

FOR FARMERS, STOCK BREEDERS AND GARDENERS

FUR FARMING and ITS ACTIVITIES

THE MATING SEASON

The mating season is now with us and this period is said to extend from the middle of January to the first of April...

The routine work should be done as usual and regularity in care and feeding is important...

Breeding at this time is important. If the breeding flocks have been on a rather reduced diet for the past few weeks it is usually a good plan to begin to gradually increase the food at this time...

Four or five ounces of liver once a week or a raw egg as indicated above will supply the important element...

THE MILK OF THE VIXEN

How many ranchers know that the milk of the vixen contains over twenty-five times as much calcium and twenty times as much phosphorus as the milk of the human being...

Apple Spray Effects

Results of the study of storage samples of McIntosh, Stark, Northern Spy, and Golden Pippin apples, showed that flavour, as palatability, is influenced by a change in the sucrose and total sugar content of the fruit...

A Veal Marketing Opportunity

As this season of the year, and from now on, it will be a common experience on the farm to have a number of young calves arriving in the case of a considerable number of individual arrivals it will be an easy matter to settle their destiny...

The Live Stock Marketing Board has been giving consideration to this matter, and there is a ray of hope that a dollar can be made out of the surplus calf crop...

This unusual demand for mineral must be met, for it controls the destiny of the litter. A lack of mineral in the vixen often means thin, short-haired pups...

If you have read my article on fur farming in The Guardian of March 3rd you will note that calcium is found in milk, cheese, eggs, bone, molasses, turnip and lettuce...

DISTEMPER AND INFLUENZA

Fox Farming has many hazards and the alert and thoughtful rancher must be prepared at all times to meet them as occasion requires...

Generally speaking the great hazard of fox farming is represented by the general term "epidemic disease" broadly speaking it may be said that the occasional epidemics occurring upon fox farms may be termed fox distemper and influenza...

Of course it is not always possible to spread fox pens out so as to isolate any particular group, and in this way preclude direct transmission from pen to pen...

SYMPTOMS ARE VARIED

Wide variations attended the symptoms and in the diseased animals appeared similar to those of a dog suffering from a distemper, and in the extreme variations of symptoms, also, the disease simulated dog distemper...

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Plants breeding in the past has been a lottery; even where the breeder planned his crosses, and recorded the parent in order to check the results of the experiment with his expectations...

Raspberry Plantations

Where manure is not applied to raspberry plantations until the spring, a cover crop is also advisable to prevent too late growth of cane...

Poppy, larkspur and bachelor button seeds, as the Frost is out

Bruised and Injured Hogs Cultivation of Small Fruits

Recently, we received a letter from a maritime packing concern stating that 84 per cent of the hogs contained in certain shipments were so badly bruised that the dressed carcasses had to be relegated to an inferior grade of product...

A hog at marketing age is still very tender and easily injured and when subjected to abusive treatment at time of shipment is sure to carry evidence of such treatment to the packing house...

Science Improves Sweet Corn

Science has entered plant breeding, which for centuries has been carried on by more or less haphazard methods, and the first commercial important success by true scientific methods has been attained in the sweet corn family...

Small Fruits Outlet

A comparatively recent innovation, which may be expected to reach large proportions, is the merchandising of fresh-frozen strawberries...

Handy Garden Insecticide

Pyrethrum, which poisons sucking insects, is obtained in the form of a pale brown to yellowish powder and consists of the pulverized flower heads of certain chrysanthemum species...

Sheep Raising Opportunity

Sheep production has fluctuated within narrow limits during the past five years. Decreases have occurred in some provinces, while others the number of sheep has increased...

Apple Scald in Storage

Scald has been one of the most difficult troubles that has had to be contended with in the cold storage of apples...

STRAWBERRIES

Strawberry plants will not thrive on ground which is covered with water for any length of time during early spring or late winter...

Strawberries do well on a variety of soils, but a rich, moderately light loam is preferred. A heavy application of manure should be made at planting time...

The blossoms should be kept picked off, the first season. A few trips through the patch to place runners in the ground will be necessary...

Meat Curing Materials

The principal ingredient of all meats for curing is salt. The Dominion Department of Agriculture, Meats, can be successfully cured with salt alone but not without it...

Wheat Feed For Livestock

As long as a wheat surplus persists in Canada, farmers should consider the possibility of marketing lower grades of wheat through the medium of livestock...

Controlling Smut Diseases of Grain

The particular chemical to use for treating cereals is formalin. For wheat smut, formalin is used in the form of a solution...

Pure Food Guarantee

For years Canadian meat products have an enviable place in the markets of Great Britain, in the other countries of Europe, and, indeed, in all countries of the world...

After planting, give the plantation a thorough cultivation with a fine-toothed cultivator. Continue cultivation at frequent intervals throughout the season...

After the ground is well frozen in winter, apply a covering of straw, a light coat that will not lie heavily in sufficient. This covering should be removed in early spring...

Defrosting Frozen Fruit

With regard to the successful production by the Central Experimental Farm of frozen strawberries on sale in Ottawa last season, the product is of great importance...

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NEWSY NOTES

BY AGRICOLA

FLODDEN FIELD (5)

King James was greatly beloved by the Scottish people, and they could scarcely believe he had fallen; in fact, several romantic stories got abroad that the King had escaped from the field, and crossed the Tweed in the twilight with four horsemen...

Such was the outcome of the last great battle between the two nations; but not until the union of the crowns did the border warfare cease...

New Varieties Of Fruit And Flowers

The following applications for the recording of new varieties were ordered to be recorded at the recent meeting of the Plant Registration and Orchard Committee of the Canadian Horticultural Council...

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