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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

CELLAR FOR SILO-CHESS. 1. I would like very much if you would kindly advise me in the matter of a silo. Would a root cellar, floored and double lined all around, answer the purpose, with proper ventilation. Would it be better without ventilation, or would it be too warm ?

2. I would like to know if the readers of "The Farmer's Advocate" are under the impression that damaged fall wheat will grow chess, or will it grow chess under any circumstances? D. S. Ans.-1. A root cellar would not be satisfactory as a silo under any conditions. It is necessary that about an inch and a half of silage be removed each day to prevent loss from spoiling, and the average root cellar has too much surface to permit of this. Besides, to make the best silage, it is necessary to get the material ensiled thoroughly packed and settled. This can only be accomplished in an upright structure of comparatively small diameter. Trouble would be found in preventing molding in silage in a cellar. The project is not feasible. Air must be excluded, thus ventilation is impracticable. Better build a silo.

2. Some people believe that when wheat is winter - killed, much of it turns to "chess," or "cheat," as it is sometimes called. This is not the case. Wheat never produces chess, and to get it, it must be sown. When the wheat kills out, the chess, being hardier, usually survives, and stools or tillers greatly because of the abundance of sunshine and plant food it gets. This leads many to believe that it is wheat, changed through

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