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Dirty utensils do not necessarily mean visible dirt. Utensils may be perfectly clean to the eye and yet contain bacteria in large enough numbers to cut down what might have been a superior quality to one which is of low quality. The only way to be sure that clean utensils are being used is an unsparing use of steam, or, where this is not obtainable, a thorough cleansing with hot water and some safe agent for destroying these organisms.

Milking machines which are handled in a loose and slovenly way are breeders of bacteria, resulting in a product very high in bacteria, but when milking machines are kept scrupulously clean they aid in the production of a superior product. The producer who is experiencing difficulty in getting his milk to market in a sweet condition will do well to check up on his utensils and make sure of their cleanliness. The cream producer can also make sure that his cream separator is clean after each time it is used. Dirty strainers are another trouble point to be watched, as frequently the cloth used for strainers becomes stained and foul, resulting in the multiplication of these undesirable bacteria within the milk.

Every piece of rubber, metal or glassware that the milk touches must be scrupulously clean.—H. R. Lascelles, Fieldman, Colorado State Dairy Commission.

Reducing Skim Milk to Calf by Feeding Meal

Assuming that a calf is two months old and has learned to eat hay and grain, gradually reduce the quantity of skim milk, say by one pint daily, and substitute therefor one pint of the following preparation: Fifteen pounds linseed meal, 25 pounds red dog flour, 25 pounds finely ground corn and 10 pounds blood flour—a packing-house product. Thoroughly mix this home-made calf meal and to each pint of this mixture add seven pints of water. One pint of this should then daily take the place of one pint of skim milk till the latter has been completely displaced. Then continue to feed the same quantity of this as one would of skim milk. If the blood meal or blood flour, as it is also called, cannot easily be secured it may be omitted from the mixture, but it is an excellent feed for calves and should be supplied, if possible, till the calf is at least four months old.

While this calf meal is being fed in the manner mentioned and in the quantity that milk is usually fed to calves of that age, dry grain should also be supplied. The following mixtures will give good results: Three parts by weight of ground corn or barley, ground oats, wheat bran and one part of linseed meal. The calf meal and the grain mixture should be fed twice a day and allowing about 20 minutes' time for each feeding.

Calf Meal Recipe Given by Bureau of Dairying

The United States bureau of dairying calf meal recipe calls for 50 pounds of fine corn meal, 15 pounds of linseed oilmeal, 15 pounds of finely ground and rolled oats, 10 pounds of dried blood flour, 10 pounds of skim milk powder and ½ pound of salt.

Stir one-half pound of this mixture into 4½ pints of boiling water and feed it when cool. This constitutes one feed or one-half the daily ration for a calf one month old. As the calf gets older, the quantity may be increased until the calf is getting 1½ to 2 pounds of the meal mixed with water in a day when two months old. This calf meal has been used with success as a substitute for skim milk for calves over a month old. The change from milk to meal should be gradual.

Time of Freshening

There is considerable difference of opinion in regard to the time of freshening. If heifers do not freshen until they are thirty months of age they will produce larger cows, but are often somewhat coarser in appearance. If heifers freshen at an early age and produce calves regularly once a year, after that they will be small for their breed. Jerseys and Guernseys mature somewhat earlier than the larger breeds and are often bred younger for that reason.

Pleasant Taste and Odor

Any food which has a pleasant taste and odor or no objectionable odor is certain to be used to a greater extent than if it does not have the same attraction to the senses. The fresh, clean product of a healthy, well-fed cow is almost devoid of taste and smell, so completely so that it can be used daily with constant satisfaction. The more nearly the milk retains its original properties, the greater will it attract the consumer and the more it will be used.

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Obsolete conveys the idea that a thing has gone out of use, is no longer practiced or accepted. Obsolescent conveys the idea that the thing is passing out of use, that it will become obsolete.

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4 An excessive allowance may mean that you are paying an excessive price for the new car in comparison with its real value.

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