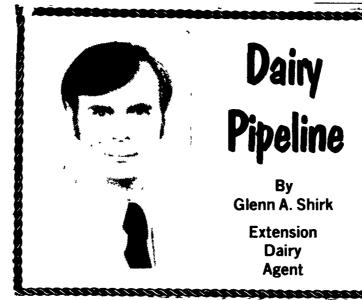
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263	GrH	4-8	305	23,825	32	758		
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Energy, DM and Fiber

Energy feeds are in short supply on many farms. Silos are either empty or nearly empty of corn. Some of the poorer quality silages are lower in energy. Grain supplies on and off the farm are also tightand expensive.

To bail themselves out of this tight and costly energy situation many dairymen are anxiously awaiting the first harvests of Spring. As they do so, they need to proceed with caution.

Pasture, ryelage, haylage and green chop are succulent, highprotein feeds, and if harvested at an immature stage, they may also be lower in fiber content than feeds the cows had been receiving previously. If cows are not acclimated to these new feeds, and if proper ration adjustments are not made, you could throw your cows off production and off test, and get them into a weight loss situation.

Remember, cows need nutrients, and these nutrients are found in the dry matter portion of the feed. Relying on these lush, highmoisture feeds too heavily as the main source of feed may rob your cows, especially good cows, of the dry matter intake they need for meeting their nutrient demands. You might have to provide good cows with some dry feed (hay, grain, etc.) before exposing them to a lot of high moisture feeds.

If you are already in a marginal fiber situation, the hay could also help sustain adequate fiber intake and fat tests. This may be particularly true where a lot of finelychopped forages, high moisture feeds and grains are being fed.

High producing cows need a lot of energy. Other than water, it is their largest single nutrient need! Be careful not to shortchange them. Again, remember the energy is in the dry matter portion of these feeds. Thus, some supplemental feeding of corn silage (if you have any) may be helpful. Also maintain adequate grain intake, especially with high producing cows. In some herds, a higherenergy grain mixture may be beneficial. To maintain fat tests, you might have to consider feeding a higher-fiber grain mix.

Pasture grasses, ryelage and hay crop forages are also high in protein, and relatively low in energy. Unless supplemental energy is fed, as suggested above, you could have a ration that is deficient in energy and excessive in protein. In such situations, cows

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