Blackburn system cuts stray volts

ST. LOUIS, MO - Blackburn, A Division of FL Industries, Inc., and a recognized leader in electrical grounding technology, announces the introduction of Electronic Grounding TM products for the detection and reduction of stray voltage on dairy farms.

Blackburn's Electronic Grounding System is a patented system that is guaranteed to reduce stray voltage caused by offor on-farm sources while maintaining the continuity and safety of the existing electrical distribution system.

The first step to solving a stray voltage problem is to find out if one exists and, if so, to determine how severe the problem is and when it occurs. To accomplish this, Blackburn engineers developed the WaveRiderTM Data Acquisition System.

The WaveRider System utilizes a personal computer, custom designed hardware, a copyrighted computer program and reference electrodes. The system monitors and stores information constantly and quickly over a representative period of time by measuring both steady-state and motor-starting voltage peaks which can last as short as 1/1000 of a second. Stored data can be displayed on the computer's monitor or printed on a report for thorough review and analysis.

Dairy farmers are encouraged to review WaveRider data with their power suppliers, veterinarians and electricians to determine if reducing the stray voltage will help improve their dairy farming operations. If stray voltage is causing a significant problem and the dairy farmer desires to reduce it, the Electronic Grounding System provides the answer.

The patented Electronic Grounding System (EGS) will reduce the stray voltage in the dairy facility by safely redirecting it into a grounding field located at least 300 feet from the facility. The EGS consists of three components which are quickly installed without interruption of normal dairy operations.

The first component is a network of reference electrodes which sense stray voltage in the dairy facility and near the cows' feet where they are most likely to be affected. This network of electrodes provides input to a compensating amplifier unit which is also connected to the dairy facility's service entrance neutral bar. From these two sources, the amplifier determines exactly how

Yelow Buttercup Farm much voltage must be drawn away from the cow contact area and sent to the third component of the System which is a remote grounding field.

This grounding field consists of 20 to 50 buried copper clad ground rods which are located at least 300 feet away from the cow contact

The amplifier unit enhances the grounding effectiveness of the 20 to 50 rods so as to approximate the effect of 20,000 to 50,000 rods.

When properly installed by an Authorized Factory Dealer, the EGS is guaranteed to reduce stray voltage on the protected facility's secondary neutral system to between 1/25 and 1/200 of its original intensity, with comparable reductions in the cow contact area.

The System has been field tested for the last two years and is presently in operation on over 40 farms. In each case, stray voltage has been reduced.

A survey of these dairy farms also shows that in many cases once the stray voltage was reduced, the farmers were able to achieve improvements in milk production, a decrease in somatic cell counts, a decrease in cases of mastitis and a decrease in time to milk herds. Also noted were improvement in breeding and labor productivity and a reduction in electric power

Blackburn is presently expanding its dealership network throughout the East.

For additional information or for the names and locations of authorized EGS dealers, call Blackburn at 1-314-993-9430.

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