

Helps for Spring Work.

CULTIVATING THE GARDEN.

In a well-ordered garden there is a multiplicity of crops in all stages of growth. Hence it is almost impossible to lay down any rules for cultivation.

Profitable gardening depends on observing one general rule, namely, economize all the time and labor possible. A lady was showing me her garden. We came to a radish bed about 6x10 ft.

When I was a boy I plowed corn with a single shovel and when I plowed three acres a day father said it was a very big day's work.

When a Tree Is Planted, pack the earth solid around the root, using something to tramp the earth, but do not bruise the roots.

Pea Beans Higher—Prices are up 5¢ 10¢ p bu after a period of dullness, stocks small, country offerings meager.

Money in Circulation—The per capita circulation of gold, silver and paper money is now \$26 12, the largest on record and compared with 21 53 four years ago.

Eggs for Choice Trade should be gathered at least once a day, and if possible twice a day, morning and afternoon.

Wyoming—The Carbon Co wool growers' ass'n has leased 1,000,000 a of grazing lands of the U P R R at 1¢ p a for 5 yrs.

Cultivate, hoe or rake around plants at once after setting and every few days thereafter throughout the season.

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCE MARKETS AT A GLANCE

The highest quotations of wholesale prices for standard grades of farm produce in the leading markets of the world on the dates named, poorer stuff lower.

Table with columns for various commodities (Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.) and markets (Boston, New York, Chicago, etc.) with corresponding prices.

Business Side of Farming.

ACTIVITY IN LIVE STOCK.

No fault can be found with the live stock markets as a whole. Receipts are liberal at all western points and fairly plentiful at Buffalo, Pittsburg, etc.

Western cattle are helped by the good demand for export account, our shipments of dressed beef during the past nine months being 247 million lbs. compared with 197 millions same period a year earlier.

WATCHING CROP PROSPECTS.

The produce markets, so far as the cereals are concerned, are fairly steady but lacking in special activity. Grain speculators are very much interested in crop outlook and owing to the generally favorable situation and lack of crop scares, support is not pronounced.

Farmers in the older sections of the country view with curiosity and interest the probable outcome of remarkably high prices governing such western specialties as broom corn and flaxseed.

than probable that the cotton acreage in the south will be very large, stimulated by past winter's good prices.

Butter for Foreign Markets—During the past nine months we have exported 15,582,000 lbs butter, or substantially the same as a year ago.

Country Potato Shippers have been disappointed over city prices. These have continued weak under liberal offerings.

Now for Quality—This is what counts during May in the trade in fresh vegetables and fruits. With abundant supplies at every distributing market, quotations are often nominal, prices covering a very wide range.

Southern Strawberries are very plentiful in northern markets and the first of May will find liberal shipments from southern Ill, the Ohio valley and Del peninsula.

Egg Coolers are now fairly well filled, enormous numbers having gone into storage the last four weeks. This demand has prevented demoralization in prices, especially with consumption so excellent.

The World's Crop of Wheat, according to the dept of agri, was 2745 million bu in '99, against 2921 in '98, 2237 in '97, 2506 in '96, and 2593 millions in '95.

Average Price of Hogs—Taking Chicago as a basis, this was \$5 55 for a recent week against 4 25 corresponding period a year ago and 3 80 two years ago.

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