

The Live-stock Division :—

The animals are probably affected with a form of paralysis, or loss of power in the limbs, which is frequently met with in young pigs. This is usually attributed to a dietetic cause—feeding on skim-milk which has been allowed to become too sour before feeding giving rise to gastritis. Another cause is to be found in cold, damp styes exposed to the prevailing winds. If this applies in your case, removal of the styes to a well-sheltered, warm place, and attention to dryness of the floor, &c., are suggested as preventive measures. The sows' feed should be looked into. It is possible that you have been overfeeding, and that the milk is proving too rich for the sucking-pigs.

SALT FOR DAIRY STOCK.

J. H. MATHEWS, South Norsewood :—

Can you tell me when is the best time to put rock salt out for stock, also if any special make of boxes is recommended for salt to be put in ?

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Salt in moderate quantity assists in the formation of flesh. Salt exists in a natural condition in food and water, and normally it should not be necessary to supplement it. In the case of dairy-cows, however, a good deal of the natural chlorine goes in the milking, and it is necessary to add salt to the daily ration. In the late season and in the case of winter cows, when salt is more necessary, it is better added to the feed in the form of ordinary salt. A handful once daily should be sufficient. Rock salt is apt to be wasted if fed in the paddocks, and it is better to place it in a box at the bail-head for the cows to lick during the milking.

NEW ZEALAND CROP STATISTICS ; SEASON 1923-24.

| Crop. | Area. | Yield per Acre. | Total Yield. |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Wheat— | Acres. | | |
| Grain | 173,864 | 24·01 bushels | 4,174,537 bushels. |
| Chaff, &c. | 1,629 | 1·32 tons .. | 2,146 tons. |
| Oats— | | | |
| Grain | 63,842 | 30·77 bushels | 1,964,511 bushels. |
| Chaff, &c. | 326,652 | 1·12 tons .. | 366,546 tons. |
| Barley— | | | |
| Grain | 21,286 | 28·07 bushels | 597,416 bushels. |
| Chaff, &c. | 590 | 1·61 tons .. | 976 tons. |
| Maize— | | | |
| Grain | 8,208 | 49·40 bushels | 405,855 bushels. |
| Ensilage | 958 | 6·12 tons .. | 5,852 tons. |
| Peas and beans | 18,676 | 19·43 bushels | 362,787 bushels. |
| Linseed—Seed | 12,119 | 0·22 tons .. | 2,705 tons. |
| Rye-grass—Seed | 43,487 | 332·58 lb. .. | 14,519,187 lb. |
| Cocksfoot—Seed | 11,619 | 122·85 lb. .. | 1,428,759 lb. |
| Chewings fescue—Seed | 9,279 | 161·57 lb. .. | 1,499,177 lb. |
| Crested dogtail—Seed | 4,749 | 156·53 lb. .. | 753,836 lb. |
| Red clover and cow-grass—Seed | 5,543 | 143·41 lb. .. | 1,213,835 lb. |
| White clover—Seed | 4,161 | 132·77 lb. .. | 581,676 lb. |
| Other grasses and clovers—Seed | 2,225 | 146·84 lb. .. | 326,863 lb. |
| Grasses and clovers cut for hay | 188,979 | 1·67 tons .. | 317,616 tons. |
| Potatoes | 20,993 | 5·00 tons .. | 105,552 tons. |
| Green fodder | 239,652 | .. | .. |
| Turnips | 477,381 | .. | .. |
| Mangolds | 9,989 | .. | .. |
| Onions | 374 | 8·76 tons .. | 3,278 tons. |
| Hops | 701 | 1,374·34 lb. .. | 963,415 lb. |