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Top Ten Individual Herd Records

Ivan Smoker&Son	RH	97.6	86.9	21,069	754
Jack Thomas Sr	Mx	41.0	88.6	19,022	703
Iva Kibbe Jr	RH	92.9	89.5	17,610	698
John C Traub	R&GrH	42.2	85.2	18,529	676
Guy Dunn	RH	53.3	89.3	17,905	675
Kevin Risser	R&GrH	90.4	84.3	18,763	668
Robert Francis	RH	42.0	81.9	17,417	655
Jay N Heisey	RH	75.3	85.4	17,943	648
George Barker	RH	58.3	81.9	18,102	646
R Own Farms	RH	63.5	85.5	17,018	638

Top Ten Cows By Butterfat

Ivan Smoker&Sons	Lynn	9-7	7	305	1125
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Dart	8-2	7	305	1069
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Echo	7-2	6	305	1055
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Treasure	7-3	5	305	1049
Kevin Risser	Cissy	5-8	4	305	1020
Stan&Sarah Brubaker	#67	4-10	2	305	1018
Kevin Risser	#715	5-1	2	305	1016
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Suzette	7-11	6	305	998
George Barker	Vera	7-7	6	305	998
Jack Thomas Sr	Deena	5-3	4	305	997

Top Ten Cows By Milk Production

Ivan Smoker&Sons	Echo	7-2	6	305	3.3	32,461
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Vanilla	5-11	4	305	3.1	29,650
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Betsy	3-11	3	305	3.1	29,528
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Lizzie	6-5	5	305	3.1	28,810
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Vonda	3-3	2	305	2.7	27,631
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Dancer	6-2	5	305	3.4	27,626
Kevin Risser	Daisy	4-5	3	305	3.0	27,622
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Treasure	7-3	5	305	3.8	27,567
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Lynn	9-7	7	305	4.1	27,409
Ivan Smoker&Sons	Genie	3-7	2	305	3.2	27,083

Consider milo as feed grain

NEWARK, DEL. Milo (grain sorghum) can be a profitable alternative to corn when fed on the farm. There is no commercial demand for it on Delmarva, but this crop may well have a place on the Eastern Shore because of its drought resistance, yield potential and feed value for hogs, cattle and poultry, says University of Delaware extension agent Dave Woodward.

"If you're interested, now's the time to start thinking about how to grow a good crop of milo," he says. "Try just a few acres the first year, to see if it fits into your program."

Cultural methods for milo are about the same as for corn. Here are some practices to consider.

Variety Selection — "Contact a local seed dealer to find out what

variety does well in this area, or contact your county extension agent," Woodward advises. Consider bird-resistant varieties when no other milo is grown nearby. If none is available, look for a loose-headed kind so that birds can't perch on it.

Seeding Rate — The usual rate is from 8 to 15 pounds per acre. Eight seeds per foot of row in a 30-inch row requires about 10 pounds of seed per acre. Three seeds per foot of row in 7-inch rows requires about 15 pounds per acre. If a corn planter is used, special milo seed plates are needed. Varying a row width between 7 and 30 inches has little or no effect on yield.

Seeding Depth — Plant shallow, 1 to 1.5 inches deep.

Planting Time — Plant when soil temperature at a 3-inch depth is no

cooler than 60 degrees F at 8 a.m. This generally occurs about one or two weeks after normal corn planting time.

Nutritional Requirements — Apply limestone and fertilizer as for corn in your area.

Harvesting — Milo is not like corn; it doesn't die and dry as the grain matures. Instead, it dries very slowly and stays green until frost. When harvest conditions are wet the heads may mold in varieties with tight, compact heads. Therefore, be prepared to harvest and artificially dry this crop right after frost. Frost-killed plants may lodge severely. Don't delay harvest; normally this should start at 25 to 26 percent moisture. Store grain at 13.5 percent moisture.

Herbicides — Woodward suggests contacting him or other county extension agents for recommendations on herbicide rates, timing and method of application, and limitations on materials. Severe injury may occur from preemergence application of atrazine at high rates, and postemergence application of 2,4, D at any rate.

Special Considerations — When feeding milo, grind the grain to a medium fineness. All milo types are about equal to corn or barley in feeding value for cattle and should not exceed 50 percent of the ration. Swine performance may be reduced if bird-resistant varieties are used.

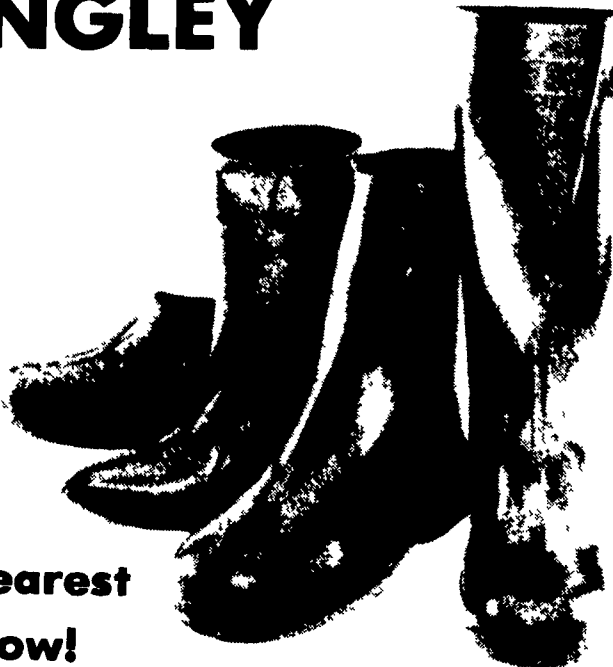
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