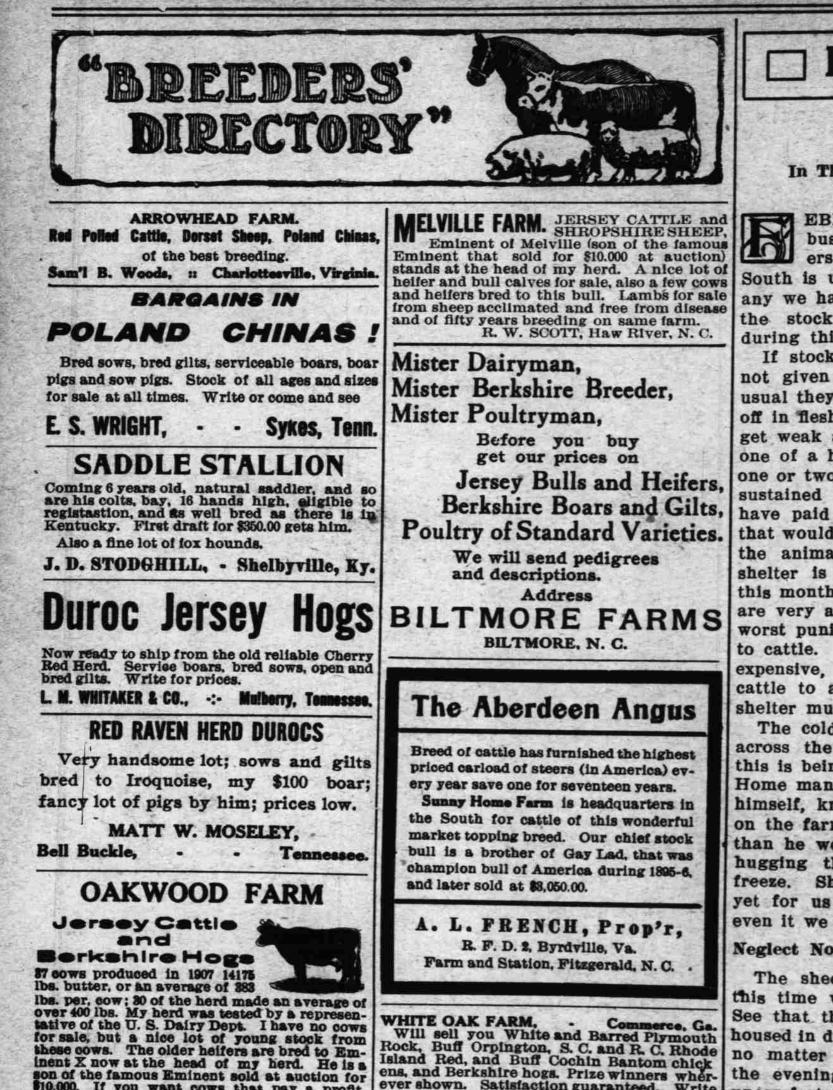
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LIVE STOCK AND DAIRY.

February Care of Stock.

In These Last Days of Winter the Animals Must Have Special Care if They Are to Be All Right in Spring.

ers. during this month.

If stock cattle and dry cows are not given a little better feed than usual they are more than apt to fall off in flesh; the older breeding cows get weak and become a prey to any one of a half dozen troubles, and if one or two animals are lost, the loss sustained will amount to enough to have paid for twice the extra feed that would have been needed to keep the animals in good heart. Good shelter is especially needed during this month. The sleet storms which are very apt to come are about the worst punishment that can be given to cattle. Good shelter need not be expensive, as cold will not injure cattle to any great extent, but the shelter must be dry and wind proof.

The cold rain and hail is driving across the country to-night while this is being written, and the Sunny Home man feels better pleased with himself, knowing that every animal on the farm is completely sheltered, than he would were his friends out hugging the fences trying not to freeze. Sheet lumber is too cheap yet for us to neglect our animals even it we have no feeling for them.

