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GOOD FEED FOR DAIRY COWS

Abundance of Pasture Grass Is Best Where Available—Some Grain Often Needed.

A dairy cow will respond to good feeding and good treatment, perhaps better than any other farm animal. Each individual dairy cow should be a unit by herself. Unlike other farm animals, dairy cows cannot be efficiently fed in a feed lot, as the requirements for each cow may be different.

The best feed for dairy cows is an abundance of pasture grass when that is available. A good pasture provides a balanced ration. Some high-producing cows will require a little grain as a supplement to pasture.

During the time of the year when a good pasture is not available, a cow can be fed efficiently by providing: 1, An abundance of palatable feed; 2, a balanced ration; 3, succulent feed; 4, a moderate temperature in barn; 5, comfortable surroundings.

A dairy cow is fed for the following purposes: 1, For maintaining the body; 2, to supply material for milk. 3, for development of fetus; 4, for growth of animal, if immature; 5, at times to produce gain in weight.

Three general classes of good material are required for feeding cows: 1, Protein or nitrogenous material; 2, carbohydrates and fat to supply heat and energy; 3, ash or mineral matter.

A well-balanced dairy ration will contain the above food material in the proper proportions. In making up a feed for dairy cows, it is usually most convenient to balance the roughage and concentrates separately and then feed all the roughage each cow will eat and adjust the grain mixture to the amount of milk or butterfat produced by the cow.

A good general rule to use as a guide in feeding is to feed from one-fourth to one-half as much of a balanced grain mixture per day as the cow gives milk per day. Cows giving rich milk usually give less per day, but need a little more grain in proportion to the milk.—A. C. Baer, Professor of Dairying, Oklahoma A. and M. College.

SIMPLE METHOD TO DEHORN

Easiest Way to Avoid Trouble With Wild Bunch Is to Perform Task While Young.

The easiest way to avoid the expense and trouble of dehorning a bunch of wild and more or less unmanageable young cattle every spring is to do the job while they are baby calves and easily handled.

When the calf is three to ten days old, small buttons can be felt under the skin where the horns are to be. With a pair of shears trim away the hair around these buttons and then rub them with a stick of moistened caustic potash. Continue rubbing until there is a raw spot the size of a bean at the horn tip. Be careful not to get so much water on the caustic that it will run down the side of the face and produce burns. To protect the fingers, wrap the stick in paper or insert in a rubber tube. Some men protect the calf from unnecessary burns by smearing grease around the horn outside of where the caustic is to be.

Caustic (potassium hydroxide) may be obtained at any drug store and ten cents' worth is enough to dehorn a dozen calves.

TREATING FOR CALF SCOURS

Whenever Indications of Ailment Appear Milk Supply Should Be Reduced One-Half.

When a calf shows signs of the scours, the milk supply should be reduced one-half and the amount gradually increased as the calf shows signs of improvement. This usually will cure them, but if it does not, feed about a tablespoon of soluble dried blood, and stir in well with the milk. Dried blood not only acts as a tonic, but it has some food value, and is often fed, even when calves do not have the scours.

DO NOT RAISE DAIRY CALVES

Many Dairymen Prefer to Market Milk on Account of Good Demand—Feed Cost High.

Many dairymen do not raise their heifer calves because their market for milk is so good that they feel they cannot spare any for the calf, and do not care to fuss with substitutes. Others believe that the cost of feed and help is so high that it costs more to raise a dairy heifer than her equivalent can be bought for on the open market in another community, where feed and help are lower.

FEED SILAGE AFTER MILKING

Odor Carried Through Cow Into Mk Very Readily—Gives Butter Undesirable Taste.

Feed silage or other succulen feed after, not shortly before or whe milking. The odor is carried thiugh the body of the cow into the nlk very readily and later develops in he manufactured butter as a fruityand undesirable flavor.

THE DOMINANT ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN--RITCHIE'S RECORD

While the political campaign is but a few days old enough has already transpired to justify the assertion that the Democratic Party acted with great wisdom in its State Convention, not only in the platform it adopted but also in the candidates it nominated.

True, the nomination of Governor Ritchie brought forth the lightning in the Republican Platform, but the Democrats need not feel themselves shattered by the bolt when they recall that it is the Governor's record that is the real stumbling block to the Republicans. That record is one of achievement in the interest of the public, and the Republicans in their criticisms had nothing to say against the things that had been accomplished, but they were strongly of the opinion that the Governor in doing many of the things he did sought only to promote personal political ambitions. This charge will sound strange to many Democratic ears. It was the Governor's insistence on the passage of the reorganization bill without changes regarded by him as hurtful that came within an ace of splitting his own party wide asunder. Personal political ambitions certainly did not figure big in the stand he took on that occasion.

The real truth about the matter is that the Governor has gone steadily about his business, first studying out plans whereby the taxpayers of Maryland, Democrats and Republicans, could be served, and then striving to have enacted into law, where law was necessary, the measure that would get the desired results. Much of the good work done by the Governor represents his personal efforts. Where aid was necessary, he leaned on members of his own party. Democrats will hardly feel insulted because of that, and those upon whom party ties sit lightly will not be offended, it is assumed, when the methods employed were honorable and the end attained was beneficial.

Keen men of affairs look upon the State largely as a huge business undertaking. They regard the Governor's administrative qualifications as something far out of the ordinary. Something will undoubtedly be heard from them as the campaign progresses.

Neither this phase of the campaign nor any other will, in all probability, obscure the fact that it is the Governor's record in office that will stand forth as the big issue. That record includes:

Placing Maryland schools on a plane where their friends do not have to apologize for them.

Absolute good faith in redemption of all party pledges.

Inception of lateral road construction, insuring easy access to the great highways already constructed.

Reorganizing the Government of the State so as to minimize expense and eliminate duplication.

Reduction of tax rate in the face of mounting expenses.

While this enumeration represents only in part what has been accomplished, it presents of itself an outline which is well calculated to cause the Republicans many anxious moments. Whatever may be said, the voter in Maryland is pretty likely to be inclined to a man who has been able to handle his job so as to get real results. This inclination is likely to be strengthened by the Governor's promise to cut the rate still further, meanwhile carrying on the work for schools, roads, hospitals and the various other things in which the State is active.

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