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# SAFE FARMING For 1922 in 

## The McLean Country

## Learning to Live at Home

A great many farmers in the McLean community made money-good money-last year. The prices of our cotton, corn, oats, kafirs and watermelons, also our market hogs and cattle, have been low-far too low to be fair to the producer-but these farmers who made money were not so hard hit by the low prices. Why? Because they had an "ace in the hole," a bunch of sidelines which brought in a bit of cash every week and every month. It was the sidelines that made it possible for them to come out on top. If the prices of the main crops had stayed up, probably every farmer would have made money. As it was, though, very few except the ones who also played the sidelines came out as winners.

Look over your shoulders. Pick out the folks in our community who made money in 1921 -there are some in every community. Ask them, if you don't already know, how they did it. Everyone of them will tell you it was the farm sidelines that put them over the top-the cows, the milk, the butter, the hogs, the hams, the bacon, the chickens, the eggs, the garden and the canned, dried and preserved goods put up for family use.

That kind of farming paid its dividend in 1921, and it will pay another dividend in 1922, and every year. It is safe farming. It is making the living at home. The object of this appeal is to cause the farm folks to think-sit up and take notice! Plan the family living and the feed of the stock FIRST. After that all-important item is taken care of, there still will be room left for a cash crop of cotton, oats, corn, kafirs and watermelons.

Read "A Plan for the Year 1922" on this page. Here is the safe and sane system of farming which has always paid in the past, will pay in 1922, and will pay every time; it is a system to which every good farmer will say "Amen." If every farmer, whether he be tenant or owner, will see to it that his farm plans he be tenant or owner, w this outline, every chance will for this year conform to this out one,
be in his favor for coming out on top.

## A Plan for the Year 1922

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 milk cow that will give enough milk for the family's needs, at least one brood sow to insure meat and lard at all times of the year, and at least 50 hens that will lay not less than six or eight dozen eggs each in a year. 2. Such fruits and vegetables as can be produced. They save grocery bills and they are essential to good health.3. The field crops first should be arranged to pro--
vide for the farm work stock and the family-feeding livestock. This calls for green pasture as many months as possible for the cow, the chickens, the hogs and the horses. Produce all of the grain that can be fed economically on the farm; this may be corn, kafir, oats or barley. Plant at least two of these grain crops. It will pay to grow hay or forage crops possible, there should be a legume, such as cowpeas. The soil needs it as much as do the cows and hogs. 4. The cash crops should not consist of more than one-half the cultivated area of the farm, and in no case more than the farm family can handle without outside help.
4. Every piece of sloping land that has a tendency to wash should be terraced and improved by plowing under the grass, weeds and other vegetation, applying barnyard manure, growing legumes and by deep fall plowing where the land will permit.
5. The yield per acre of all crops should be increased by planting improved varieties of seed that are adapted to local conditions
6. All livestock should be constantly handled and cared for and bred for more economical production.
7. Fruit and vegetables, either fresh, canned or dried, should be plentiful in the farm home at all times.
8. As much care should be given to the proper marketing of the farm products as to the production of the crops. Co-operative marketing is becoming popular.
9. All work on the farm and in the home should be planned to conserve energy and promote efficiency.

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