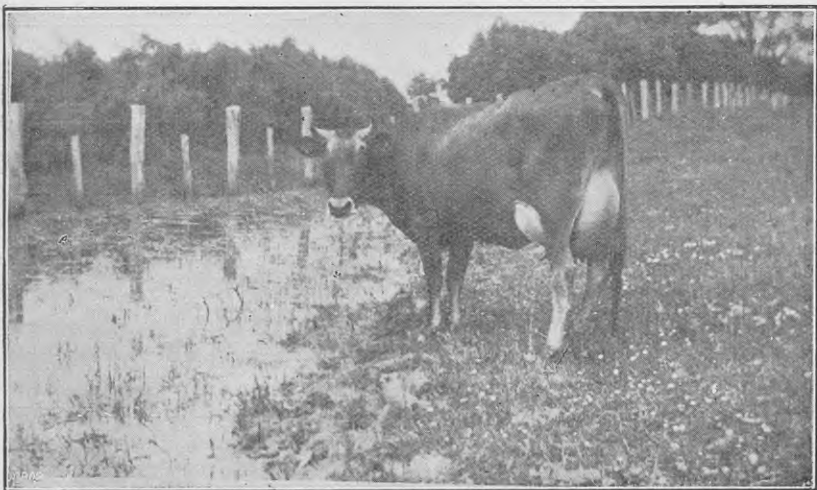


The fact that the herd at the home farm, which was not a selected herd in any way (the fifty-six head including thirteen two-year-old heifers), produced 16,632 lb. of butter-fat last year, or an average of 292 lb. per head, must be considered very satisfactory, and proves that the animals did well on the ensilage provided for them during that season also.

In the writer's opinion ensilage can be fed with advantage to dairy herds from the months of June to October, and then again from February to April. There is no material conserved that is more similar to the natural herbage than first-class ensilage, and it tends to keep the cattle healthy. Owners would experience less trouble with various ailments in their herds if the cattle were fed liberally with ensilage at certain times of the year when necessity demands. There are still farmers who consider that a cow which has been through an exhausting milking season and is carrying a calf can be turned adrift and look after herself until she comes into profit again. But this is, of course, a quite mistaken idea. The period in question is the time when the cow should be fairly treated, in order that she may come in in good form for the ensuing season, which for best results should not be later than July. By getting an early start a much longer milking season can be obtained from the herd.



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