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Home, Farm and Fireside

From Farm Exchanges.

SWEET POTATOES

I have about three acres of new land that I am thinking of planting in sweet potatoes, but I am told that the land is too rich, and that the potatoes will crack and mold and not keep well, and have been advised to use old thin land, with 200 or 300 pounds of commercial fertilizer an acre. What causes the potato to crack, and what do you know of the Early Triumph potato?

If you will give the new land about 500 pounds of acid phosphate an acre in the furrows and bed on that, you can make good potatoes, as this will balance the nitrogen in the soil. If you plant the old thin land, do not stop with 200 to 300 pounds of fertilizer, but be liberal with it. Give it about 500 to 600 pounds of fertilizer running 2-8-10, and you will make potatoes. Or you can come near enough to this by mixing 1,000 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate, 400 pounds of sulphate of potash, 350 pounds of cottonseed meal, and 50 pounds of nitrate of soda.—Progressive Farmer.

EGGS THAT NEVER HATCH

This is the kind to be avoided in selecting eggs for our sitters. The hatching season is here, and early chickens are valuable, and so every egg we put under the hen, or in the incubator should have strong fertility and more than an equal chance of hatching.

It often happens that the stock is so inbred that the fertility is weak, and a large per cent of the eggs will not hatch. This evil can be overcome by introducing roosters not akin to the hens in the breeding flocks.

Eggs from inactive and over-fatted hens are always weak, and many are not suitable for setting. The way to help this is to feed the hens less, and make them exercise in scratching for what they get to eat. In fact, this is one of the fancier's stock—it is pampered and fed too much to be in a good, active and healthy condition.

Old eggs, and eggs that have been lying in the same position are largely infertile. In such eggs the air chamber is very large, which indicates their inferior condition. The way to avoid such is to inspect each egg carefully, holding it between the thumb and forefinger, close to a strong light, and rejecting all in which the air-chamber is larger than a dime, for fresh, sound eggs have a small air chamber in the big end of them.

Again, eggs from hens infested with mites and other parasites hatch poorly because the hens are feverish and restless. Such hens do not lay many eggs.

A fat, over-weight rooster in a mating will cause a large number of infertile eggs. The male bird should also be forced to work for his living so as to keep him in good condition.

Finding a new nest of eggs and setting them, is taking chances, unless they are properly tested, for the chances are some of them are too old to hatch well.—Progressive Farmer.

POOR LAND AND FERTILIZERS

My land is a sandy gray soil and will not make over 20 bushels of corn or 150 pounds of cotton lint without fertilizing. I want to use one ton an acre of yard and stable manure in the furrow, as I have not enough to spread broadcast. I want to mix a fertilizer that will run about three per cent ammonia, 10 per cent phosphoric acid and five per cent potash for cotton and corn. Please suggest formula.

You can come close enough to what you want by mixing 1,200 pounds of acid phosphate, 600 pounds of tankage and 200 pounds of muriate of potash to make a ton. It will pay to use this liberally on cotton, both in the drill and down the middles, half and half, for cotton roots run far and wide. It will increase the corn crop, and the increase will cost about all it is worth. You can not make corn cheaply by depending on a complete fertilizer mixture. The best way to make corn profitably is to run the farm in a rotation that will give you a crimson clover winter cover to turn for corn. Then grow plenty of pea vine hay and feed it to stock and get more manure, so that you can give the clover a cover of manure in the winter, and this and the clover turned under will make more corn than any fertilizer you can put on poor land. If your land is poor, and you have owned it for years, whose fault is it that it keeps poor? Gambling with fertilizers will never make it rich, while with good farming you can get it into a high state of fertility and productiveness. I would like to live long enough for farmers to be ashamed to say that the land they owned for years is poor.—Progressive Farmer.

Missionary Notes

BY THE SOCIETY.

Do missions pay? I shall endeavor to give a few instances that will prove beyond a doubt that missions pay. I've an article from Bishop W. R. Lambuth. He says that one morning as the fog was lifting on Congo, in Africa, the first thing that arrested his attention was the singing from fifty-eight black throats of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The song ended; he saw every head bowed and the leader in the midst stood with arms folded and upturned face making intercession for themselves and for Bishop Lambuth and his party of missionaries. Bishop Lambuth said his heart was deeply touched when he heard him pleading for "Kabergali" (his African name) and his six missionaries. Help them to go quickly, O Nzambe (God), for our people die and do not know Jesus.

Dr. Morrison on examining some of the candidates for baptism asked one if she could forgive those who might treat her badly. She replied, "I trust I may be able, when the time comes, to do so by the grace of Jesus Christ."

What better reply could anyone make?

Southwestern Reflections

(Contributed by Development Bureau)

Every farmer should plant an abundance of sweet potatoes, for they are good things to have, even though the market should not be able to take them.

Those potatoes that the slothful farmer planted for the early market, but didn't get them in the ground in time, will make the finest sort of feed for hogs, provided the hogs are permitted to harvest them. A real farmer can't very well afford to do work that a pig can do so much better than he can do it. It isn't a good business proposition.

But with your commercial crop ready for the early market the first of August, those you need for home consumption, for seed for yourself and to sell to the thriftless farmer who didn't save any seed, may be allowed to mature; and the hogs should harvest the balance.

Have you sowed lespedeza in your oats yet? If you haven't, do so before the end of March. It requires but a short time to sow the seed—no plowing, disking or harrowing necessary, and you can make another profitable crop on your land. Lespedeza in Southwest Louisiana is a mortgage lifter, and the man who pretends to be a farmer and is without it, owes an apology to his live stock.

Sow lespedeza in your oats this month.

Now, about your corn seed. Prof. Kidder, of the State Agricultural College, at Baton Rouge, and Secretary of the State Corn Growers' Association, has sent out letters warning farmers of the low germinating qualities of the average corn seed this season. Even where corn looks to be sound, Prof. Kidder says that in many instances it is bad, hence the only safe way is to test it.

It will be tested free by the State College, but Prof. Kidder gives the following rule for testing at home: "Take several soup plates or pie pans, fill them nearly full of loose earth, and cover the kernels with a thin layer of soil. Cover the pans to prevent the escape of the moisture, and keep them in a room where the temperature will not go very low.

Don't fail to plant plenty of corn, plant only selected seed and either test it yourself, or have it tested at Baton Rouge.

Grand Coteau Notes.

Grand Coteau, Mar. 5.—Rev. F. X. Twelmeyer, S. J., vice president of St. Charles College preached on "Sin" on Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Church. In spite of the inclemency of the weather a large congregation was present.

Two cement sidewalks leading to the Catholic Church from Church Street are being constructed. It will not be many days before the work will be completed.

Mr. Fred Mouton left Tuesday to spend the day in Lafayette.

Miss Virginia Mouton returned from Lafayette Saturday after a short stay with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Des Mizzi and daughter, Edna May, of Opelousas, were here a few days this week.

Mrs. A. Chaussier returned this week from New Orleans.

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