

Feed Cull Potatoes To Fattening Hogs

Cull Irish potatoes should be fed to hogs because four pounds of potatoes are equal to a pound of corn and they can be used to good advantage to help offset the existing feed shortage, says Ellis V. Vestal, Extension Swine Specialist at State College.

He advised that the potatoes should be cooked before they are fed to the hogs and that they should compose about half the ration with the other half of the ration being the usual grain, protein supplement and mineral mixture. Not only should potatoes be fed but also all other waste farm residues like peanuts and soybeans left in the

Salt.

Vestal warned that decaying or empty soybeans and peanuts can cause digestive troubles and that hogs should be removed from the fields in the late fall when the winter rains set in.

The swine specialist particularly recommended the use of cull sweet potatoes in hog feeding. He gave the following feeding mixture for a 100 pound fattening hog: 6 lbs. of sweet potatoes, 2 pounds of grain, and one-third pound of either cottonseed, soybean, or peanut meal. He also pointed out that the mineral mixture should be kept before the hogs at all times.

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Farm Questions

Q—How should I cook meat for canning?

A—There are several ways to pre-cook meat for canning, says Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension Food Conservationist at State College. She recommends that if meat is to be cooked before it is canned, that it should not be more than half done. "It can be browned quickly in a small amount of hot fat in a frying pan; it can be roasted in an oven; or it can be stewed or boiled. Do not add salt to the meat until after it is packed in the jar," says Mrs. Morris. She also emphasizes that a pressure cooker is essential in canning meats and that other methods are not safe.



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Growing Chicks Is All-Year Business

North Carolina hatcherymen do not get any more vacations because the hatching of baby chicks has become a year round business under war conditions, says T. T. Brown, Extension Poultry Specialist at State College.

Both the hatcheryman and the supply flock owner must keep on the job at all times if disease free chicks of good breeding are to be produced. Preparation for delivering good chicks next season are being made and the hatcheryman and the flock owner must work in close cooperation, suggests Brown.

According to the poultry specialist, much attention has been given to chicks this year and it is necessary that hens be blood tested to remove the pullorum carriers from the laying flocks as early as possible. A special school for blood testers is being held at State College and the hatcherymen are cooperating wholeheartedly in making this new program a success. These testers will be under the supervision of the State Department on Agriculture in making their tests in the field.

Brown also says that the hatcherymen are working closely with the

flock owners on the feeding program for growing pullets. At the present time just as many pullets as possible should be put out on range with adequate summer shelters and supplied with plenty of shade and fresh water.

The birds should be periodically checked for lice and mites so that they may be kept healthy and growing steadily at all times. Crowding should be avoided for pullorum need plenty of room for growth and good development.



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