

THE BEE.

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The Weather and Corn Planting

There has been altogether too much rain of late for the successful planting of corn, especially on heavy, low lands. The consequence is the planting has been deferred and farmers are beginning to be anxious about this crop. There is no use putting in corn if the weather is cold and wet, for the kernel is sure to rot, and replanting has to be resorted to. If the weather is favorable there is time yet from the 5th to the 10th of June, but of course a few days before this is better if the weather is favorable. Corn requires warmth, and if the spring is a cold and wet one, as at present, some means to dry and warm the ground should be employed. The best mode of doing this is by ridged-cultivation until the ground gets sufficiently warm and dry. Level cultivation, however, is advisable except in the cold, wet part of the spring. It is well to fertilize well before planting, but it has been discovered that the use of fertilizers after planting, in addition to that used before planting, increases the yield in a greater ratio than that used before planting only. About 300 lbs. of some good fertilizer to the acre applied after planting will increase the yield from fifteen to thirty bushels to the acre. It is best to apply it about three times—100 lbs. at a time. The first application should be made after the corn is a foot or a foot and a half high, and the second application about half way between this time and the silking time, and the third application about the time the silks are well started. If this manuring be followed corn planted next week (the second in June) will make more progress than an unmanured crop planted a week or ten days earlier.

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