

Horticulture.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE STRAWBERRY IN THE SPRING.

Correspondence of The Progressive Farmer. This is by long odds the most important period in strawberry culture.

The strawberry needs no cultivation the spring that it fruits. The all-important thing is to keep it clear of weeds.

The richer the soil the more apt it is to be infested with weeds, the faster and larger they grow, and the more harm they will do.

Therefore if too thick they should be thinned out to stand not less than six inches apart. It may look like murder now, but it will be mercy in the long run to the plants left.

If the field or bed should be covered with dead grass it will be a good plan to leave the grass as a mulch, pulling up the weeds as fast as they peek through.

As early in spring as possible sow over the plants 300 to 500 pounds per acre of good, soluble fertilizer, rich in potash and phosphoric acid.

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If pine straw is not to be had any other kind of grass or straw can be used. While it should never be applied thick enough to smother the plants, this is not at all likely provided it is evenly distributed.

If weeds come up through the mulch they should be pulled out. By the above means can amends be largely made for last summer's neglect, and a good crop of fine berries insured.

O. W. BLACKNALL, Notary Public.

Times are rather hard on farmers in this section. Very little farm work has been done yet, owing to inclement weather.

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The Poultry Yard.

MANAGEMENT OF YOUNG CHICKENS.

While the young chickens are emerging from the eggs, the hens should not be disturbed unnecessarily. If the hens are quiet—and no others should be allowed to set, it is well to examine the nest once or twice, after some of the young are out of the eggs, and remove the empty egg shells, as they sometimes slip over eggs that contain young ones, which will inevitably cause them to perish in the eggs unless the shells are removed.

Besides plenty of food, they should always have pure water in clean, earthen vessels. This is of more importance than many suppose. We frequently see the water put into vessels half full of mud and the excrement of the chickens.

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and we had the pleasure of noticing that our young chickens were free from gapes during the entire spring, while other years this disease has been a source of great annoyance to us. The following spring we fed nothing but corn to our young chickens the first few days after being hatched, corn chops moistened with water, then coarse cracked corn, until they were a few weeks old, and after that whole corn, and not one showed any symptoms of gapes.

Farm Miscellany.

GOOD FURROWS.

No amount of harrowing or after work can entirely overcome the effects of bad plowing to begin with. Plowing is the foundation of the crop to follow. A man who can draw a straight furrow is one who keeps pretty close watch of his plow.

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TROUBLE WITH A COW'S EYE.

I have a very good milch cow that is becoming blind in a very curious way. From the inside corner of each eye is growing over the eyeball a thin skin or film, which moves back and forth, and which now, at times, about covers the sight.

In the inner corner of each eye of the cow, horse and other domesticated animals, is a membrane known as the membrana nictitans or nictitating membrane.

monly called the washer, but technically known as the membrana nictitans or nictitating membrane. This is a provision of nature which enables all animals that are not able to protect their eyes with their fore extremities to easily clear those sensitive organs of all dust particles or other ordinary foreign bodies.

It will be seen from the foregoing that to remove this washer, except when diseased beyond repair, is an unpardonable cruelty. It is frequently done by ignorant people under the impression that the membrane is an unnatural growth, which they call "hooks"; but it is seldom that the membrane becomes sufficiently diseased to necessitate its complete removal.

Newton Enterprise: Several farmers with whom we have talked are of the opinion that there will not be so much cotton, and more corn, planted in this county this year than last.

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