

Two Tests For Beef Cattle Can Increase Herd Profits

Two inexpensive but important beef cattle tests, pregnancy and performance testing, can increase profits from purebred or commercial beef cow herds, according to Lowell L. Wilson, associate professor of animal science at The Pennsylvania State University.

The records of most beef cow herds will show that these tests pay dividends, Dr. Wilson says. For example, the average feed

cost for wintering a spring-calving brood cow is about \$35.00. If all of the cows in a herd have a calf and raise it to weaning age, the average wintering feed cost is \$35.00 per calf.

However, if only 80 per cent of the cows produce and wean a calf, the wintering feed cost per calf averages \$43.75. The latter herd would have \$8.75 less net profit per calf because of the low calving rate.

To guarantee that all cows kept during the winter are pregnant, Dr. Wilson suggests having a veterinarian test the cow herd for pregnancy between 45 and 120 days after the last cow is bred. Cows not pregnant can be sold for slaughter.

Dr. Wilson reports that cross-bred beef cows are likely to show a higher fertility record than straightbred cows. He

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precautions for your wood pieces to be as beautiful through the years as when you first bought them. For example, use pads to protect wood surfaces from rubber based lamps, telephones, or radios.

You also need to keep lamp-cords from wood surfaces. Sulfur in reconstituted or synthetic rubber used in cords and lamp-bases affects the finish of the wood. It may cause yellowing of the finish where rubber comes in contact.

Direct sunlight can also cause color changes in furniture wood. Some woods, such as cherry, are more susceptible to color change than others. And all woods will change color if exposed to strong sunlight for a long time.

Remember that dust is an abrasive. When you rub dust off wood and apply too much pressure in the motion — it can cause fine hairline scratches. You want to pick dust up with a cloth, not just push it around on a surface. You can protect the investment you have in furniture by practicing proper care and cleaning methods.

Practical Clothing Care Tips

Be sure garments or fabrics have been preshrunk or stabilized.

After you buy a garment, keep the hangtags so you know how to care for the garment.

Don't leave stains in any fabric. They will set or become permanent. And insects like stains.

Blot away as much of a stain as possible right away. Don't rub. Rubbing will spread a stain and may damage surface fibers — especially silk.

If you use a spot remover, test on a hidden seam first. Some spot removers affect some fabrics and dyes.

Launder or dryclean clothes regularly. Abrasion from wear and soil wear out clothes.

Avoid pressing a garment in which there are spots or perspiration salts or body oils.

Rotate your wardrobe. Clothes, like people, need a rest and airing.

cited the Angus-Holstein beef fertility record for several years. Performance testing of beef cattle is similar to herd improvement programs among dairy cattle, he points out. Records of calving ability, weaning weight of calves, and feed efficiency from weaning to slaughter show the production of each cow. In the herd at Rockview, cows differed as much as 175 pounds in the weaning weights of their calves, a value of about \$50.00.

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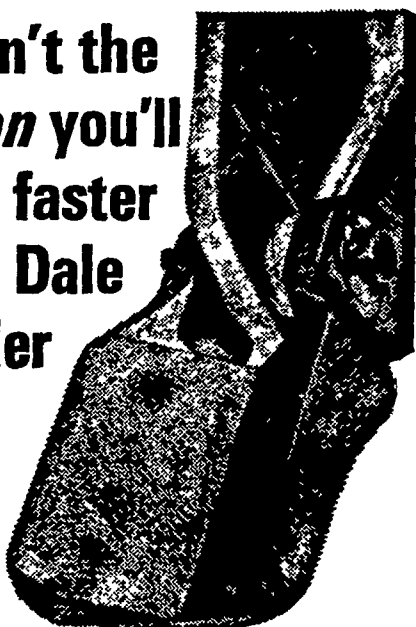
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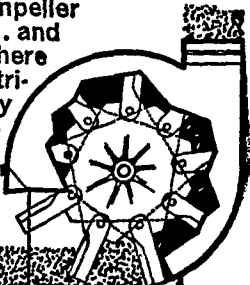
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