



*Life on the farm* By Dieter Krieg

Taking advantage of a bit of editorial privilege, I hereby declare June as life on the farm month. And, lest anyone becomes concerned over June -- Dairy Month -- being neglected, let me state my case by beginning with the dairy angle.

June is life on the farm month because this is the time of year when dairymen have one cow going into the maternity pasture while another is coming out. This is one of the busiest months for the calf stork, as well as the farmer.

With long-legged calves stumbling amidst clumps of orchard grass, and later darting away from the farmer's

grasp, who can deny that this is life on the farm month? But if you need more proof, the list can grow

June is the month when days are longest. Everything on the farm has sprung to life in full force and splendor.

Corn is up and stretching towards sunny skies. The alfalfa is thick and tall. In the pasture, grass is just barely staying ahead of the cows. In another month its growth will have slowed down. Singing birds and buzzing insects add more proof that this is life on the farm month.

Trees are in full splendor with

leaves that are fresh and clean. Strawberries are ripe and the children are home from school.

month, like Dairy Month, lasts all year. And we wouldn't want it any other way.

Add to all this the fact that there is plenty of work to do just in order to keep up with all the life and growth that's going on. Lawns, hay fields, newborn calves, and fresh cows are all demanding attention. It's a busy, and yet rewarding and inspirational time of year. Fortunately, none of that will end when we turn the calendar to July. Life on the farm



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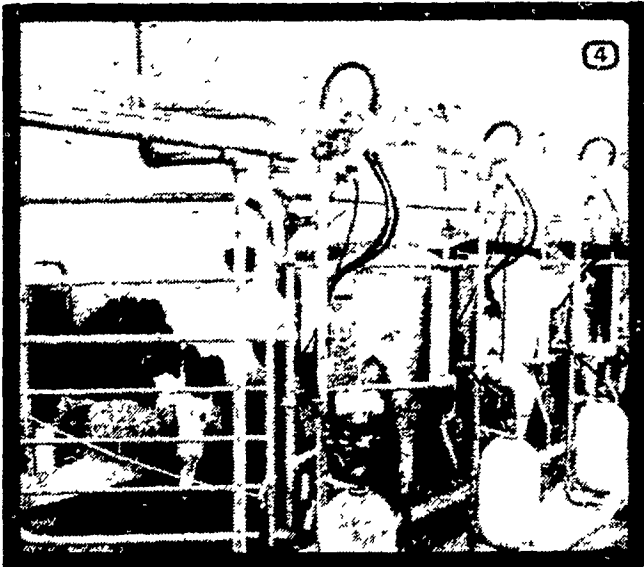
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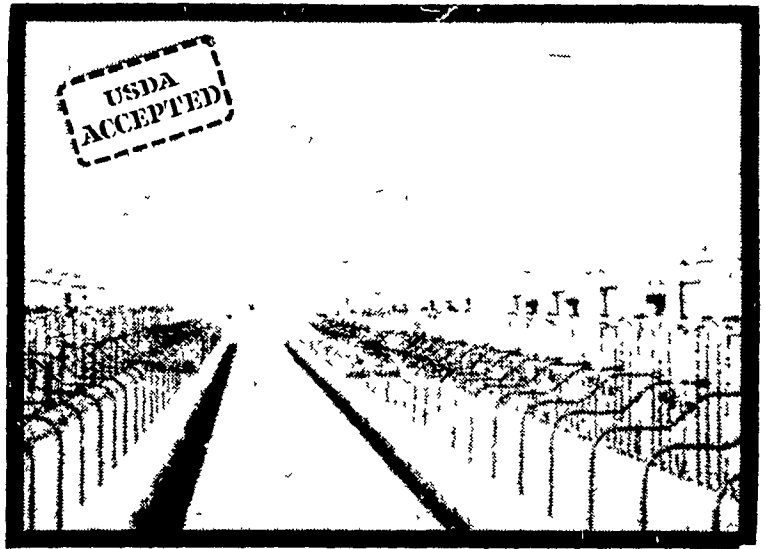
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