

Recipe Swap

In this last Recipe Swap column we're featuring tomato soup. Starting next week, the Swap will become part of Home on the Range and questions from readers will be featured in Cooks Question Corner. This is designed to provide greater flexibility to us in handling requests and recipe exchanges from you our readers. Send any questions on cooking or home care to: Cook's Question Corner, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 366, Lititz, PA 17543.

TOMATO SOUP

- 3 ripe tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 quart of milk
- dash of soda

Put tomato in blender including the skin and blend until smooth. Slightly brown butter in a skillet and add pureed tomato and salt. Boil 5 minutes. Add a dash of soda and a quart of milk. Heat again but do not boil. Serve immediately.

Mrs. Lloyd Burkholder, Ephrata

TOMATO SOUP

- 1 peck tomatoes
- 6 onions
- 2 green peppers
- 2 stalks celery
- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup salt

Cook together and put through a sieve. Put on the stove and bring to a boil. Add butter, flour, sugar and salt with water to form a paste. Add to the mixture and cook. Can while very hot.

Mrs. Stanley C. Owens, Buck Creek

TOMATO SOUP

- 1 peck tomatoes
- 2 onions
- 1 stalk celery
- ¼ cup salt
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ pound butter
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ cup corn starch

Cook tomatoes, onions and celery. Put through sieve. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Can and seal. When opening the jars, add the same amount of milk as juice and heat.

Mrs. John Martin, Ephrata

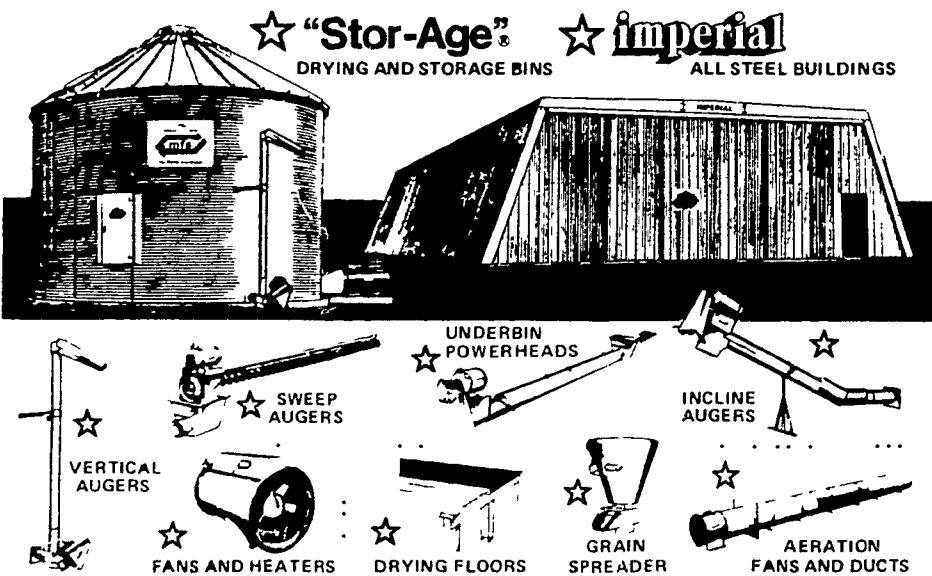
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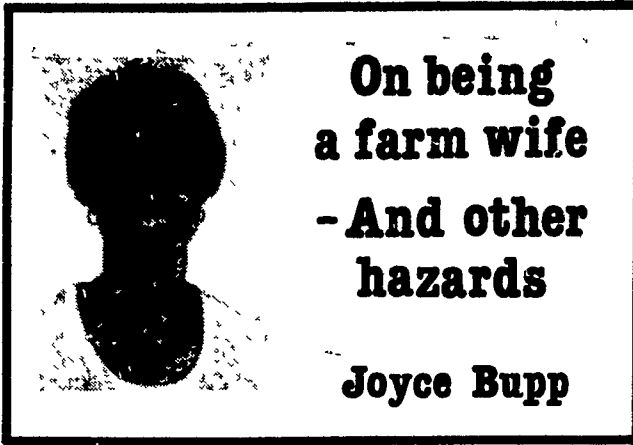
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On being a farm wife - And other hazards

Joyce Bupp

If there was any money to make in raising good ole' domestic barnyard cats, we'd be filthy rich. (As it is, only the first part of that last phrase applies.)

