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### Handling Sweet Potatoes.

Probably a native Florida farmer would feel insulted if we were to insinuate that he needed any instruction about the harvesting and caring for his crop of sweet potatoes. Yet there is no doubt many of our readers who do not feel such extreme confidence in their own knowledge and skill and who will welcome some information as to the best methods from an expert, as given by a writer in the Progressive Farmer:

Some months ago I said I would give my plan to keep sweet potatoes. As it is now about time to dig them, it may do some one a good deed.

I take a turn plow and drag off the vines, haring them off shallow, at the same time plowing them up with the same plow, going deep enough not to cut them. In this way it throws them out, so they can be found without much trouble. Put three rows together, being careful not to pitch them so far as to bruise them against one another. Then I take small sacks (corn or meal feed sacks,) and go over the rows and pick up the large ones, two hands to the sack. In this way they will not be bruised, the sack not being too full.

Then go back and take up the plantings in the same way filling the sacks full as can be handled. They, being small, will not bruise like the large ones. Let the sacks be small and slazy just so they will hold to place in the hill, these being the sorriest ones with no kainit or salt about them—though I have used kainit sacks where they had been washed by rains or hand. Then form the hill around the sacks that I set in the middle with loose potatoes and on top. This shapes up my hill. The sacks give ventilation.

I hill on high, elevated land, if I can, where it is deep sand, putting straw about two inches deep, dirt about the same, leaving a place on top about as large as my hat with no dirt. Have the straw about four inches thick right on the top; then make a hole with my hand through to the potatoes and leave them so all winter. I can go along every day and run my hand in and see if my potatoes are sound or not.

Then I go to work and build a shelter over them to keep the dirt dry. I built my shelter some years ago and have used it ever since. By this plan you see I keep my place dry year in and year out. In spring, remove all rotten ones so as not to infest the land with the rot. My shelter is ten feet wide, thirty-two feet long, four feet high behind and seven in front, fronting the east, boarding up the back and north end, edge to edge front and

south end just enough to keep out the stack, knocking down the front for hilling and taking up. I take off about two behind to get dirt to hill or throw out in taking up plantings. Well, let's go back to the field. Now I use a one-horse wagon with body on. I don't put them in like they are rocks or corn. I set them in with care not to bruise and go to the hill and pour them out as carefully as I can. Now in this way I have handled my potatoes as few times as it can well be done.

Dig after first frost, a fair day, and let dry good.

As to marketing potatoes, well, I'm not a big farmer and I know there are others that can write more interestingly how to cultivate than I can, but if this does not go to the waste basket I may try to say something later about cultivating them.

I sold a few potatoes last year that I kept up with—126 bushels. They brought me \$100. I got them off about an acre; fed the small ones to my hogs. I sold this year 108 bushels for \$85.

I handle my potatoes one bushel to the sack, then have no trouble any more to measure them where my customer wants a bushel.

I have them clean and not skinned up and good measure.

Now reader, if you try next year to raise potatoes, don't try to plant your whole crop of potatoes and make a failure like the man I saw mentioned in The Progressive Farmer some years ago did, and say your land won't make them.

### Heifer vs. Steer Beef.

A correspondent of the Southern Planter makes the following comparison between the two kinds of beef.

I read with much interest the articles from your correspondents, and, in fact, everything from cover to cover of your most helpful paper, and was especially interested in Prof. A. M. Soule's article in the March number on Feeding Investigations at the Virginia Experiment Station, and think, as he does, that this work should have the support of every farmer in Virginia.

In regard to the part, "Steer vs. Heifer Beef," would say that the only reason that the steer has the preference in this section is, as in many other things, the buyers have found they can put up this talk, making the seller believe it, thereby obtaining the best for the least money. It has been my privilege and pleasure to eat "steak" at Billy Boyles, in Chicago, and other places of like fame in this particular, where they claim they have been on ice for from six weeks to six months, but I never knew what good "steak" was until spending a season with Miller & Lux Company, of Mexico, Texas, California, Idaho, Oregon, and, in fact, everywhere, as it is said they turn off more beef than any other concern during a season. While with this company I made a drive of 425 miles, in company with thirteen other cowboys. We started with 1,000 head, and whenever the meat got low in our cook wagon the boss would tell us to kill something, and I noticed that every time the boys picked a two or three-year-old heifer, after eating which I knew well enough why they did it, and I know, too, that if a buyer should go to Miller Lux or any other large cattle raiser in the West and tell them the heifers were not as good beef as the steer, they would be told to "go back to the States" and learn their A. B. C.'s in beefology. They are nearly all brought to a perfect condition on the range in the West, but if so on the range, why can't they be made equally as good as the steer by stall feeding?



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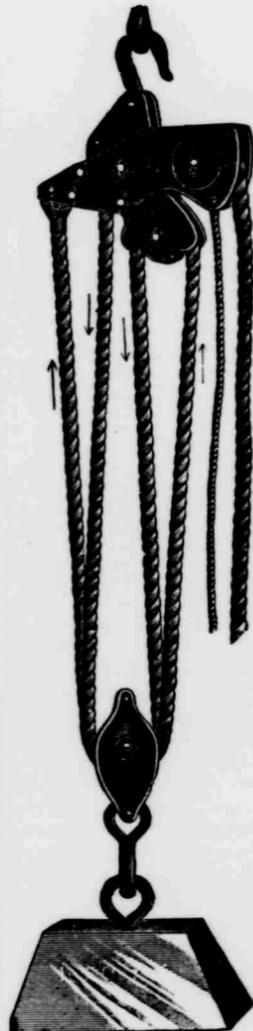
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