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### ● Good Cows

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day, and a fitting ration containing a molasses supplement and best pulp. This fitting ration makes up the balance of the ration, but it does not exceed 7 pounds per cow per day.

Grain is weighed right at the feed cart and cows are fed according to the chart beside the scales. "I believe that little scales is the best investment a dairyman can make" reports Kettering. "I know what is in the feed, and if the amount is weighed, I can give all my attention to the job of milking. It doesn't matter what a cow has in her if you don't get it out."

Milk on the farm is transported to the bulk tank in the milk house by pipeline, but once a month, when the tester comes, the milk is run into the milker buckets for weighing and sampling.

The D.H.I.A. record for November and December showed 49 pounds of fat per cow per month. Kettering likes this testing program better than the Herd Improvement Record program, which he is on also, because all DHIA records are actual records and not converted to mature equivalents.

Kettering gives a share of the credit for his success to his family. "A dairyman is not a dairyman by himself," he says, "I have a wife who sticks by me, and the children have their place too."

All the work in caring for the 41 milkers in the herd is done by Kettering and his 11 year old son, James. Nine year old Mary Ellen has her chores, too, in feeding the heifers and caring for the calves. Kettering feels that he is fortunate in not having to hire any outside help. James is, now a 4-H club member in the Holstein club, and has a heifer which he is training for the shows next year.

Careful attention to detail, a respect and regard for his animals but with a dependence on records for culling, and a family type operation have built the Henry Kettering herd into one of the top Holstein herds in the county.

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UDDERS LIKE THESE AND MILK RECORDS in plain view (arrow) tell the story at the Henry Kettering farm. Henry believes that the records displayed prominently help him to do a better job of culling and act as a spur to do the best job possible at milking time. The records are kept up to date, and of course it takes time, but Kettering will tell you that it is time well spent. A former milk tester himself, this Litz R3 dairyman would continue to test if the cost were doubled, because he makes good use if the well kept records. —L. F. PHOTO

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