

My Thoughts

And welcome to them

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I was the chief teat and bottle washer in the Spahr family dairy operation 15 years ago. Only, back then, I didn't know that they were called "teats" or "quarters." I only knew them by one name - it started with a "t", ended with a "t", and had an "i" in the middle.

For years I used this word unabashedly in front of my friends, neighbors, and relatives. Then, one day in school, I realized that this particular three letter word was dirty (as most three or four letter words are), and from that time forward I had a heck of a time trying to talk about the t..., well, ... about the four things that hang in front of a cow's back legs, without biting my tongue or turning red for days afterward.

But, it wasn't only talking about them that was bad - it was working with them, also. Or, should I say, it was tough working with my father and brother.

Unaware of my newly developing sensitivities as I reached the beginning of puberty, the men used the words as often as they said each others names.

"Jo, you missed this t-." they would yell at the top of their lungs, loud enough for the neighbors across the field to hear. As I'd slink up the walkway, hunching my shoulders to hide the new bloom of a figure which only I knew was there, my Dad would start in with a lesson on you-know-what washing.

"Jo, I'm telling you," he'd say sternly, "if you don't wash these t-- better, you're going to have to

The farmland purchased for \$1,000 an acre in 1973 would cost 25 per cent more - or \$1,250 in 1974.

☺ have a nice weekend...

... free something



That, at least, was the average percentage hike in farm real estate values across the nation according to a USDA survey for the year ending March 1, 1974. The survey attributes last year's gain to the record level of net farm income in 1973 and to buyer's optimism about future income.

wash each one twice!" I was aghast that he could use the dirty word twice in one breath - to me that was worse than cursing on Sunday.

As I washed and dried the hanging hook-ups of the gentle Holsteins, I would look at the big, soft, eyes of the animals and wonder if they felt degraded by the language in the barn. Most of the times, they just wheezed, rolled their cuds up in their necks, and started chewing. They weren't too couth, but what can you expect from the animals who think their bodies are three letter words?

Jo-Dan B. E. Ivan . . . 34,298 MILK



Son of famed Black Eagle

Jo-Dan brings top production on line with the extraordinary type of his sire: Paclamar Ivanhoe Black Eagle "EX" (93) GM. Prominent herd sire at Paclamar Farms before joining Curtiss, Black Eagle was coded "1" in 10 of 12 categories for type. His PDT: +.67 99% Rep. 9/76 HFA.



Daughter Faria Farms Ivan Blossom "EX" (90) Pictured when milking 117 pounds per day.

40H2455 Jo-Dan B. E. Ivan "VG" (89) sAa 485321
PD: +1057M +6F +67S 64% Rep. 5/77 USDA
PDT: -.025 44% Rep. 2/77 TPI +167 HFA

Persistent aggressive daughters

Jo-Dan daughters have a beautiful blend of strength, style and dairyness, with excellent, snug udders and correct feet and legs. They're strong — especially at the front — and aggressive eaters, so they milk heavy and long. Several Jo-Dan 2-year-olds are milking over 80 lbs. daily.



Daughter: Faria Farms Ivan Blossom "EX" (90)
3-03 2X 339d 20,200M 3.6% 740F
4-03 2X 320d 22,820M 3.3% 765F

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Dam is 4-time record holder

Jo-Dan's dam, Beaucrest Wiscap Beauty, 4-time National Record Dam, held the National Senior Three-Year-Old Milk Production Record at 305 days with 30,700M 3.2% 993F. At 365 days that lactation was 34,298M 3.2% 1,102F. (a very distinguished cow.)

All available completed lactation data not included will be provided upon request



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