

Raw milk

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two unused inflation fittings. From the 3/4 h.p. motor powering the vacuum pump to the pliable narrow bore inflations, the unit functioned efficiently throughout the milking process.

The freestall barn is neatly arranged with hay feeders along both long sides. The multitude of white bodies prompts the question, "Why do you raise Saanens?" The reply is simple, "We like the white color." Opening off of the side, a neatly fenced lot goes unused. "We have to force the does outside even in the summer," states Harry. The three-strand electric fencing has proved adequate for the seldom used lot.

Kids are bottle fed until 10 days of age when they are switched to pan feeding. In all, they are fed milk a total of two months. At two weeks of age, free choice grain and hay, the same that are fed to the milkers, are placed in the kid pens. The Davidhizers castrate and disbud all kids, even those sent to a meat auction. That way they explain, if they end up as pets, they'll be nicer animals.

Looking over the barn, they relate a story of earlier days, when they were still building. The family arrived at the barn one morning to find the goats had unlatched a gate and spilled a new batch of feed. Once stuffed with the grain, they proceeded to trounce upon a whole case of new fluorescent light tubes. The family laughs about it now, but the listener gets the impression they haven't forgotten. All gates and doors are now double-latched.

The family's hope of a livelihood from their goats sometimes seems distant with their present sales of



These Saanen kids are fed from pans from 10 days to 2 months of age. Larry takes over the feeding whenever he's not on the road.

approximately 40 quarts per week at the door, but they are quick to point out they have just begun. And sales are growing.

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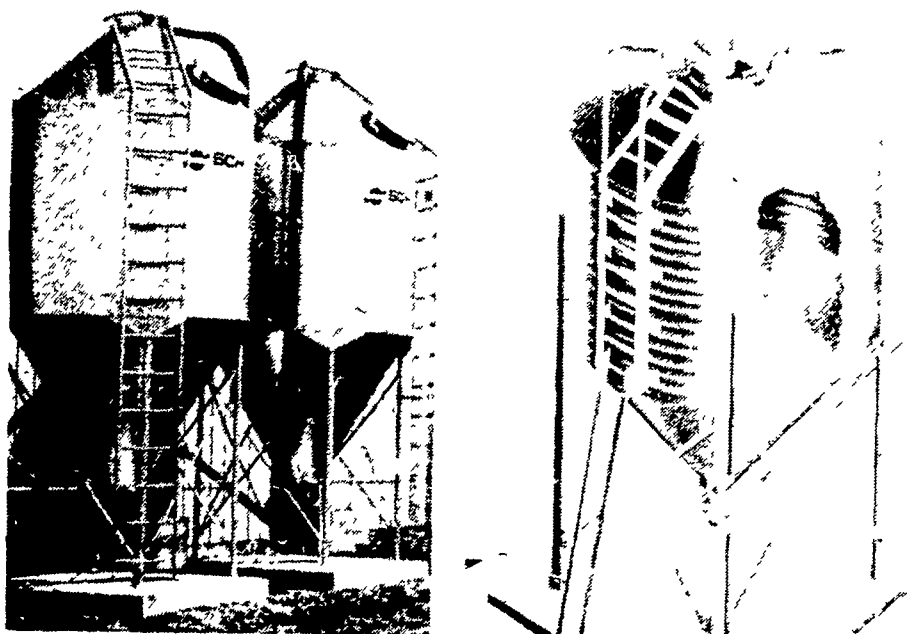
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