

Agriculture, &c.,

PREPARING POULTRY FOR MARKET.

To ensure dressed fowls keeping well they should have no food or drink for at least twelve hours before they are killed.

The birds, like larger animals, should hang in a cool place, till they become cold, before they are packed; otherwise, they would soon become tainted.

GRINDING HAY FOR FEED.

A writer in the Maine Farmer says: For some time past I have been making observations and experiments in animal's food, and, obtaining what I believe to be an improvement, I take the liberty of communicating to your club the results.

The product of a single grape vine of the Scuppernon variety in Jacksonville, Florida, this year sold for \$192.

Large boxes for feeding are preferable to racks, and allow of less waste of food.

Hay that is cut and steamed, or even moistened, will go further than hay fed out uncut.

Cut straw steamed or pulped with boiled roots will be relished by stock better than the best dry hay.

All kinds of grain will go fully onethird further fed to stock ground or crushed than whole.

All animals thrive better for getting some roots, be it ever so little; roots seem to give tone to the digestive organs.

Milch cows are better to be dried off than kept on giving but a small yield of milk.

Regular feeding and watering, good shelter and bedding, should be points aimed at by every stock breeder.—Canada Farmer.

MESSENGER ALMANACK.

January, 1870.

New Moon, January 1st, 7h. 51m. afternoon. First Quarter, " 9th, 4h. 4m. afternoon. Full Moon, " 17th, 10h. 31m. morning. Last Quarter, " 24th, 6h. 5m. morning. New Moon, " 31st, 11h. 26m. morning.

Table with columns for Day, Wk., Rises, Sets, MOON (Rises, South, Sets, at Halifax), and High Tide.

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FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

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