



FIRST 305 DAYS OF LACTATION WITH 610 OR MORE LBS. OF BUTTERFAT.

Table with columns: Owner - Name, Breed, Age, Days, Milk, Test, Fat. Lists numerous dairy farmers and their cow details.

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Facts for Dairymen by N. Alan Bair, Assistant County Agricultural Agent. Includes a small portrait of N. Alan Bair.

Heat Detection in Free-Style Systems. Most dairymen who have had experience with both types of dairy housing agree that the problem of detecting cows in heat is more difficult in a free-stall system than in conventional housing.

Here are a few tips from Harvey Stauffer, Penn State, that might improve the accuracy of heat detection in free-stall systems:

Make on person responsible for heat detection - then allow him sufficient time (e.g. one hour per day) to do the job. Others who see signs of heat should report them to the man responsible.

Three heat observations should be scheduled each day - morning, afternoon and late evening.

Schedule these heat observations when cows have nothing to do. Avoid feeding time and milking time.

Walk quietly among the cows. Get all of them up and out of the stalls.

Keep a record of all heat periods. Know when to expect each cow to return in heat.

Many dairymen report seeing more cows in heat during the late evening (just before bedtime) than at any other time.

A Second Chance. About a year ago I wrote a short article on participating in dairy shows, field days and other educational, informative and always enjoyable events related to the dairy industry.

Okay, the season is here once again. Already many of the local events have passed. Can you count yourself among the present? Fear not, there is still time to make your mark this year.

Remember, you are representing the largest agricultural industry in the county. The dairy industry is more than just cows, barns and dairymen. The dairy industry is also kids, politicians and the all important family purchasing agent, the housewife.

So participate in your industry events and sell yourself and your industry — and enjoy yourself.

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