

N.H. says hay preservatives need more research

NEW HOLLAND—It's too soon to be sure, but practical hay preservative chemicals seem headed our way, opinionizes Mac Reeves of

the Sperry New Holland Company, here. Reeves, who is product manager for balers at New Holland, says it's about time

we found some good preservatives that'll let us bale damp hay without danger of mold. He stresses the need for more research.

The search is older than the pickup baler, he adds. It could be almost as old as haying. Generations of hay producers sprinkled rock

salt on hay if they suspected it might be damp enough to mold in the mow or stack. Reeves says folks were never sure it helped but cattle ate the salted hay with apparent relish. Other chemicals were

tried shortly after baling got to be the accepted way to harvest hay. Applicators were available commercially by the late 1940's. Not much information was

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With hay commanding record-high prices, farmers are paying more and more attention to management practices and hay-making methods.

One idea receiving close scrutiny is the concept of adding hay preservatives.

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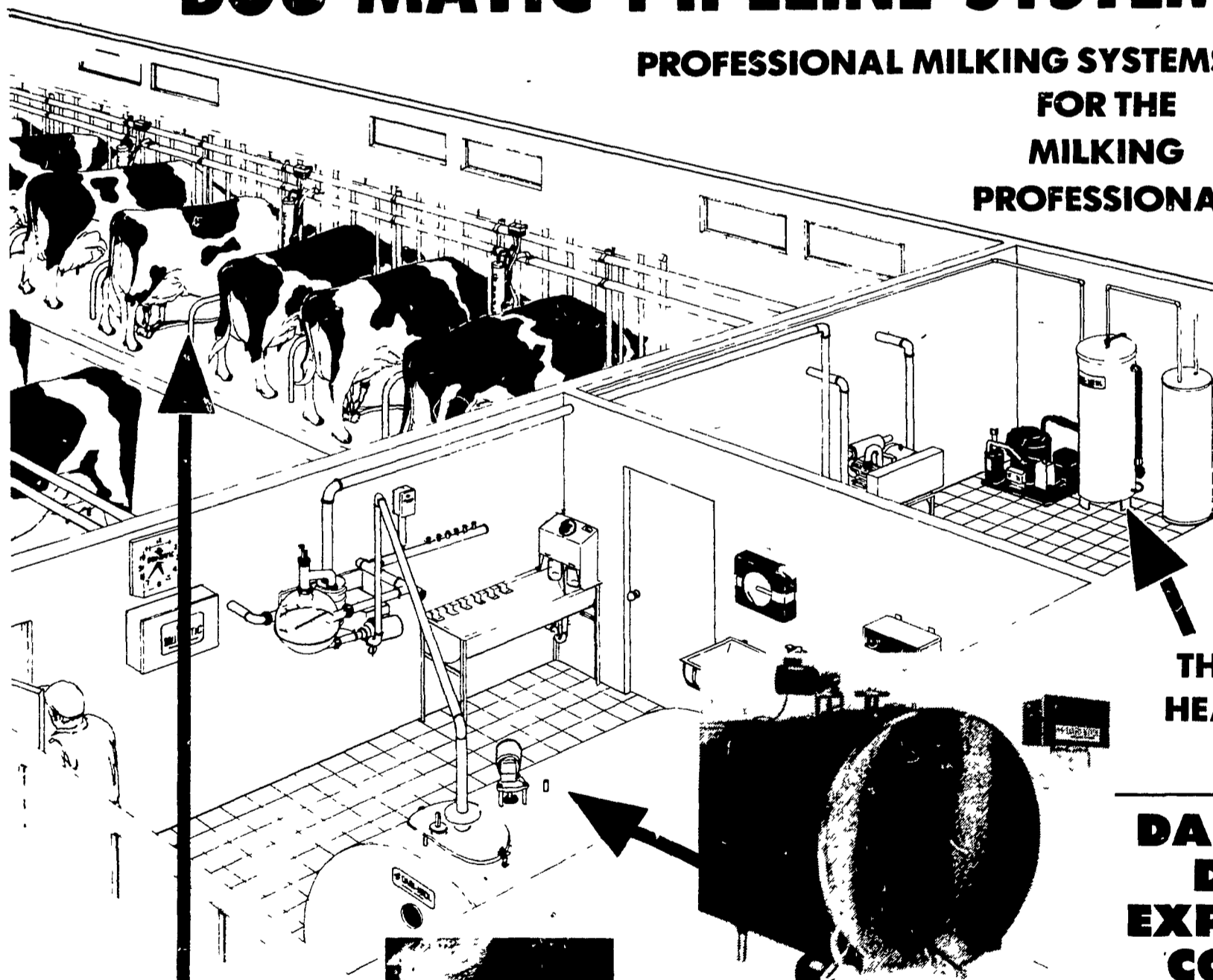
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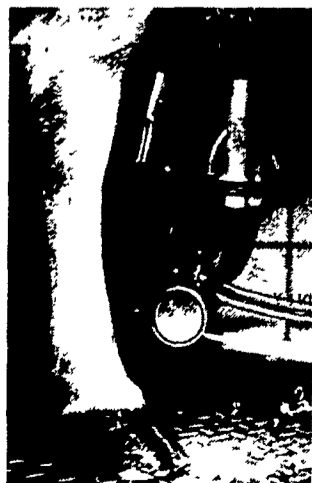
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