Each Spring, our team of furry mothers presents us with new families of adorable kittens. This year's crop came in a rainbow of colors, packaged in deliveries of four to seven per shipment; at last count there were some 21 bewhiskered mouths to feed.

Each one, naturally, is just as cute as a button and the kids can barely be persuaded to part with even one. Although we've pawned a few off on our luckier relatives, and one mama has resettled half her family at the heifer barn over the hill, the stampede of fur still nearly knocks you off your feet at feeding time.

One fellow dairyman, just a few miles from us, may have inadvertently found a solution to the ever-present overpopulation of barn cats.

Seems that a couple of weeks ago, when one of our Maryland Cooperative milk tanks backed in for the regular pickup, curiosity got the cat. After a preliminary examination of the tanker's frame, this critter picked out a comfy spot beneath the big trailer and settled down for a catnap.

We can only guess at the cat's astonishment when the motor roared and those big wheels started rolling. Undaunted, the cat hung on. Across our winding country roads, north toward Cumberland County, the cat

lung to its precarious perch. When the tanker finally backed into the unloading dock at the Holly Milk plant at Mt. Holly Springs, one cat had gotten its fill of adventure.

With a flying leap, the stowaway burst from beneath the truck in search of a safer spot.

And took cover on the underside of another tanker just pulling out.

Our fearless, and probably frustrated, furry friend was on its way back South.

Somewhere near Taneytown, Maryland, the truck came to a halt and the one fed-up cat finally made a getaway.

We wish the cat well and hope that it has found a soft bed of hay, no nasty dogs,

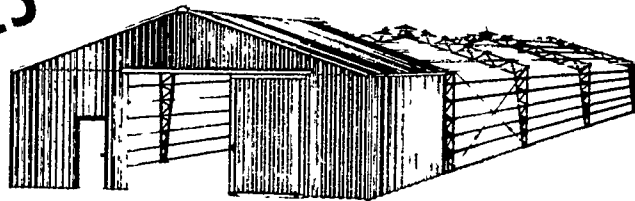
and a few nice mice as it counts whatever's left of its nine lives.

And we hope that our Maryland neighbors will accept this gift of barn cat breeding stock as a token in friendship from the dairymen of York County.

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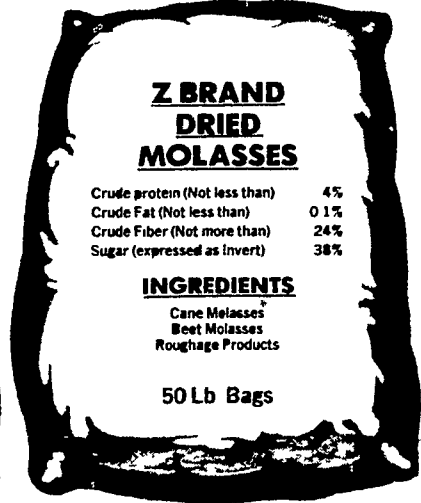
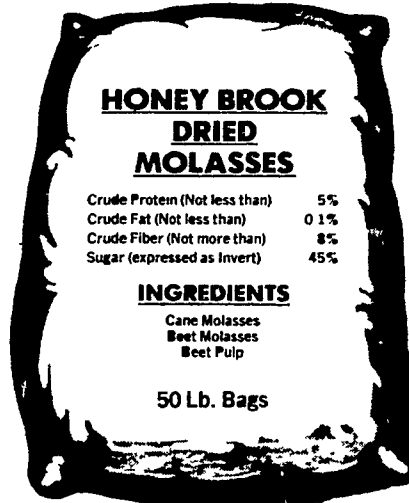
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