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Cow testing Associations are local organizations. The association employs a tester who visits the farm of each member one day during each month. The tester arrives at the farm in the afternoon. While the evening milking is being done he weighs and takes a sample of the milk produced by each cow, and records the amount of feed consumed by each cow in the herd. The next morning the weight of each cow's milk and the feed consumed is recorded and a sample of her milk is taken and added to the sample that was saved the evening before, thus making a composite sample that is tested for butter fat according to the Babcock Method.

The total weight of the two milkings constitutes a day's yield. The dairyman knows the market price of his feeds, and the tester has the amount of each feed consumed by each cow in the herd, recorded in the stable book; so it is easy to calculate the cost of feed for the month. The tester then makes calculations for the month which include the amount of milk and fat produced, the value of the product, the cost of feed, the profit or loss, the returns for $1 expended for feed, the feed cost of producing 100 lbs. of milk, and the cost of producing 1 pound of butter fat. This record is made, for each cow in the herd, a copy of which is left with the dairyman. Before leaving the farm the tester makes a summary which gives the total production of the herd for the month and the average test. At the end of twelve months the yearly summary giving the record of each cow in the herd for the year, is compiled.

Objects and Advantages of Cow Testing Associations.

The object of the cow testing association is to make the herd return a greater profit. The first step towards an increased production and a larger profit is to learn exactly what each cow is producing, and what it costs to make this production. When this is known the cows that do not show a profit can be discarded.

Again, production can be increased by a system of individual feeding. When the production of each cow is known, the large producers can be fed according to their yields; likewise the low producers. When no records are kept, and all the cows are fed about the same, the dairyman loses in two ways. First: The cows that are capable of making a large production are not fed enough. If they were given their full requirement, the production would be more economical. Second: The low producers are fed more than they require, consequently the extra feed makes no return. In one case the cow is underfed and in the other, overfed.

Another factor, which has considerable influence on the economy of production, is the feeding of a balanced ration. The cow requires, for the maintenance of her body and the production of milk, prodtins, carbohydrates, and fats in certain proportions. A balanced ration is a mixture of feeds that supplies these elements in their proper proportion. By careful selection and mixing, a ration may be much cheaper, and yet produce a larger flow of milk than one selected without regard to having the nutrients in proper proportion, or balanced. One of the functions of the "Cow Testing Association" is to assist the farmer in making the proper combination of feeds.

Another advantage of Cow Testing Association, and one which will increase the average production of the herd, is the selection of heifer calves for the highest producing cows. If these calves have been sired by a pure bred bull of high producing ancestry, the herd will in a few generations be uniform in type and color, and of high average production.

The tester seems to stimulate interest among the milkers and boys on the farm. When the high and low producers are identified, there is bound to be some effort made to still further increase the yields of the high producers, and to keep the moderate producers on a profitable basis by more careful feeding.

Eastern Shore Grangers to Meet in Salisbury.

It has been definitely decided to hold a meeting of all the granges on the Eastern Shore in Salisbury on August the Fourth, at an all day meeting. The grounds of the Wicomico Fair Association will be used for the purpose of the meet. Among some of the big agriculturists and grangers to be present are: Mr. Wilson, the national Master; B. J. Black, State Master; Reuben Brigham, Secretary of Marylane Grange, and head of the "Corn Boys' Club"; Jas. T. Anthony, of Chestertown, State Chaplain, and most of the State officers. The whole Eastern Shore is embraced in this meeting and an attempt will be made to make it a thoroughly representative body of grangers from this section.

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