

Necessary to the Success of the Hog. Many Experiments Have Shown

and night, manufacturing the best quality of meat from corn and grass. Those who have tested feeds in making pork tell us that twelve bushels of corn are required to produce 100 pounds of pork under average conditions. Very often here in the south, than amount of corn sells for more than the 100 pounds of pork. Today if you are fortunate enough to have twelve bushels of corn it can be converted instantly into twelve dollars, while one hundred pounds of pork will bring only ten at the best.

This condition of affairs has started a long game of Hide and Seek. Much experimenting with the various southern grown plants such as peanuts, soy beans,

rye, oats, and rape, has revealed the well-known facts that these articles of diet are not only relished by the porker, but may be served him in such a manner in combination with corn as to cause the two dollar difference to come to the man who boards the hog. Pork can be and is made every day that costs much less than the twelve bushels of corn do.

To show how accommodating he really can be, our swine friend has accepted the corn substitutes without argument and to see him tackle a bunch of peanuts arouses a suspicion that he would not be hard to convert into a corn prohibitionist, if he could keep peanuts handy all the time. Peanuts, however, do not produce the grade of pork that our packers demand, so we must continue to look upon corn as an indispensable part of our hog ration.

This agreeable fellow even prefers to

go out into the field and gather his own meals. The only he saves much expense and labor for his keeper. So it becomes necessary to fence in our acres, subdividing them in smaller lots, sow therein our alfalfa, rape, rye, oats and plant our peanuts and soy beans. For the hot dry summer months when most of the above mentioned crops die or cease to grow, sudan grass may be depended upon to keep growing and furnishing large amounts of feed. In our permanent pastures nothing surpasses Bermuda grass for grazing hogs. There are numerous other crops that may be grown profitably under certain conditions or in special places. If the land will permit grazing, the most profitable way to dispose of our corn is to let the hog go out into the field, gather, husk and grind his own feed. If this is done and legumes are planted in the corn he will balance his own ration causing his owner only the laborious task of opening the gate for him to enter.

Another feature leading away from the corn alone ration is in the passing of the strictly hard type hog.

The advent of the lard substitutes coming from the many vegetable oils has pronounced the doom of the old time porker who was practically all fat. We find today a hastening towards a type of hog that will produce abundantly a quality of meat that is composed largely of lean. The demand is for large lean pork chops, and larger, leaner hams. In stressing size, we do not mean to attain this by keeping the hog until he attains this size by old age, but obtaining it by producing the type weight.

Expensive hog barns are not needed in our climate. The equipment necessary for our hogs is a good fence around the hog lot, a shed to keep off the hot sun and the winter rains and a provision for fresh water is all that is necessary. But these simple steps of preparation. If you intend to keep a hog in a small pen, carry him feed that is obtained either out of the crib or bought from the feed store, you had better continue to do without pork, or if the dollar can be borrowed, sending it to Iowa for salt pork.

While feeding makes a hog, and a lack of it keeps him a pig, many other factors enter into successful pork production. A strong determination to succeed must be held by the would be hog man. He must mix his hog feed with good old fashioned Horse Sense, or in this case hog sense. A certain amount of experience is necessary, and if our farmers are not at it they had better get a few hogs and begin their twentieth century education. A breed of hogs that has demonstrated its adaptability to our conditions and that will produce large litters twice each year must be selected.

Each farmer has his own problem to solve. He must fit hogs into his individual conditions, regulating the number to be raised and their feeding program accordingly. It appears certain, however, that practically all of us farmers must, if we at meat, raise it for ourselves. When he has supplied his own meat, some of our farmers will have done all that he can do profitably, others will be able to make money by producing hogs for the market. As hog raising increases our market facilities for pork will have to be enlarged and new outlets found. This prophecy is based upon personal experience and observation of those who have been contending with the boll weevil for several years. In old boll weevil territory the hog has been found to be one of the best money crops.

For the man who is willing to study the problem earnestly, work hard and use his head it appears that the raising of hogs and their feed is one of his best guesses.

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The Boston Training School for Public Service Women, which was organized by the Boston Women's Municipal League, is the only institution in the United States training policewomen.

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