

WORK ON THE FARM

Much To Be Done During the Winter Months.

PUSH YOUR WORK

If Farmers Do their Duty They Will Find Something To Be Doing Every Day.

The beginning of the year is not necessarily the beginning of farm operations for the year. There is much that should be done before the incoming of the new year. However, there are "left-overs" from last year as well as new work for this year that should have immediate attention.

With quite a number this is the month of making changes and many tenants will go to new farm owners. It is always desirable that there shall be a perfect understanding between landlord and tenant as to the year's operations and the terms of tenancy. There is but one safe way to have this perfect understanding and that is by having a contract made and signed in duplicate, each party keeping a copy. Let this contract be full and explicit in every detail. Then, if there should be any disagreement as to particulars, the contract will decide who is right in the matter.

Among the "left-overs" that should have attention is the immediate repairs of buildings. Leaks in the roofs of barns, stables, etc., should have immediate attention. This is the season for fires. The roofs should be examined and if rotten, put on a new roof. Old rotten shingles catch on fire much quicker than sound shingles.

The hauling out and spreading of farm manure, preferably on grass, clover or small grain, should receive attention. Keep the stalls well supplied with bedding and clean out often. When you can, put the manure, on the fields as soon as taken from the stables. If the land does not wash less will be lost by putting the manure on a growing crop than in any other way it can be handled.

Overhaul all plows and culti-

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The Winston market sold during month of October 1912, 6,075,971 Pounds of Tobacco for \$990,793.58.

Brown's sold,	-	2023762 Pounds for \$342272.64
All other houses sold	-	4052209 Pounds for \$648520.94
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Brown's Average : : : 16.91 **Difference 91 Cents a Hundred.**
Other Houses Averaged 16.00

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vators so as to have them in good shape when the spring rush comes on. It is well to get all the repairs now that will be needed throughout the summer. It will save having to go to town for them during your busiest work time. Overhaul the harness also and have everything in readiness when needed. Push your work instead of having your work push you.

In good weather, when the land is in condition, let the plows be running, edging the land up rather than turning it over flat. With land edged up, the winter rains will soak in rather than run off, as might be the case if the land was turned over flat and smooth. This rainwater may be needed in making the crop next summer. Winter-plowed land, especially in clay lands, are benefitted by the winter freezes, the freezing process pulverizing the land as no implement possibly can. Winter plowing also

has the advantage of expediting work in the spring. Land broken now will be ready for the early sowing of oats on farms where they failed to get the oats in during the fall.

In doing winter plowing, regard should be given to the condition of the subsoil as well as to the methods of plowing. If the subsoil will permit, run the plow some deeper than usual so as to deepen the soil gradually; but in this be careful not to turn up too much raw soil, as too much raw soil will be deleterious to the crop following. Also, do not take more land than the plow will cut. It pays to be careful in winter breaking land as well as at other times.

Hog-killing time is at hand and should have attention. Hogs fed on a dollar-a-bushel corn make expensive pork. It is much cheaper to keep hogs warm with straw in winter than to feed them corn for this purpose. Hogs well bedded with dry straw

will not consume as much corn to put on a given amount of weight as will hogs that are not properly bedded and exposed to the chilling rains of winter. It pays to look well after the comforts of all hogs. Kill early. Do not undertake to feed long so as to have the largest hog in the neighborhood. You may be able to have the largest, but you will also have the most costly per pound. In scalding use a thermometer to test the water. Never have it too hot. About 165 degrees for year-old shoats; hotter for old hogs and cooler for pigs. To have the hair set on a big hog tries a man's patience. This can be avoided by using the thermometer. Stick the bulb in the water. The heat will not break it. Let it stay two or three minutes so as to get the exact temperature. When you find just the right temperature for your hogs, keep the water at that heat.

But few regular farm crops can be put in during January, except in the trucking districts. Oats can be sowed this month. In the South the oat crop is of far more value than many of us imagine. Several good farmers tell me they can grow as many pounds of oats on an acre of land as they can corn. If this is true, it is a very much cheaper crop to grow than corn. It is a winter crop that does not require cultivation, while corn is a summer crop and requires good cultivation, to make a good crop. But do not imagine that the oat crop does not require good land and good preparation of the land to give good results. Also use the best seed obtainable and not less than two and a half bushels per acre. On many farms as many as 3-12 bushels are put in. But this heavy seeding requires good land or a heavy application of fertilizers or stable manure.

A farm home without a supply of fruits and vegetables is almost no home at all, simply a place to stay. If there is no orchard on the place, see to it that one is started. Get a catalog from some reliable nurseryman and get him to advise you, unless you know just what trees you want, what trees will be best suited to your locality. Select a few one or two-year-old trees so as to have fruit in succession. A dozen or more apples trees, the same quality of peach trees, a few plum trees, a few pecans, some walnuts, a few cherry trees, selected so as to give a continuous supply of fruit from the earliest to the latest will be a valuable acquisition to any farm. Plant

the trees out at once and properly care for them. Add a few grape vines — Scuppernongs where they do well, and a few bunch grapes. Also put out 200 or 300 strawberry plants, comprising early, medium and late varieties. All these help to add to the enjoyment of country life. Full directions for planting and caring for the above can be found in the catalogs, or the bulletins sent out by the Department of Agriculture.

If it has not already been attended to, put out 200 or 300 Early Jersey or Charleston Wakefield cabbage plants. They will stand the winters, where the thermometer does not run below eight degrees above zero, and if well set, may live through zero weather. Set them in well prepared, fertile land, in rows three feet apart and 15 inches apart in the rows. Set them deep so as to entirely cover the stem, leaving only the leaves above ground. It is the freezing of the stems that winter-kills them.

In some sections, farmers' institutes will be held during this month. The institutes should be more largely attended by our farmers than they have been in the past. Our Northern and Western farmers attend the farmers' institutes and take far

more interest in them than we do. The State Department of Agriculture, or the colleges sending out these institute parties go to great expense in sending out lecturers to these meetings. They have messages of helpfulness for the farmers and those who do not attend are losing thereby.—T. B. Parker, of the State Dept. of Agriculture, in Progressive Farmer.

Mr. J. A. Mabe, of Danbury Route 1, was in town on business Monday.

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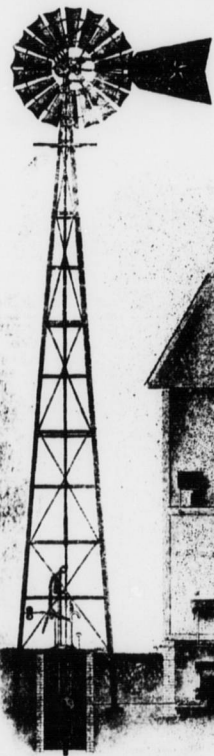
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