

SOUTH CAROLINA STOCK BREEDERS MEET.

An Unusually Large and Interesting Session at Columbia Last Week.

THE EIGHTH annual meeting of the South Carolina Dairy and Live Stock Association, held at Columbia February 1st and 2nd, was the largest in the history of the Association.

President Thomas Taylor, Jr., of Columbia, in opening the meeting, discussed briefly but forcibly the feeding of beef cattle, pointing out the profitable nature of the operation when the manure was the only profit; the necessity for protecting our birds, because of their activities as insect destroyers; and the importance of continuing more actively the campaign against the cattle ticks.

Prof. J. N. Harper, Director of the Experiment Station of Clemson College, pointed out the importance of crop rotation, including the following benefits received therefrom: It prevents the washing of soils, because it supplies humus and fills the soil with fibrous roots which hold or bind the soil together; lessens the ravages of insects because different insects prey on different crops and the changing of these deprives the insects of their food; supplies constant employment for labor, and conserves and adds to soil fertility or plant foods. Chief stress was laid on the importance of humus as a

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