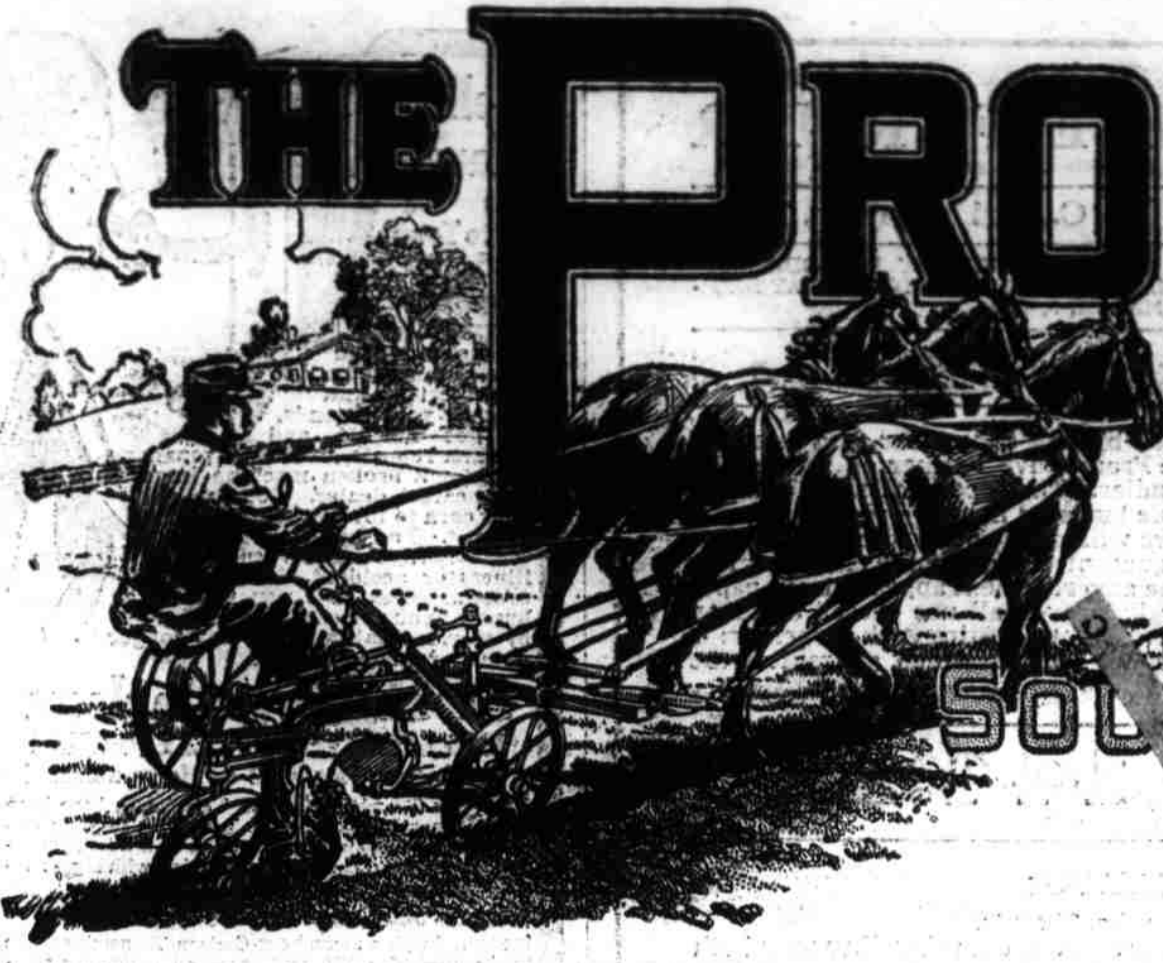


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Let's Grow Our Own Feed Crops This Year.

THIS issue is meant to be a "follow-up" of our Better Livestock Special last month. Good livestock cannot be had without good feeds, and the South has had few farm animals, and those of poor quality, largely because Southern farmers have been adverse to growing feed crops. They have preferred to grow crops which could be sold at maturity.

Now, it is a great thing to have crops which can be taken to market and converted into cash whenever they mature, and we believe that almost every farmer should raise some such crop or crops. We do not believe, however, that it is a wise plan to depend entirely upon the sale of crops in their raw state. The farmer can feed a large per cent of his crops to good livestock—manufacture his grain and roughage into flesh and milk—and get more money while making a lighter draft upon his soil. Farmers in most sections have found this out, and it is only a matter of time anywhere until mixed farming succeeds the one-crop system. This change has been long delayed in the South for various reasons, but it is now being made—the livestock farmer is coming into his own here as elsewhere.

