

● Cow Comfort

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said the idea sounded fantastic when it was first introduced. "But it has worked as you get bigger. If you want to go to 100 or more cows we'll push you toward the free stall," he said.

The specialist noted that a person can put up a new stanchion barn for less money than a 40 cow free stall barn especially when you include a milking parlor in a stanchion barn. You have to clean dairies all over again. Even the cows do. "Manage ment is undoubtedly the key in the free stall system," Groat said. "This is more difficult than in the stanchion barn. You have to clean dairies all over again. Even the cows do. Groat said you get a higher

usage rate of cows not going into the free stalls when the bedding is not high enough. And on milking parlors, Groat said they are a good place to milk cows but a poor place to feed them. In

an efficient milking operation the cows simply don't have long enough to feed enough," he said. D. S. Putman also on hand from Penn State passed out a report on a housing system survey that was conducted by the DIFA Supervisors. The report stated that of 2,226 herds reporting, 88.6 percent were housed in stall barns. Seventy percent had gutter cleaners and 43 percent had silo unloaders. Of the 62 percent of the herds that were milked with bucket milkers, 33 percent had dumping stations. Twenty six percent had pipeline milkers and 10 percent had parlors.

The average man runs 189 units and it takes an average of 93.87 minutes to milk a herd of cows.

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gram. This includes \$6410.43 for division of cropland and \$59.70 for permitting public access for hunting or fishing.

Measurement Service

Farmers who plan to enroll in the wheat or feed grain program, can be sure of planted acreages or acreage to be diverted by requesting measurement service from the county office.

Rates are: 0.1 to 12 acres \$10.00, 12.1 to 25 acres \$14.00, 25.1 to 50 acres \$19.00, 50.1 to 100 acres \$27.00, and over 100 acres \$27.00 for first 100 acres, plus \$12.50 for each additional multiple of 50 acres or fraction thereof.

1969 Corn Loans

Farmers who participated in the 1969 Feed Grain program are eligible for price support on the 1969 corn crop at \$1.24 per bushel.

Barley Included In 1970 Feed Grain

Notice has been received that barley will be included in the Feed Grain Program for 1970. Other provisions of the program will be announced in the near future.

Fluorescent Orange For Small Game Hunters Urged

Game Commission personnel this week again urged small game hunters to wear fluorescent orange while afield.

Foliage throughout the state is extremely dense and during the early small game season beginning October 18 it will be quite difficult to spot hunters as well as wildlife.

Exhaustive tests with different materials and colors have shown that fluorescent orange is the most likely to be detected and least likely to be mistaken of all hunting items currently available.

Although hunting is one of the safest of all sports, with fewer accidents than occur in such activities as picnicking, hiking and golfing, hunters can improve on their fine record. Pennsylvania hunting mishaps have been at a fairly steady total for a number of years. With thousands more enjoying the pleasures of being afield every year, this means that the accident rate has dropped sharply.

However, in 1967 there were 145 Pennsylvania hunters involved in accidents who were not wearing safety colored clothing, and last year the number was 165. Undoubtedly, there would have been fewer mishaps had all sportsmen worn fluorescent orange.

The cost of a fluorescent orange cap and vest is just a few dollars at most. How much is a human life worth?

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