



**Ask the  
VMD**

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**A reader asks:**  
What is the best way to minimize disease transmission when introducing a new animal into the herd?

**Dr. Riegel comments:**

The best procedure for bringing new animals onto a farm is certainly not the most convenient, nor the most economical, nor are the majority of farms equipped to provide the segregation and isolation that is necessary to prevent what could be a disastrous situation if disease strikes.

Three points to consider are

Ask yourself these questions. Where does it come from? Has it been raised in a healthy environment? Are there any specific disease problems in the area from where the animal originated? Could I be buying some else's problem? To answer some of these questions, demand a veterinary health certificate. In cases of breeding cattle, a certificate is not only a good idea, but a must.

Know what vaccinations the animal has been given. Is this animal vaccinated against the diseases I routinely vaccinate against on my farm? Is it vac-

inated for some diseases that I don't vaccinate against? If either of these two situations are present, you should check the advisability of having your herd and the new animal vaccinated alike.

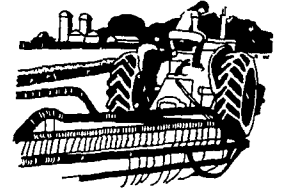
Isolate the animal entering the farm for a sufficient time before exposing the animals already there. This is the part that most people reing on, due to lack of appropriate facilities, but still a very important point. Animals should be isolated to prevent direct

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Estes, of Montgomery, Ala., has most recently served as manager of the Alabama District of Dairymen's Nashville Division. For ten years, before joining

Dairymen, he was with Associated Milk Producers of Alabama, which became a part of Dairymen in August 1981. Estes served as general manager there from 1979 to 1981.

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contact (nose to nose), contact through the feed (common feed or water trough) or contact through common use of facilities. The ideal length of time for isolation is 30 days.

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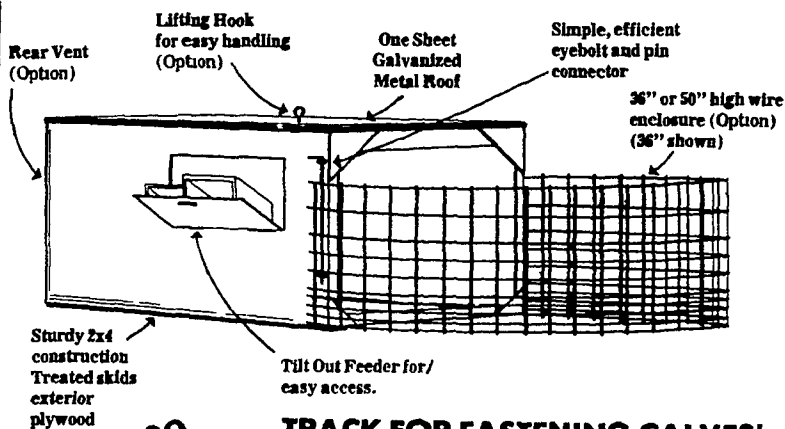
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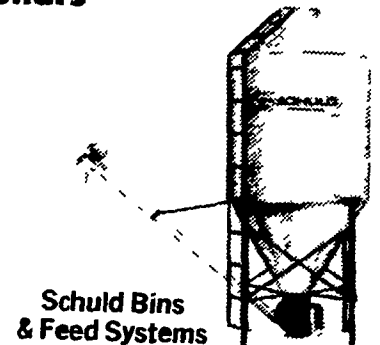
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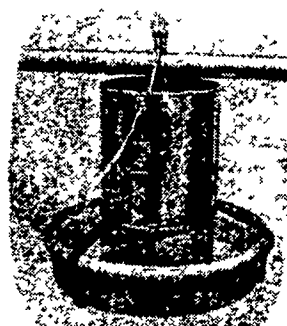
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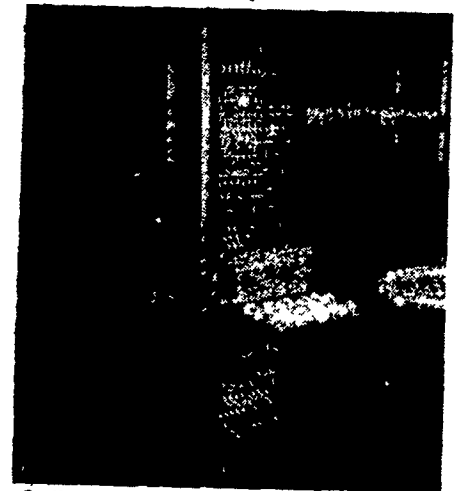
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