

Farm Women Societies

The Annual Lancaster County Farm Women Society Convention will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the Farm and Home Center on Arcadia Road.

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Agronomist speaks at young farmer's meeting

Max Maichele, agronomist for the Ortho Chemical Company and representative for the P. L. Rohrer Company in Lancaster County, was the keynote speaker at the Garden Spot Young Farmer's meeting held last Monday evening.

Maichele spoke on the topic of fertilizer and also showed a slide presentation on agronomy field work. Nothing that fertilizer had become a valued commodity, Maichele explained

that farmers exercise good judgement when deciding what to purchase. "We use fertilizer for good results and while all fertilizer is good, some kinds are better than others in given situations." "A farmer must know what he wants and really requires."

Maichele commented on the different forms of fertilizer and cautioned farmers to beware of exotic materials now in the market. "I'd advise farmers to stick

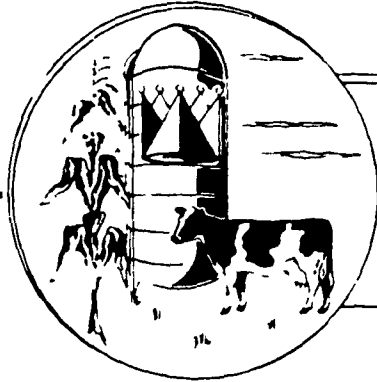
to the conventional forms of fertilizer," the agronomist stated. "There are a lot of new exotics on the market but we don't always know what their effect will be." The agronomist cautioned the farmers to be aware of what products and in what proportions they are included in the fertilizer he buys. "If you're not sure of what the product contains or want to know just what its effect will be, ask your

salesman or company representative."

"There's no need to add additional costs to your purchase such as limiting if you buy the right fertilizer to begin with."

"Use the fertilizer bill of rights which states - use the right amount of the right kind at the right time and in the right place for best results."

Donald Robinson, adult ag education instructor at Garden Spot, arranged for Maichele's appearance at the meeting, in conjunction with the staff and management at P. L. Rohrer's in Smoketown.



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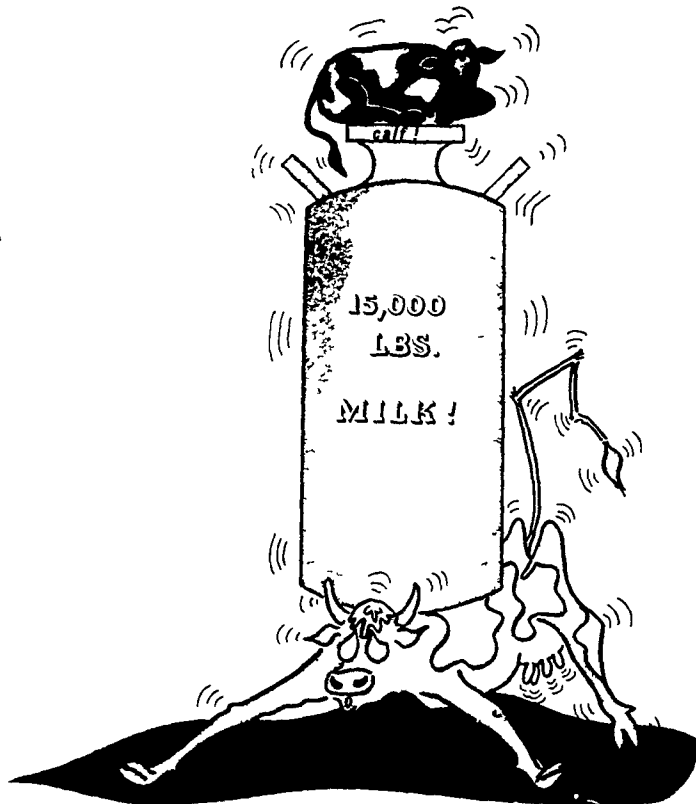
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DRY COWS — WHY BOTHER?

The fifth in a series of six articles of interest to you, the farmer.
Articles one through four available on request. Call 717-394-3047.

Dry cows for many years have been neglected on a lot of farms throughout the country. Many people just put their dry cows in the back pen or back pasture and forget them until they drop their calf. Then they bring them into the barn, start feeding them chop, and wonder why they don't milk. Yes, a dry cow program is very important to a dairyman. Even though a cow is only dry 6-8 weeks and is producing a calf that you hope is strong and healthy when it hits the ground. Most of the calf is made in the last two months of the cows pregnancy or in other words during her dry period. It takes a high level of calcium and phosphorus to build bones, protein to grow hair, and also vitamins and trace minerals to develop the calf properly. To get this job done right you must have a balanced feeding program for the dry cows.

From past experience AGRI-KING has learned that the most critical time for a dairy cow is the last three weeks of her dry period and the first three weeks of



her lactation. So, during this time it is especially important to see that she is fed a balanced ration.

If a dry cow feed is made the AGRI-KING way and the cow only eats half of what she should, she is not on the AGRI-KING dry cow feeding program. It is not only important to get a balanced ration, it is also important to make it palatable so she will eat it. Sometimes this is hard to do.

If a farmer can get a cow to drop her calf and go to peak production without problems, he has a cow that will probably produce her inherited production. It is not always easy for a farmer to feed his dry cows right; but we feel that if he understands why it is necessary to take the little extra attention it takes to do it right, most good farmers will do so. We're convinced that if you take good care of your dry cows, you will have a lot less trouble with milk fever and breeding problems.

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