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#### Virtues of Kaffir Corn

After an experience of seven years in raising Kaffir corn, a Kansas farmer sees many good points in favor of its productions. He says:

"Under the same conditions and care, my Kaffir corn yielded forty-one bushels to the acre, while the Indian corn made about thirty-two. All kinds of stock relish it and it is better than wheat for chicken feed, but not quite so fattening as Indian corn. It should be ground for feed. The fodder is greatly liked by cattle, horses and hogs. Kaffir corn should be planted by the middle of May, from four to six inches apart in the row. It will stand drouth better than Indian corn, and will do well in light soil. Kaffir corn seed sells from 50 to 75 cents a bushel. The red variety is the best, as it is earlier and yields better than the white.

#### Alfalfa Meal for Hens

Experienced poultrymen declare that by using alfalfa meal as food, laying hens can be kept confined all year if necessary. They claim that the meal is fully as valuable as the

best natural grasses for maintaining health and productiveness. A good feed for chicks and laying hens can be made by mixing alfalfa meal with beef scraps, ground bone and other similar ingredients. Many who have used alfalfa meal say it gives better satisfaction than oil meal, bran and other feed stuffs.

#### Horticultural Notes

Store parsnip roots in sand in the cellar.

Look over those young trees and remove any wired labels that may have been left on last spring.

Spinach beds intended for spring crops should be given a mulch of leaves or straw if the winter is an open one.

Mulch the asparagus and rhubarb beds with well rotted manure. In the spring when the ground is dry, spade into the soil.

Take privet cuttings this month for planting in nursery in spring. Tie cuttings in bundles and store in sand in cellar.

During winter definite plans should

be made for the garden and orchard. Select seeds, make plot of ground to be utilized.

When you are eating an apple and run across a worm, it should remind you that neglecting to spray last spring is the cause.

Remove black knots from those plum and cherry trees and burn. When the knots are removed from a large limb, rub on a little kerosene.

Cultivation, spraying, pruning, fertilizing are the four corner stones of orchard management. In which one did you fail the past season?

Evergreens that are dried out by cold, dry winds of winter are much benefited by a mulch about the roots that will keep out the frost. It's nature's way. The frozen ground about the roots gives them a chance to supply moisture to the leaves.

Grapes are produced on the season's growth of wood made from a few buds left from pruning. Bear this point in mind in pruning. Wood that produces fruit once never does it again. Prune any time when vines are dormant and before sap starts in the spring.

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