

The milk

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The practice of mixing small grains and high moisture corn is not original to "Saredhill." Funck came across the concept on a York County dairy farm while on a Holstein tour. Intrigued by the idea, he decided to try it and has been with it ever since. It would probably take more than a couple of mean bulls to get him to change too.

Funck explained that he puts the small grains and corn all in at the same time. "It's a three tractor operation - one on the oats and barley wagon, one on the corn wagon, and one on the blower," Funck said. "A thing you want to remember is not to let the tractor on the blower run out of gas!"

The high moisture corn is put in at a moisture content of approximately 30 per cent. Since the oats and barley are relatively dried out, these grains soak up some of the moisture - allowing for a final moisture reading of about 25 per cent. The ratio is one-third small grains to two-thirds high moisture corn. Offering some of the ration to his cows, Funck said: "If they don't eat this stuff, there's something wrong with them."

The above feed is supplemented with a commercially prepared 40 per cent protein mix and is fed according to production. A cow producing 60 pounds of milk, for example, received 22 pounds of the silo mixture and four pounds of supplement per day. On top of that, Funck's cows are fed liberal amounts of haylage and an average of four pounds of hay per head per day. During the Summer the herd spends as much time as possible on pasture, but still has access to stored feeds. During this time of year the cows remain stabled except for about an hour per day for exercise and heat observation.

Having maintained an average of 91.2 per cent of his cows in milk for the 1976 DHIA testing year, Funck has no pronounced breeding problem, but admits having some difficulties. "You're really doing something if you can get this kind of production out of a herd and then get them all bred back on schedule," he stated. There was a time when a phosphorous deficiency in his ration played havoc with breeding schedules, but the situation has been much improved with mineral mixes which Funck force-feeds twice daily. The two different products are fed at a rate of "one handful for two cows." He waits 60 days before he attempts to get his animals back in calf.

"I never had much luck with anything I bought," the accomplished dairyman said in reference to the bloodlines of his herd. Consequently, he has relied mostly on his own stock - including a few bulls. For the most part, however, he has been breeding his herd artificially and the two bulls which got most of the business here were "Ivanhoe" and "Performer." All but two animals in the "Saredhill" herd are registered Holsteins.

Since he bought a second farm, plus a tract of 22 acres between the two, Funck has had room to raise all of his heifers - which has allowed him to expand the herd while simultaneously giving him a larger selection pool for replacement stock. In months to come he hopes to be able to sell a few head.

According to Funck, this particularly management system fits nicely into his expansion program without becoming too dependent on either too much mechanization or hired help.

Cornhusk

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For a full sleeve effect, wrap and tie an additional corn husk on either end of the tube. This piece extends over the ends of the tube and is turned inside out after being tied. The effect is similar to a seam, so be sure to place the "right" sides of the cornhusk, or the clean sides, together. After the extra piece is turned inside out and brought to the center of the tube, tie it securely.

Once the arms are made, the next step is to join them to the head. To do this, split the husks below the neck and slip the arms through the center, holding them firmly against the neckline.

Then, taking two pieces of corn husk, one to one-and-a-half inches wide, criss-cross them over the arms, creating shoulders. To form the waist, tie these pieces one inch below the arms.

Once the bodice is made, the next portion of the doll is the skirt. To do this, turn it upside down and layer wide corn husks evenly with the narrow ends around the waistline. Continue until the desired fullness is achieved. Again, turn the husks inside out for a "seam" effect. As was mentioned, make sure

the first layer is made up of clean husks, since this is the layer which will be exposed when finished.

To make a belt to finish the seam where the bodice and skirt are tied together, take a long corn husk which is 1/4 to 1/2 inch wide and tie it around the waistline. Tie a bow in the back.

At this point the doll is finished and ready to be dried. Hang it to dry for several days. When no longer damp, glue on corn silk for hair, and trim the bottom of the skirt evenly so that it will stand. Add face detail if desired. Bend arms to natural position, adding a basket of dried flowers or other decoration.

For variety, the corn husks can be dyed. To do this, heat 1-1/2 gallon of water to the boiling point. Add 1/2 package Rit dye to two tablespoons liquid detergent. Place husks in solution, a few at a time. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour off solution and run cold water over the husks until the excess dye is removed. Place the husks on newspaper and let dry until moist, and then begin to assemble the doll

Funck began his farming career in 1952 when he purchased his present home farm at a public sale. He was 21 years old at the time and engaged to be married. Reminiscing a bit, he said: "I never shook so badly in my boots in my whole life - I didn't even have a down payment."

The veteran dairyman is more at ease now - with a high herd average, a product valued at \$1263 per cow per year over feed costs, and a feed expense of \$3.66 per hundredweight of milk doing much of the soothing.

Maryland 4-H'ers capture eight scholarships

CHICAGO, Ill. - A bumper crop of eight, national scholarships was harvested by Maryland's 35 teen-agers attending this week's fifty-fifth National 4-H Congress here.

The scholarship winners from Maryland, and the project areas in which they earned national recognition, include the following:

Deborah Flanigan, 18, of Frederick, won with her swine projects. She specializes in raising purebred Hampshires.

E. Scott Glasscock, 18, of Cockeysville, won with a project on leadership. He is currently a freshman at the University of Maryland.

Matthew Sauder, 18, of Woodstock, was the automotive winner. His interest in automotive repairs began because of difficulties in obtaining prompt repairs on farm equipment.

Steven L. Wilson, 17, of Parkton was named the dairy project winner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Wilson.

Kenneth Dukewitz, 16, of Elkton, excelled in petroleum power. A student at Elkton High School, he

plans a vocational career. One of his projects was restoring a 1930 tractor which hadn't run in 25 years.

Maryland's current dairy princess, Emma Jean Saathoff, was a winner in gardening. The 18-year old is currently a freshman at the University of Delaware, majoring in horticulture. She plans a career as a florist.

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