While livestock farming is a higher type of agriculture than the mere raising of one or two sale crops, it does not follow that it is profitable to raise just any kind of stock. It takes good stock to make money. And to have good stock it is necessary to have good feeds and plenty of them. In this issue we have, therefore, tried to give the experience of a number of farmers with a number of crops specially suited to our soils and climate. We doubt if in the letters we are publishing this week and those we shall publish next week will be found much that is new; but we believe there will be found much that is convincing and helpful—much that will be of value to those farmers who have not kept as many farm animals as they should, or who have not fed what they have as well as they should, because they have not had sufficient feeds or feeds of the right kind.

It is our great advantage in farming here in the South that we can grow more feeds to the acre than can be grown in almost any other section, and the list of crops which will thrive and yield a profit in our territory is so long that enumeration would be tiresome. Isn't it, then, a thing very much to our discredit that we not only do not keep the livestock we need, but that we do not grow feed enough

for what we have? It is certainly not because feed crops will not grow here, so it must be either because we do not know how to grow them or because we are too—"shiftless," "trifling," "careless;" is any of these the word, or shall we say too "prosperous," or "busy," or "independent?"—to grow them.

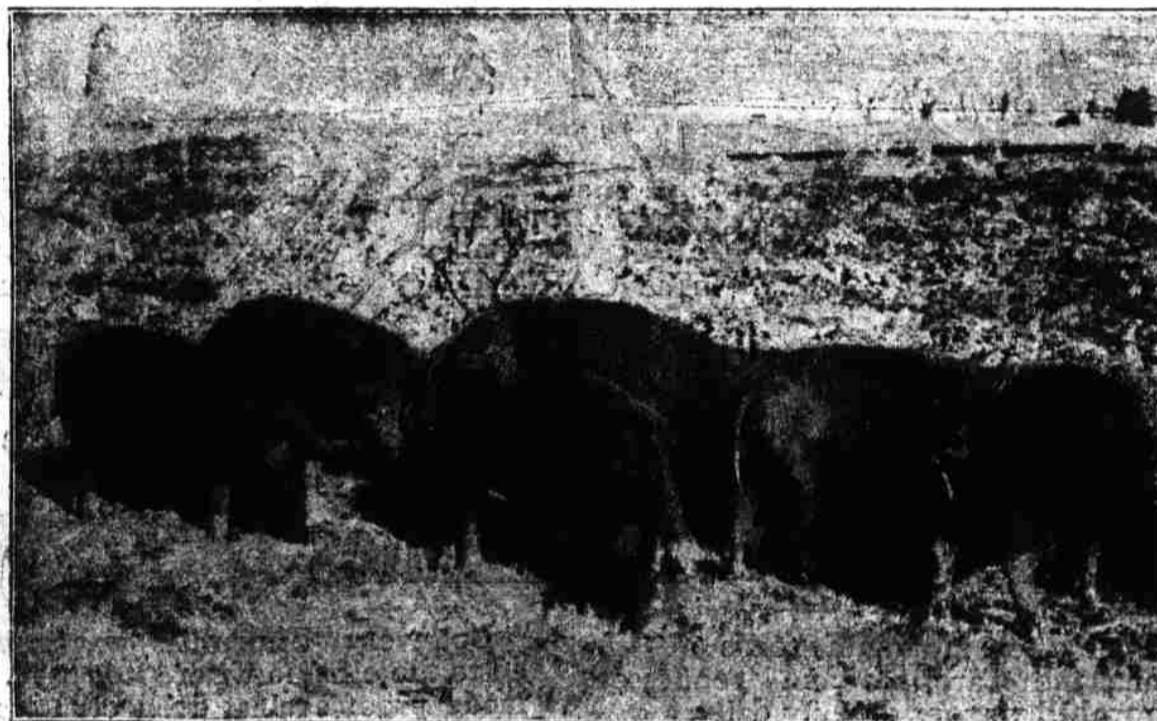
Whatever the reason for our failure along this line, the reason is no longer good, if it ever was. It will pay us to grow the feed crops we need, and more than we now need and to feed them to good livestock; and it

most certainly does not pay us to raise cotton and other "money crops" to buy corn and hay and oats from other sections.

As long as we keep up this practice we will be sending a broad money which we might as well keep at home; will be doing a large amount of unnecessary labor in the cultivation

of crops; will be doing with less work stock than we need, and will be wearing out our soils instead of improving them.

Let's quit it and grow our own feeds—and some to sell—this very year!



GOOD PASTURE CROPS ARE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE.

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