

POINTS ON CATTLE FEEDING

EXPERIENCE OF M. GILLILAN, OF MINNESOTA

Interesting Details as to Methods Pursued—No Set Rules for Feeding—One Object is to Improve Blood of Cattle in His Neighborhood—Shelter for Animals Whenever Needed.

The subject of feeding cattle is one of increasing interest in Minnesota, and the Northwest generally. It is a growing industry and every one engaged in it has his individual experience to record. Much depends for success upon the quality of the feed which is used, and some undoubtedly make more than others in the work. I will give the experience of M. Gillilan, the well known farmer, on a large scale, in this state, as contained in the Orange Journal Farmer. Mr. Gillilan, as will be seen by his statement, has gone about the business methodically and with a double purpose in view. The first is, of course, to make money. The second is to improve the industry along lines with special reference to the production of high class beef cattle. His remarks, therefore, are especially instructive, as well as interesting. They are as follows:

I feed about 300 head of steers each year, shipping them to Chicago when they approach the yearling age, usually in prime condition, and most of them are bought for export. I usually buy the calves when five or eight months old, weighing from 100 to 150 lbs. They are about half or three-quarters Short-horn. For my own part, I would prefer feeding Friesian and Jersey cows and calves as I consider them harder. I began thirteen years ago with the Angus cattle, but it was not until I had a fair amount of experience that I was able to make a good thing of it. I have since then been feeding Angus, and have been successful in raising a number of calves that will bring me from \$25 to \$35 each. Cattle of this grade are worth four times as much as the common grade when they are sold at the slaughter house. I can get good feed for my calves at a cost of \$1.00 per head, and they will bring me \$25.00 when they are sold at the slaughter house. I have been successful in raising a number of calves that will bring me from \$25 to \$35 each. Cattle of this grade are worth four times as much as the common grade when they are sold at the slaughter house. I can get good feed for my calves at a cost of \$1.00 per head, and they will bring me \$25.00 when they are sold at the slaughter house.

Wheat

Wheat—Chicago reports free selling by packers at low figures, although country hides are not given. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

Wool

Wool—Asain a goodish rush of large sales at Boston, amounting to three big transactions of 700,000 lbs. each, and one of 500,000 lbs. of 70-cent quality. The three big lots were sold at 10.50, 10.25 and 10.00, for four weeks 21,919,200 lbs. of which 12,311,400 lbs. were of 70-cent quality. The other 9,607,800 lbs. were of 60-cent quality. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

Dry Goods

Dry Goods—Business in the primary market for dry goods has not been satisfactory in volume during the past week. There has been no general advance in prices for any of the goods. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

Cotton

Cotton—There are no accumulations of cotton in the market. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

Woolen Goods

Woolen Goods—There have been few additions during the week to the new lines of light weight wools previously upon the market. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

Wheat was Higher

Decrease in Visible Supply and a Rally in Corn the Causes.

WHEAT SUMMARY. Prev. Close. 62c 61-1/2c. September, Minneapolis, 62c 61-1/2c. September, Chicago, 61c 60-1/2c. September, New York, 61c 60-1/2c.

THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

It is set forth in a bulletin on the sheep industry, as a whole, was never in a more prosperous condition than it is at the present time. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

WOOL CLIP OF 1898

The following statement shows the wool clip of 1898. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

ST. PAUL GRAIN

Quotations on grain, hay, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., grain and seed merchants. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

NEW YORK. Flour—Receipts, 19,000 bbls.; exports, 10,000 bbls. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

DISPOSITION OF STOCK

Am. Tobacco, 121 1/2; Am. Spirits, 121 1/2; Am. Oil, 121 1/2. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

AMONG THE SHIPPERS

The following shippers were on the market for export. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

ST. PAUL PRODUCE

Eggs are firmer—Light Supply and Much Interior Quality. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN

Wheat—Receipts, 1,000,000 bushels. The market is generally quiet, especially for medium and fine medium wool.

GENERAL TRADE CONDITIONS

Four weeks from Boston actual shipments in 1892, 331,259 in 1893, 331,259 in 1894, 331,259 in 1895, 331,259 in 1896, 331,259 in 1897, 331,259 in 1898, 331,259 in 1899, 331,259 in 1900, 331,259 in 1901, 331,259 in 1902, 331,259 in 1903, 331,259 in 1904, 331,259 in 1905, 331,259 in 1906, 331,259 in 1907, 331,259 in 1908, 331,259 in 1909, 331,259 in 1910, 331,259 in 1911, 331,259 in 1912, 331,259 in 1913, 331,259 in 1914, 331,259 in 1915, 331,259 in 1916, 331,259 in 1917, 331,259 in 1918, 331,259 in 1919, 331,259 in 1920, 331,259 in 1921, 331,259 in 1922, 331,259 in 1923, 331,259 in 1924, 331,259 in 1925, 331,259 in 1926, 331,259 in 1927, 331,259 in 1928, 331,259 in 1929, 331,259 in 1930, 331,259 in 1931, 331,259 in 1932, 331,259 in 1933, 331,259 in 1934, 331,259 in 1935, 331,259 in 1936, 331,259 in 1937, 331,259 in 1938, 331,259 in 1939, 331,259 in 1940, 331,259 in 1941, 331,259 in 1942, 331,259 in 1943, 331,259 in 1944, 331,259 in 1945, 331,259 in 1946, 331,259 in 1947, 331,259 in 1948, 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