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Furthermore, since cows may prefer one forage over another, they may be short on protein and overfed on energy.

High producers are unlikely to get enough to eat in a parlor milking setup because they don't stay in the parlor long enough.

Larry Chase, department of animal science, Cornell University, told the group high moisture corn offers a viable option on many farms to get added energy into animals and reduce purchased feed cost.

If it is managed properly, feeding high moisture corn can give good results, he said.

Advantages of feeding high moisture corn include a harvest which may be two to three weeks earlier, adaptation to mechanization, the potential to reduce feed costs, and provision of high energy feed.

Chase noted there are a lot of storage options available to dairymen with high moisture corn.

It can be stored successfully in oxygen-limiting silos, conventional silos, or horizontal silos. In an emergency, chemical preservatives can be used.

He said all viable storage alternatives with which high quality high moisture corn can be produced.

Penn State Extension Dairy Specialist Richard Adams discussed the problem of selenium needs in the dairy herd, stressing that Vitamin E intake must be considered along with Selenium.

"Both have to be present to have an adequate ration. There is more and more evidence that you don't keep away problems by having Selenium present. You also must have Vitamin E," he

Although the Food and Drug Administration has ruled that the addition of Selenium now is acceptable Adams noted, "It will take more than Food and Drug action to get Selenium into herd use.'

Adams outlined some of the problems which can be caused by dificiencies in both Vitamin E and Selenium, and gave suggested levels for their use.

Doyle Waybright, Mason-Dixon Farms, Gettysburg, told farmers that testing of forages is one of the most important parts of their farm operation which includes the milking of 650 head of cows, along with the processing and marketing of the milk.

Waybright said, "We test every cutting of alfalfa and test the first cutting several times because of the changes which take place over the weeks. We also test our complete rations."

Waybright said a total mixed ration is fed to all cows in the herd, including

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samples out to the state lab for identification and they would come back marked only as contaminated. To detect it, you must ask for a specific mycoplasma culture, which requires that a different medium be us-

Cultures had to be flown daily to Cornell University since no facility in Pennsylvania could handle the volume of testing required.

This lack of facilities to run the cultures in Pennsylvania was a major concern, according to Frey, along with nothing to guard against selling the animals. In addition to following a

newborn calves and dry cows.

He stressed the importance of concentrating efforts of getting forage into the silo at the optimum stage.

"If you let it go too long you sacrifice essential protein," he said.

John Speicher, Michigan State Dairy Scientist, gave farmers a farmers a preview of how computers may be used on dairy farms in the future for dairy herd management.

Speicher said he foresees the use of computers for financial accounting and crop production. The limiting factor at this point is the high cost of developing programs.

rigid sanitary program of teat washing with an iodine solution and other measures, such as isolation, Turkey Hill attempted a mechanical backflush of milking equipment to try to check the outbreak. But the backflushing with an iodine solution, followed by clear water and blowing out with air didn't

help solve the problem. Only after continuing systematic removal of animals from the herd, the dairy received its first clean report in December.

Larry Hutchinson, Penn State veterinarian, explained that mycoplasma is not a bacteria or virus and primarily is a large herd problem tied in with the grouping of animals. More than one quarter of the animal can be involved, but the cow does not appear to be sick.

He recommended periodic means of checking for mycoplasma.

Frey confirmed that it affected mostly fresh cows, which didn't run a fever or even show signs of mastitis while still milking 90 lbs. or so a day.

Frey also explained that the milk from the affected cows would form a sandy sentiment on the bottom of a test tube after it set awhile. Above the sentiment was a clear separation and the whiter milk on top.

In discussion of other

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mastitis problems, Ranck said that nearly two-thirds of his 54-cow herd previously had problems with staph and strep.

"I place a lot of importance on the cultures," he said.

"If it wasn't cleared up by the next milking, I'd have the vet do a sensitivity test. I'd look for any kind of swelling and send the culture right off. If there was a temperature, I'd treat the cow.'

He utilized teat spray, individual towels and other sanitary measures.

Steve Spencer, Penn State dairy specialist, said effective control measures center on stringent teat dipping, continuing dry cow treatment, along with a good review of the milking system and how it's done.

Coliform problems, it was explained, usually can be traced to wet conditions, culture of bulk tank milk as a such as a ditch outside or even wetness in free stalls.

In the case of Windle, the

New Antibiotic Test Set July 1

LANCASTER - A word of caution has been issued to dairymen concerning a new test for antibiotics which is expected to begin July 1.

Steve Spencer, Penn State dairy specialist, told the Lancaster Dairy Day audience this week that the new test will be much more sensitive than the test being used now.

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problem was due to a waterway, which was fenced off to keep the cows away.

In his treatment, Windle used teat dipping and individual towels. It was suggested that drying teats with individual towels can help to guard against wet udders when the units are put on. It also was recommended that help and advice from a vet for proper treatment was advisable.

Coliform problems also can be attributed to the type of bedding being used. Problems with the use of sawdust were mentioned. The size of the particles in the bedding can contribute to the problem.

Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap, served as master of ceremonies. Glenn Shirk, county dairy agent, served as chairman of the planning committee.

Stoltzfus described the session as one of the best attended Dairy Day programs held in Lancaster County in recent years.

more sensitive," Spencer said, "and will detect antibiotics at lower levels,"

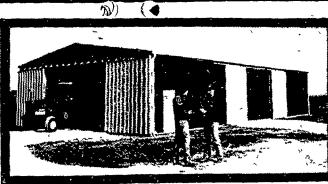
He said that the new test will require a closer watch by dairymen on the use of antibiotics.

He recommended that dairymen follow the correct prescribed directions for their use and also watch for the specific withdrawl times.

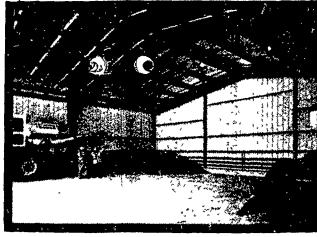
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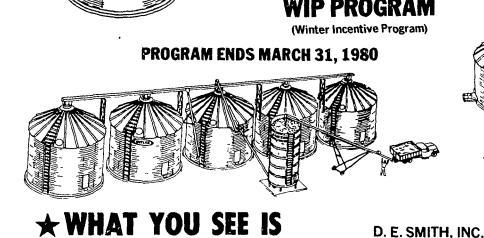


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