

## Keep Cows Comfortable For Hot Weather Production

Associate Chester County Agent Joseph H. Way says "if dairymen would be as considerate of their cows' comfort during hot summer days as they are of their own comfort, they'd be better off financially."

He believes a little extra care will help prevent the unusual hot weather slump in milk production, and the accompanying reduction of fat content.

Way lists these practices to help realize more profit from dairying in summer.

Provide plenty of shade. If trees are not available a cheap shelter will serve the purpose and pay dividends. On farms where zero grazing is practiced cows will consume more chopped grass if the feed bunks or self-feeding wagons are located in the shade.

Supply cool, clean water at easily reached places. Don't force cows to go long without water. On the average a

cow needs 12 to 15 gallons of water a day. In hot weather they may drink as much as 80 per cent more than on cool days.

Feed good hay on Pasture all the time, and locate the feed rack out of the sun. Flies and other tormenting insects cause much irritation and unrest in dairy herds. Follow a good regular spray control program.

Since cows don't graze much during the heat of the day make the best pasture available at night when most of the grazing is done.

In order to provide constant new pasture growth, clip and rotate pastures regularly.

Way concludes "If a cow can lie down in comfort and contentment with a full stomach during the hot summer months the efforts to provide that comfort will be well paid."

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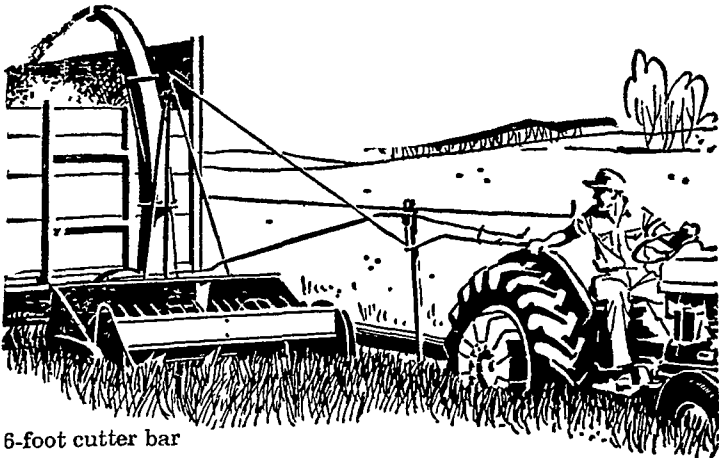
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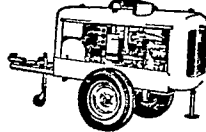
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