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Morning milking

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out its darker muzzle for some maternal reassurance.

A snowy kitten curled on a patch of straw.

The milk house vent belching out a misty vapor.

Amidst this mixture of sights and sounds, a mother, father and son move methodically from animal to animal.

Washing udders, attaching milkers, checking them, moving them on.

Few words are spoken to clash with the more familiar sounds the herd prefers.

It's a time of calm haste; little movement is wasted. Every effort is made to process the two shifts of cows expeditiously on such a dead, calm early July morning.



The animals cooperate more than usual, seemingly aware they can more quickly escape to the coolness of the meadow and stream.

Morning milking is a time of inner meaning and meditation. A time for daily self-appraisal and self-leveling in the larger, overall scheme of life.

While a very tiny percentage of humankind experiences this atmosphere regularly, others among the much larger majority could well take a lesson from it.

National and world leaders, captains of industry and board rooms and union bosses should be required to contemplate their

momentous decisions in the quiet solitude of a dairy barn during early morning milking.

Very likely, there would be fewer problems and more decisions of lasting benefit to all.

Finally, through a window peek the shining streaks of an awakening world.

The animals amble out and the dairy family trudges off to breakfast.

Another day begins for most and is already well under way for a few.

Angus field day held at ErReR Hill Farms

FRIEDENS — ErReR Hill Farms, near Friedens, provided the setting for the Pennsylvania Angus Field Day on July 12.

Hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Riggs, owners of ErReR Hill Farms, with Robert Hay, manager.

More than 60 Angus enthusiasts were on hand to hear four guest speakers discuss various aspects of the beef industry.

Erskine Cash, Penn State, spoke about performance testing. Mick Colvin, West Salem, Ohio, discussed the

Certified Angus Beef Program. Dick Sour talked about marketing livestock, and Arthur Bartenslager, director of the American Angus Association from Churchville, Virginia, spoke to the field day group.

Other highlights of the day included an auction of donated items held by the Pennsylvania Angus Auxiliary, with proceeds going to their scholarship fund. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs provided a noon lunch. A fencing demonstration and farm tour rounded out the day's activities.



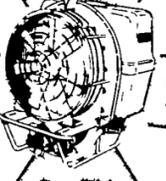


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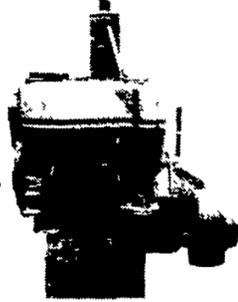
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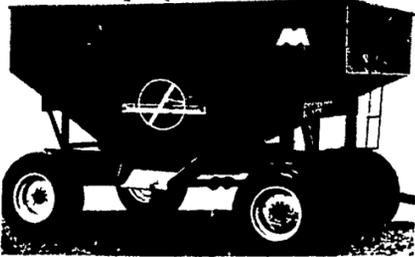
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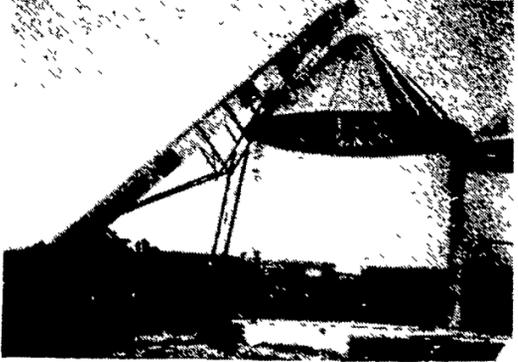
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