

Feeding Early Weaned Pigs

Old style weaning at 8 or 10 weeks of age has been superseded by weaning at 5 weeks or even earlier, when the milk production of a sow starts to decline.

So it is necessary to feed and manage delicate youngsters indeed. So called prestarter or starter mixtures of necessity contain liberal amounts of milk solids, also sugar or molasses, rolled hulled oats, fish meal and fish solubles along with other superior nutrients, even specific amino acids, lard, and furthermore selected minerals, vitamins and antibiotics. Early weaned pigs on such rations usually are heavier at 8 or 10 weeks of age than if left on the sow.

Such superior mixtures may be fed in a creep while the pigs are still with the sow to get them used to dry feed, on which they are continued for some time after weaning.

These mixtures are to a large extent milk replacers, to carry the pigs to 40 or 50 pounds live weights when relatively simple farm mixed rations may well take over.

But the previous starter mixtures, needed in amounts of only about 50 pounds per pig, are usually commercial formula feeds, mostly in pelleted form. It would be difficult for most farmers to assemble the various ingredients that make up such critically important feed mixtures. Reputable feed concerns may be trusted to live up to their guaranteed ingredients and analyses.

After this starter feeding a "grower" type of ration mixture may be fed, where basic farm feeds like corn, milo, barley, oats or other small grains make up the bulk of the ration.

What supplement is fed may dispense with some of the milk or fish products or other pabulum-like foods, but nevertheless should contain suitable protective nutrients, including superior proteins such as soybean

meal, also appropriate vitamins, a number of them carried by alfalfa meal.

Then it is important to have the right kinds and amounts of minerals, calcium, phosphorus and salt, which more and more is recommended to be trace mineral salt.

Career Production Levels For Area Holstein Cows Listed

Lifetime milk and butterfat production levels for Registered Holstein cows in this area have been announced by Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The individual animals have been credited with career production totals exceeding 100,000 lbs of milk under official testing supervision.

Because of current replacement heifer rearing and purchase costs, cows that stay in the herd longer and achieve high lifetime production have proven to be more profitable. The Holstein Association has more than 26,800 cows on file that have attained the 50-ton production milestone.

Local Holstein breeders and their long-time producers reported by the organization include:

Herlandia Rusty Snobal Ty Vic (GP), 104,677 lbs of milk and 3,970 lbs of butterfat in 2,594 days, Strickst Osbornedale Cheerio (GP), 102,295 lbs. of milk and 3,795 lbs of butterfat in 2,350 days. Both are owned by Hiram S Aungst, Elizabethtown.

Trout Spring Peona Lu Carol (VG), 109,485 lbs of milk and 4,771 lbs of butterfat in 3,540 days, Trout Spring Pontiac Pro Bell (GP), 101,993 lbs of milk and 3,689 lbs of butterfat in 2,076 days. Both are owned by John E Kreider, Lancaster.

Vista Grande Haven Star (EX), 105,580 lbs of milk and 4,035 lbs of butterfat in 2,625 days. Star is owned by Carl L Martin, Ephrata.

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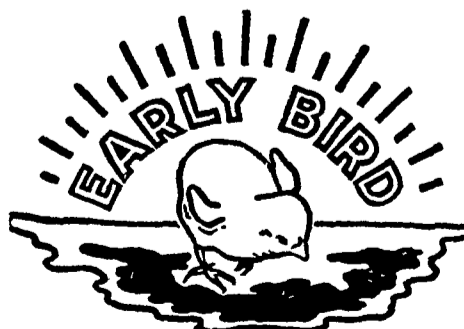
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