CORN STOVER-A GOOD FEED FOR LIVE STOCK.

Valuable For Several Rea sons

West Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 27. -Scover has its chief value for feeding those animals at light work, those being fattened slowly, and for those being simply maintained through the winter months. The majority of farmers probably do not realize that it contains a considerable part of the total nutrients of the corn crop. As a rule, about one half the total weight of the corn crop is found in the ear, the other half being the stalk and leaves. About 75 per cent of the digestible protion is in the ear and about 25 per cent in the stover. When all the nutrients are taken together the ear furnishes about 60 to 65 per cent of the digestible nutrients and the stover . rom 35 to 40 per cent.

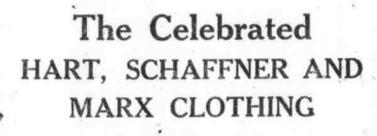
Stover is not so well suited for animals which are being fattened rapidly or those which are giving large quantities of milk although, with these kinds of animals, it is so valuable that the farmer cannot afford to disregard it.

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In some work done at the Iredell Branch Station, stover was found to be exceptionally valuable in feeding stockers which were being carried over the winter when fed in conjunction with corn silage. The Massachusetts Station, as a result of four years experiments, found that moderately thin yearling steers lost only 33 pounds per head when wintered on whole corn stalks or corn stover alone Corn stover will, therefore, furnish nearly a maintenance ration for animals which are merely being carried through the cold months. In some trials at the Nebraska Station, two year-old steers, fed one half alfalfa hay plus one half corn stover, did nearly as well as those fed clear alfalfa hay, similar amounts of grain being fed in both cases. Trinks at the New Hampshire Station show that shredded corn stover may be considered a good substitute for timothy for winter feeding of horses when fed with concentrates. In some trials conduc ed at the Wisconsin Station, where corn stover was fed to some milk cows, it was found that 42 pounds of stover was somewhat superior to 1312 pounds of good mixed hay. In a second trial it was found that 111-2 pounds of clover hay produced somewhat more than 33.3 p ands of corn stover. Reduced to tons, it was found that one ton of mixed clover and timothy hay was worth three tons of corn stover, and that one ton of clover was somewhat superior to three tons of corn stover. The hays were fed in conjunction with good grains. A few years ago the Missouri Station conducted a series of experiments to determine the value of corn stover for getting yearling steers through the cold months. It was found, in brief, that one ton of timothy hay, when fed to young aniquals of to the people of larger and more this kind, was worth about three tons of corn stayer a man each is the sole fead. Of course, when young animals of this sort are fed corn storer a small ration of cattonseed meal should be used as a supplement. - DAN T. GRAY, Chief, Division of Animal Industry.

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