

Kansas Farmer Saves His Hay Crop With New Butler Stor-N-Feed Structure

Alvin Beachey of Hutchinson, Kansas, says, "This year some of my neighbors lost most of their second crop of hay because of the rainy weather. I saved mine because I could put up low moisture silage (LMS or haylage) in one day."

Beachey has 45 cows with a herd average of about 14,000 pounds of milk. He has had an increase in milk production since switching to the Butler Stor-N-Feed system. He says, "The cows clean up all the LMS. When I was feeding baled hay, I had to clean out the stems, and cows refused hay every day. I have no bloat problems with newly ensiled LMS, and I can't see any drop in milk production when I switch from filling to feeding."

Beachey also comments, "The structure unloads fast; it only takes me 4½ minutes to fill a 60' long feed bunk. I like the quality of the feed coming out; the cows like it and eat more of it than they did baled hay."

Beachey also has a concrete stave silo. In 1966, he topped off his Butler structure with the sorghum and put the remainder in his concrete stave silo. He recalls, "The silage in the Butler sealed storage was a better color and smelled better than that in the stave silo. The cows preferred it, too."

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Rutter Bros., York, Pennsylvania, have been named Gold Star Guernsey Breeder for 1967 by the American Guernsey Cattle Club. This is the fourth straight year that they won this coveted award.

Rutter Bros. met all of the requirements for this award during the past year. Some of these requirements were that all Guernseys over eight months of age owned by the farm were registered, that the herd included at least 10 registered Guernsey cows with production records made official during the year with at least 70% of them homebred, that the herd was on with a lactation average at least official AR or HIR-DHIR test 15% over the breed average for either milk or butterfat 305 2x ME and that 80% of the cows with official records completed during the year were classified with an average score for the group of 82.5% or better.

The Production summary of Rutter Bros. herd showed 60 cows with 63 records averaging 12,461 pounds of milk and 627 pounds of fat, 305-2x ME, and with an average classification for 59 cows of 85.5 percent.

To win a Gold Star Guernsey Breeders Award a herd must also meet rigid health requirements and an applicant for the award must be an active member of both a State Guernsey Association and the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

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