Neglect Now Means Loss of Lambs.

The sheep need especial care at this time when the lambs are due. See that the flock is completely housed in dry open sheds every night, no matter what the weather is in the evening. The weather has an

EBRUARY is generally a business. Our sows are wintering busy month with stock farm- very nicely on a good feed of rich The weather in the ensilage twice per day, and what pea South is usually as disagreeeable as leaves they will clean up along with any we have during the winter, and a very thin slop of shipstuff. Of the stock needs special attention course they have their permanent pasture to run in where they secure some grass, some grubs, cutworms, and anything else they relish that lives within a foot of the surface.

> Don't forget that the horse that works steadily through February and March will be able to do good work in April when time presses, so keep the team at work.

A. L. FRENCH. R. F. D. 2, Byrdville, Va.

TWELVE LESSONS IN BUTTER MAKING.

For twelve pounds of butter shipped to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, under the conditions given below, the butter makers of the State have an opportunity to receive twelve practical lessons in butter judging, and to make good butter regularly the butter-maker must know what constitutes good butter. The dairymen of the State should take advantage of this opportunity. The following letter, giving the particulars of this butter contest, is being sent out to the butter makers of the State by J. A. Conover, Dairyman State Department of Agriculture:

Butter Contest.

The State Department of Agriculture offers the following prizes to be given those dairymen milking five or more cows who will send in twelve pounds of butter during the coming year. First prize, \$25; second prize, \$20; third prize, \$15; fourth prize, \$10; fifth prize, \$5. Each contestant will be required to send one pound of butter each month during the year. The butter will be scored each month and this score together with a written criticism will be sent to each contestant. The State Department of Agriculture will meet the expense of shipping the butter, but will not pay for or return the butter. The butter received will be sold to help defray the expenses of the contest. Prof. John Michels, professor of Dairy Husbandry at the A. & M. College, West Raleigh, has kindly consented to assist in judging the samples. Everyone wishing to enter this contest should make application to J. A. Conover. State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Contest to begin March 1, 1909.

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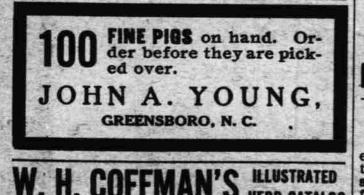
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uncomfortable way of changing its mind during the night, and if a cold, sleety rain catches new-born lambs in the pasture it is generally goodbye to them. Remember that lamb means the greater part of the income from its dam for the year. You cannot afford to lose 80 per cent of your profit on a sheep for the lack of a few minutes' work just at the right time. I know you will be busy plowing, digging ditches, getting out stumps, or something of the sort, but stop in time each night to get the ewes up and made comfortable for the night. Keep close watch of each ewe as soon as she lambs, and if there are any locks of wool that will interfere with the little fellow's first meal, take them off close up to the udder with the sheep shears. Let him have a "square deal"; he is right young, you know

Take Care of the Sows Too.

If your record shows that any of the sows are due to farrow within ten days, see that they are separated from the herd and given a warm, dry, comfortable house of their own where they will not be disturbed by anything. Their feed may well consist very largely of silage, pea hay (the finer particles) and a thin slop of shipstuff. I know the shipstuff is very expensive, but we find it almost a necessity at this time. Then if possible to do so let the sow continue her exercise on grass. At these times we come to realize that it pays to keep our sows gentle so we are able to drive them quietly anywhere we wish. When I see a man rearing and pitching, to say nothing of the language being used, while endeavoring to get a sow into her house, I conclude that he has something to learn yet in the hog

Rules Governing the Contest

1. Each party entering the contest must ship one pound of butter each month during the year.

2. The butter must be shipped at the time and according to the directions sent out by the State Department of Agriculture.

3. All butter entering the contest must be made by the party submitting the same. A written statement to this effect will be required at the end of the contest.

4. Name and address must be placed on each shipment.

We take about a dozen different papers and the Progressive Farmer is the best of all .- Mrs. Lemuel Jordan, N. C.