

Chariton Iowa
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Prospect looks favorable for another large corn crop and if we raise plenty of corn it will be very cheap. In case we do I would like to have two cows of cattle on the share. I have a good feed lot and I think an abundance of water also fixed so I can raise quite a number of hogs say so at least. I fed 11 steers last winter just 8 months and cleared \$15.00 per head besides 1409 fed. I think there will be good money in feeding next fall & winter.

Please let me hear from
you at once so I may
know what you think
about it.

I will give you
market price here for
half interest in cattle
you can give me market
price here for half interest
in hogs. and I will
buy ^{our} corn as cheap as possible

Or I will let you
have feed lot and feed
your cattle for so much
a month

We are all well
at present. There is nothing
I know of I would like
to see better than your
boys

John P. Ream