

FARM COLUMN.

Out of more than 120,000 species of plants known to botanists only about 250 are used as food plants by man.

APPLE ORCHARDS.

Some people suppose it is only necessary to purchase the best grafted apple tree—to hire some inexperienced person to set out trees by the job in a meadow as cheaply as possible, is all that is necessary to grow an orchard.

RAIN NEEDED IN NORTH DAKOTA.

Bismarck Tribune: Rain is not only needed to check the rapid burning of the grain, but to check the ravages of the gophers. The continued dry weather has cured the grass and the gophers are pouncing down upon the green fields of grain in droves of millions.

per cent, and complain in nearly every instance of severe injury to crops by chinch bugs. Winter wheat is almost a total failure in Sedgewick county.

The condition of spring wheat in the different states is as follows: Wisconsin counties report an average condition of 83 per cent.

The oat crop has been quite liberally damaged by drought and insects. Indiana, Michigan and Ohio alone report the crop in good condition.

FEEDING GRAIN IN SUMMER.

Will it pay to feed grain to milk cows in summer? writes a correspondent. We do not know, and think nobody else does, we would reply. The subject has been discussed by some of our most prominent dairymen at times, but we think no definite conclusion has been arrived at by any of them.

WATCH THE INSECTS.

Injurious insects demand attention throughout the summer months. Look for the borers near the base of young fruit trees; if sawdust is seen to drop from a hole in the bark, or if a portion of the bark is seen to be depressed, cut out the borer.

WEEKLY CROP SUMMARY.

Chicago, June 27.—The following is the weekly crop summary printed in this week's issue of the Farmer's Review. Although no change has taken place in the condition of ripe and fast ripening winter wheat crop since our report last week, it is gratifying to note that no material damage is being done to the crop by rust.

NEGLECTED FOWLS.

Dear reader, has it ever dawned upon your mind—those of you who contemplate going into poultry for profit, dreaming of a rich harvest, building ideal poultry air-castles—that this branch of business is the most neglected in existence, while there is nothing requiring a small amount of capital that man, woman, or children can engage in that will bring greater returns?

terialize your schemes! For that's all that's wanted to make the business a success. Too many of our good people underestimate the poultry business—think it small, and should be left to children while they farm on the extensive scale, and sometimes at the end of the year have not made enough clear to buy a breeding pen for fowls.

Had a very small amount of money been judiciously expended, care taken in selecting good healthy hens, some breed adapted to your wants (better have thorough, after you have your start it does not cost any more to raise them than it does mongrels), see that your house is comfortable and kept clean, use plenty of lime, walls whitewashed, roosts portable, if possible so that they can be taken out to be aired and cleaned (I take mine into the open air, saturate with kerosene then burn the oil off, which destroys all lice that will collect about them), sprinkle sulphur in your nest boxes and dust bath, keep cool, fresh water before them always.

Bill of fare? Yes that is important—consult your own taste and wants. Hens, like humans, want variety. Corn sparingly, wheat plentiful, seasoned with onions, pepper, and greens, feed little and often, try a little bone meal and oyster shell if they can be had, and watch the result. Arm yourself with a small stock of preventatives—carbolic acid, lard, and sulphur. You'll have no diseases, for "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Show me a person that is giving poultry his personal and careful attention, and I will show you one that is successful.

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