

Low-Priced Wheat Economical Feed

Feeding wheat to dairy cattle or swine is an alternative to storage farmers should consider whenever wheat sells for the same or less than corn. According to W. T. McAllister,

extension farm management specialist at the University of Delaware, wheat at \$1.25 per bushel (the price on July 15, 1967) would give the same feed value as corn at \$1.10 per bushel. Since, at the present time, wheat is selling for approximately 20 cents a bushel less than corn, it is an economical substitute feed.

Wheat contains slightly more protein and total digestible nutrients than corn. It's an entirely satisfactory feed for dairy cattle, even over long periods of time, according to Dr. W. R. Hesselstine, extension dairyman.

Since wheat with a high-moisture content makes the best feed, farmers should decide whether they are going to use the wheat for feed as soon as the crop is harvested. Stored in a silo, wheat retains its desirable moisture content; stored in a bin, it may lose much of the moisture. This year's crop has an abnormally high moisture content, which depresses the selling price even further. This is an additional reason why feeding is an attractive alternative.

Wheat should be coarsely ground and mixed with a bulky concentrate since it is a very heavy feed. For best results, wheat should make up only a third of the concentrate. However, if used with plenty of legume hay for roughage, wheat can be used successfully

Ayrshire Sale Averages \$500

Ayrshire breeders from across the United States and Canada journeyed to Topsfield, Mass.—home of the world-famous show winning, record-making milk producing Meredith Ayrshire Farm. In a two-day dairy auction, 303 registered Ayrshires sold for an average of nearly \$500. Mr. and Mrs. David Lampert have been developing this outstanding dairy herd for over 20 years, according to the Ayrshire Breeders' Assn.

Hundreds of prospective buyers vied for ownership throughout the entire event with Masonic Homes Farm, Elizabethtown, buying six animals for the home farm. As auctioneer Milton Crosby of Sharon, Conn., struck off the last animal, a total of 67 U.S. breeders representing 22 states from coast to coast had purchased 247 animals. Twenty-seven Canadian buyers from five Provinces including Newfoundland, bought 56 animals that averaged \$599. Topping the Canadian purchases was Mor-Ayr Belidina, classified '92.5', purchased by R. R. Ness & Sons of Quebec for \$2700. Another selection at \$1900 was Sous L' Ombre Ideal Hyrondelle—'90 6'—the 'tan bark favorite' Ayrshire that was named All-

in greater proportion of the total ration

Research suggests that swine will gain as rapidly when fed ground wheat with a protein supplement as they will on corn, according to Dr. George Morrow, extension livestock specialist. Because wheat contains more protein than corn, slightly less supplement is needed. Although wheat-fed pigs eat a little more grain than corn per hundred pounds of gain, bacon is firmer from wheat-fed pigs

Grinding is advisable when swine are hand-fed, but it is not necessary if wheat is fed in self-feeders, Morrow points out. It is best to mix wheat with other grains

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