to the south and west of the building, and if it can be protected on the north either by other buildings, or shade trees, without interfering with the hogs getting to pasture in summer, so much the better. However, to have easy access to a pasture is really more necessary than the protection other buildings might give from north winds. If from the building access can be had to running water, it will be found of great advantage.

Having chosen a suitable location, well drained and an unobstructed south view, we must arrange for a building into which will be admitted as much sunlight (Nature's disinfectant) as possible. We must bear in mind, that it is chiefly on the floor of the pen and in the sleeping compartment, where we want the rays of the sun to shine, for as much of the winter day as is possible. (The sun can easily be shut out in summer by hanging a

curtain of sacking over the window.) The walls may be constructed of either frame, brick, cement, or logs, whatever material is most convenient, and best suits one's pocket, and of whatever degree of proof against frost the climate may require.

The following is a description of a building to accommodate three breeding sows and litters. The building, illustrations of which appear also, stands lengthwise east and west, with the large windows in upper part on south side. It is 44 feet long, by 10 ft. wide inside, allowing for four pens 9 feet wide and to feet deep, one room for feed mixing and storage, 5 ft. by 10 ft., and a passage way 5 ft. in the clear, running full length, and 1 ft. for trough. There is a door at each end of this passage, one for main entrance, where the feed-room is. At the other door a loading chute is placed for loading and unloading hogs. The wall at the north side is 6 ft. high, and the part at the front of feed troughs is 11 ft. high. The south wall proper is 6 ft. high, thus leaving a clear space of 4 ft. between the two roofs on the south side for windows.

There should be in this space in a pen 44 ft. long, at least six windows, 2½ ft. by 3 ft. These will allow the sun to shine into the pens, instead of into the passage, as would be the case if the windows were in the lower part of south wall. A few windows should also be placed in the lower wall, to permit of ventilation.

It will be noticed that there is no loft of any kind in the building. The rafters may be lined on the inside for warmth, but no straw nor feed should be stored above the hogs. Straw, chaff or dust form a harbor for disease germs, and are responsible for much disease and loss among hogs. There should be one ventilator for

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