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Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

## Wood

What kinds of wood are hard wood ? D. L.

Ans .- There are several which are generally conceded to be hard wood, as maple, the various varieties of beech. birch, oak, etc. These are the commoner ones. Of course, there are others, but they are not usually sold for wood.

## Potatoes for Cows.

Will you tell me whether it hurts cows to feed raw potatoes? They are coming in in March and April.

W. J. H.

Ans .-- A moderate quantity of raw potatoes, fed sliced or pulped to avoid danger of choking, are considered good for cows, and favorable for milk production. A gallon once a day, or perhaps even twice a day, after the cows had become accustomed to them, should produce no unfavorable effect. Potatoes for hogs should be cooked.

Rape-Lawn Grass-Potatoes

1. Am going to sow some rape for pigs to pasture on in the spring. Should it get its full growth before turning them on it, or is it injurious to them at any time?

2. If sown in April, in a favorable season, how long before it would be fit for pasture ?

3. My lawn seems to have been eaten out in places by some insect, and the grass did not do well last year. It is a rich, sand knoll. How would it be best for me to re-seed without plowing? 4. Would seed potatoes that have wintered through without sprouting, be good to plant this spring? A good many of my potatoes have a dry rot, which you cannot distinguish until they are cut open. S. H.

Ans .-- 1 and 2. The best time to sow rape is early in June. Of course, it might do well in a favorable season sown in April. Some sow it in the spring with a grain crop, to be pastured off after the grain is removed. If sown alone, it will be ready to pasture, or to cut and feed off, in about six to eight weeks.

8. This looks like the work of the white grub. If so, you will have considerable trouble. Get a lawn mixture and sow it on the lawn early in spring, and rake it in if you decide not to plow it up. Top dress it with well-rotted manure.

4. Avoid planting the potatoes with the rot. It might be advisable to get new seed. At least, before planting, be sure the potatoes are sprouting.



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