## Beef Friesian **Imported**

These Beef Friesian heifers are eagerly munching their first grass on USA soil. They're a portion of the largest shipment in breed history ever to be imported in North America -50 females from ten to 24 months of age and six bulls up to two years of age.

Beef Genetics Research,

Inc. of Mankato, Kansas, brought in these Beef Friesians from the three leading herds of the Republic of Ireland. For although the original Friesian cattle originated in the Netherlands and have been noted world-wide for their milk production, the Irish have bred them up as a dualpurpose breed much of the past half-century.

The result is, according to Beef Genetics Research, Inc., cattle that are growthy,



Beef Genetics Research has imported these beef Friesians from

muscular, and fast-gaining,

At the Northwest Station in

and that also have great

bred-in milking ability.

Ireland for research on better and faster growing beef varieties.

example, no other breed -Fleckvieh, Charolais, or "British" - has ever topped the Beef Friesians for weight gains. In this country Beef Friesian crossbred steers won the Reserve Grand Championship of the 1974 Great Western Beef Expo

weight gain test. However, the Friesians start out life relatively small, at an average weight of less than 80 pounds at birth. In the same area of Ireland the typical Fleckvieh calf weighs 80 to 90 pounds at birth and the French Charolais 105 pounds.

Until they were in the quarantine station these cattle had never eaten grain, and didn't know what it was, to the consternation of quarantine officials. That's

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Drapes and Electric Heaters Following are some safety guidelines that allow maximum efficiency in the operation of all types of electric baseboard heaters - with a minimum influence on draperies.

—Hang drapes so that when in use they extend below the centerline of the heater, but with at least one-half inch clearance from the top of the finished floor covering (such as a carpet).

— There should be at least one

inch between the extreme front of the heater and the nearest fold of the drapes in the folded back (opened drape) position.

-Leave one-half inch between the top of the drapes and the

-Draperies located close to heaters should be of material that will not discolor nor distort dimensionally (shrink or stretch) upon extended exposure (1000 hours) to a temperature of 200 F -When cutting off drapes above a heater do so by at least

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the Republic of Ireland, for because in their native land they eat only grass or grass silage due to too wet a climate to raise grain. No concentrates are fed - the cattle are culled and selected

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3,000 Beef Friesian cattle in Friesian bred to an Angus the USA now. Beef Genetics Research, Inc. imported semen last year from a German Friesian that was an Irish stud. The calves were so impressive it was decided to import a large number of Beef Friesians.

Another reason for the "new" breed's growing popularity, according to Beef Genetics Research, Inc., is that their color is ideal for crossing on our domestic cattle. A Beef

produces a black calf. Bred to a Hereford the calf is a black-baldie.

The result, according to Beef Genetics Research, Inc., is commercially acceptable cattle that gain well and that have little calving trouble.

Some of the heifers pictured will be on display and others will be sold at the National Beef Friesian Sale in Denver, Colorado, this coming January 10.

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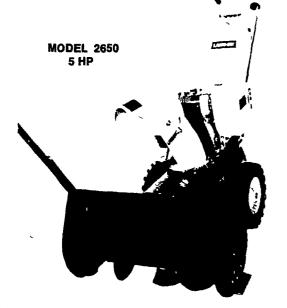
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