

Jersey Farm

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bred heifers to bring the total up to 150 or 160 this winter — depending on the work load and how well the new feeding system handles the herd

Up to last winter the cows were all housed in a stanchion barn and hand fed silage from upright silos. Last fall the feed bunk for the new set-up was completed and the cows were fed outside a newly-constructed pole barn. The silage was hauled from the existing upright silos and a

trench in a self-unloading wagon to the bunk last year, but with the present equipment, the silage will be conveyed directly to the bunk from the new silo.

All the cows at Cornwall Farms are still milked in a stanchion barn with a pipeline milker, but with the increase in size of the herd, it now requires two shifts to get them all through the milking line.

"The cows soon learn which shift they are in, and it takes quite a bit of work to get them to change," says Osborne, who is president of the



COWS CAN EAT FROM BOTH SIDES of this bunk feeder with an auger down the center. Platform at side of the feeder is about 10 inches high and a foot wide. The boss cows can not turn sideways beside the trough and monopolize feeding space, and it is harder for the cow to back up to the trough and make manure in the feed. Silage comes from the 30' x 60' silo at the extreme right. The block wall running almost the full length of the loafing shed makes the cows walk a considerable distance between feed or water and the bedded area. This saves on bedding and tends to cause the cows to manure outside where manure can be scraped up.

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The cows are fed grain in the barn and the shift they stays in the stanchions overnight is fed hay in the stanchion barn as well. The cows that stay in the loafing barn over night get their hay (about half their ration of roughage is hay and silage) in the pole barn loafing shed. All the cows will get their

silage at the bunk outside the loafing shed.

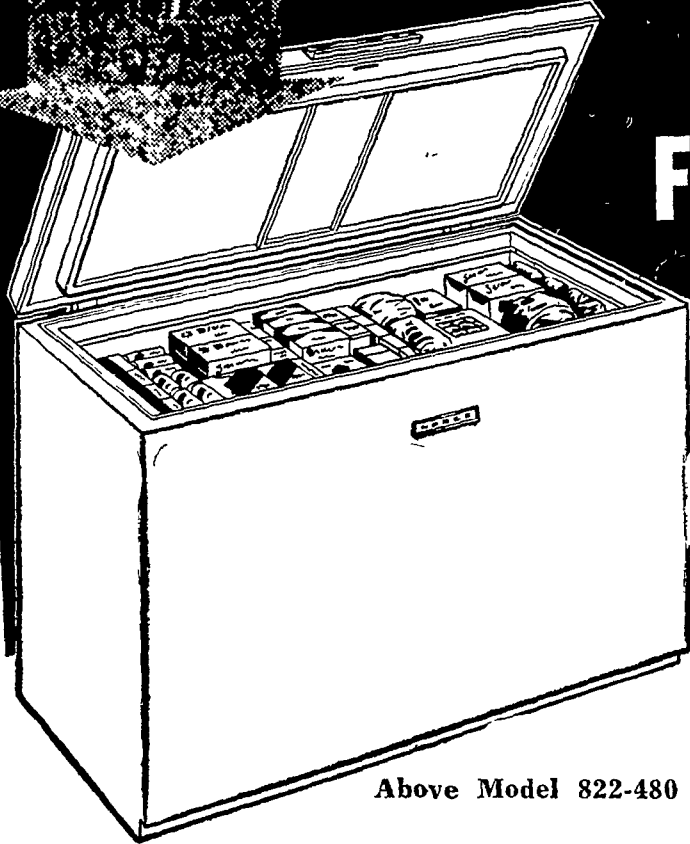
A member of the Jersey Sire Selection committee of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative, Osborne credits good breeding as well as good feeding and management with the production record of his herd. He is aiming at 500 pounds of butterfat and over 9,500 pounds of milk per cow this

year. His herd now has a 460 pound average with two test periods to go.

"I am playing it by ear this year, but if my heifers come in the way I hope they will, I may go to 150 or 160 head of milk cows this winter, but it depends on how well we can maintain the herd average. I don't think you should sacrifice herd averages just

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