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**A BROOD SOW
ON EVERY FARM**

The editor has a friend in South Texas who says, "Whenever you can get me one of those brown country hams, get it." The editor has sent so many country hams to city folks the past winter that it looked like he was in the ham business. He bought so many smoked hams that if they had been at one time, they would have made a big pile. From all reports, other people cannot or do not get smoked country hams. If all the people elsewhere are like those the editor knows, then it would pay somebody to go into the ham business.

Fifty years ago in Texas there was an average of about 10 hogs to every farm but last year there were less than two hogs per farm in this state. It was estimated that in 1930 there were only about 884,000 head of swine in Texas and we are reliably informed that the state imported from other states 2,500,000 hogs to supply the demand for pork among Texas people. More than \$25,000,000 was sent out of the state for pork and hog products.

These facts have distinctly emphasized that hog raising has been seriously neglected during recent years in the State of Texas, and authentic information has indicated that this condition is also true of other southwestern states. It is an obvious fact that wherever this has occurred, it has been to the serious detriment of the farmers concerned. On many farms, there are no hogs at all, and much meat is being bought by farmers that could be produced more economically on their own places.

Mr. W. H. Cherry's idea of adding hogs to the farm was evidenced Sunday night when one of his brood sows gave birth to a litter of 15 pigs, 13 of which are living.