

Cattle Shelter, Fences, Corrals, Silo Costs Reviewed Here

Cattle shelter and fencing and money management in relation to the cattle feeding operation were among subjects discussed in the second cattle feeder meeting Tuesday night at the Farm and Home Center.

Speakers were Lester Burdette, Penn State Livestock Extension, on "Equipment for the Modern Cattle Feeder" and Fred A. Hughes, Penn State Farm

One study showed a savings of three cents a day for each animal due to shelter.

But Burdette said he doesn't think research shows a consistent advantage for enclosed or controlled environment houses versus the open type structure. He said he doesn't think building beyond the open structure is justified by cost and return factors.

He also recommended a dirt floor as opposed to concrete. He said a dirt floor will take only about half as much straw as concrete and is more profitable.

For ventilation the best and most economical system has proven to be a hole left in the top of the roof and at the sides.

Burdette said fencing should do a good job of holding the cattle, should let in air and sun, and should be a see-through type. Block fence has several disadvantages including the fact that it causes snow to back up during the winter.

A corral well designed to make sorting and treatment of cattle easier and faster is "a must," Burdette said a good corral can pay for itself in making

handling easier and reducing shrinkage when the animals are sold.

Burdette said a sick pen is needed to allow for treatment of sick animals away from the main herd. Too often, sick animals get jabbed with needles and shoved back into the herd where they get pushed away from feed and water and their condition worsens.

Everybody ought to own a thermometer and know how to use it, Burdette said.

Manure Handling
While manure was once con-

sidered an important by-product of feeding cattle, manure today is becoming a cost item, Burdette said.

"How you deal with this manure problem" may have much to do in determining how profitable the cattle operation will be in the future, Burdette told farmers.

Some major cattle producers in the West now are budgeting 30 per cent of their construction money for pollution control items, Burdette said. He indi-

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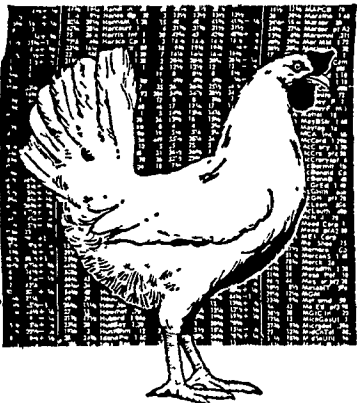
Lester Burdette
A Corral Is Important

Management Extension, on "Economics of Types of Silos and Silage for Cattle Feeders."

Burdette Speaks

Burdette talked about shelter, fencing, corrals, and manure and manure run off.

Studies show that cattle with shelter have higher daily feed gains and lower feed intake. Animals without shelter consume feed to keep warm, Burdette explained.



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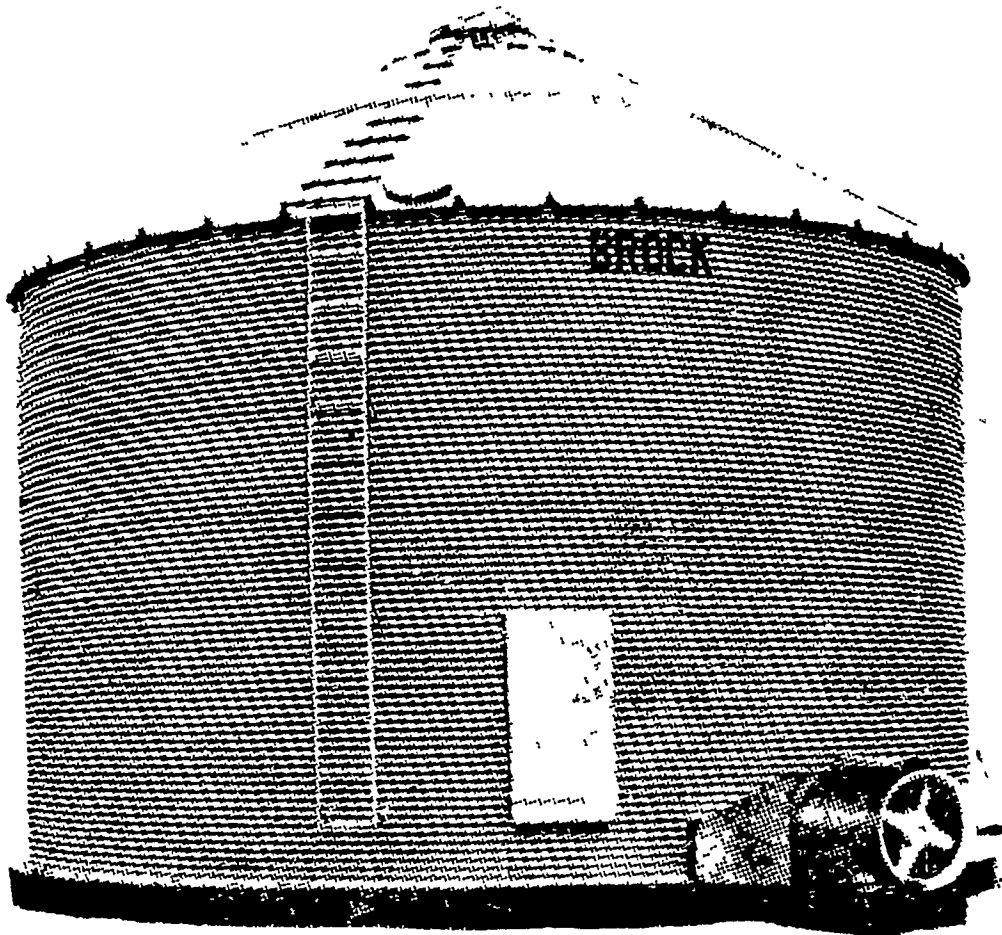


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