



ALVIN SCHLOUGH, Garden Spot High School, (center) was named grand champion tractor driver at the Area FFA Tractor Driving contest held last Saturday in conjunction with the Ephrata Fair. Paul

Maulfair, Lower Dauphin High School, (left) was second and Robert Cutman, Halifax Area High School was third. The contest included Lancaster, York and Dauphin Counties.

Do Your Calves Have Worms?

"If your calves have a rough hair coat, lack appetite and show symptoms of anemia, you'd better get them checked for worms," says Dr Robert C. Hammond University of Maryland Extension veterinarian.

According to a report following a study by a commercial drug firm, ninety-eight percent of all dairy calves have worms. "And, while the percentage may be too high," Dr Hammond continues, "the message is clear . . . almost all calves are subject to worm infection."

He goes on to say that calves tend to be more susceptible to worms than other dairy animals for several reasons (1) they have developed less immunity,

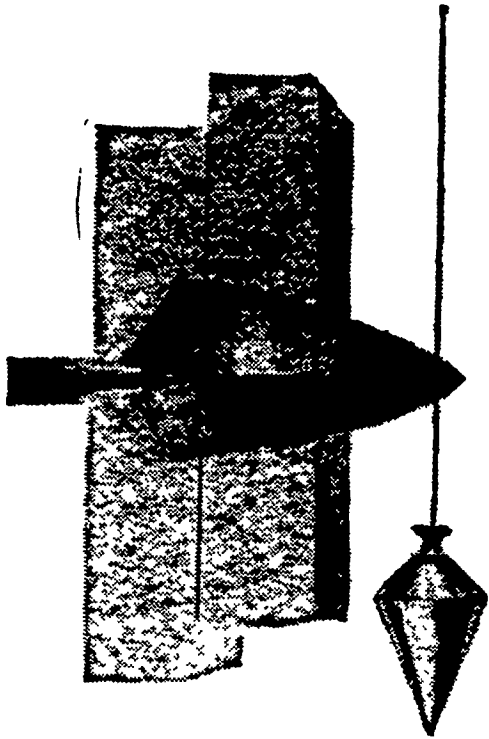
(2) they are more likely to be crowded and housed in areas with a high parasite concentration, and (3) many owners tend to neglect the nutrition of calves.

Dr. Hammond says, "Calves affected with worms tend to be anemic either from actual loss of blood (from large stomach worms) or from interference with digestion which is caused by irritation of the gastrointestinal tract."

What can be done about worms?

Dr Hammond says, "One thing is sure, the problem won't go away by itself."

A retired veterinarian summarized his experience as follows: "I've fought parasites all my life. They haven't put me out of business, but I haven't put them out either . . . But they never give up."

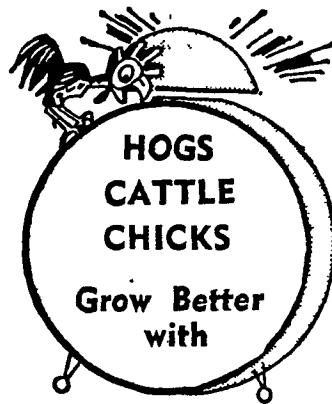


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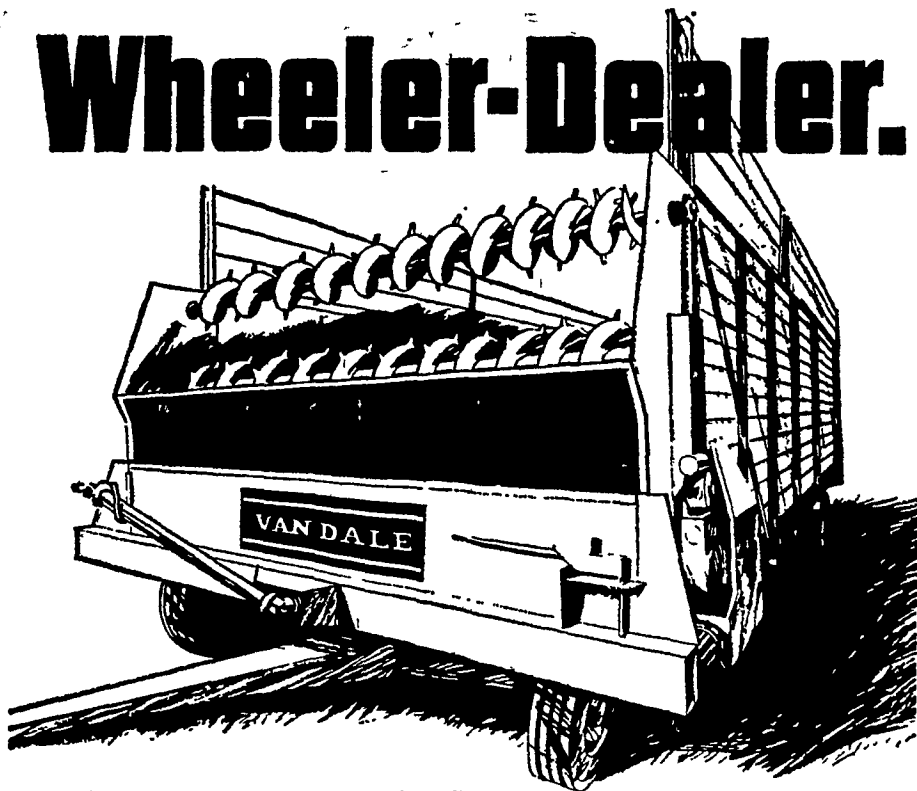
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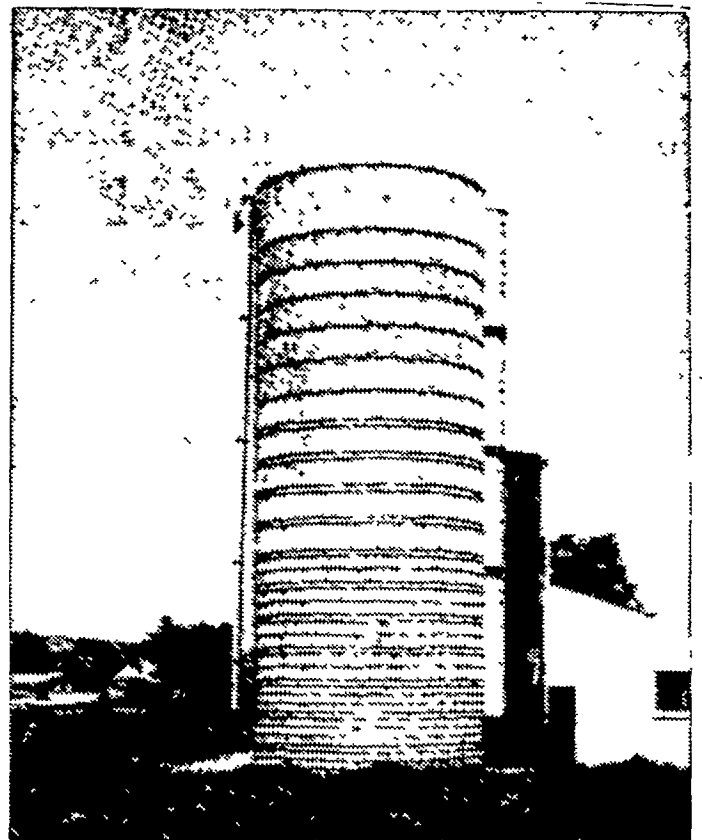
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