

PROTEK

The New Technology in Protein Efficiency. It's Working!

Marv and Betty Sauder, RD #2, Ephrata

We started on Protek in December of 1984. Before switching to Master Mix feeds, we fed a soybean and mineral mix to our cows for over 10 years. Our rolling herd average consistently ran in the middle 15,000's, with our highest average going to 16,250. Mike Sensenig sets up our feed program and wanted us to go on Protek, so we did. We are glad we did. Our cows are peaking much higher and holding very good. Our program calls for 35 corn silage, 13 lbs. hay, a cob chop mix equal to a 13% Protek, and topdressing Protek 1890 (Hi Energy) pellets to cows over 60 pounds of milk.

After being on Protek for one year, our R.H.A. increased over 1800 pounds, and 50 pounds fat. It's up 2000 pounds now, and our second year on Protek, cows are still producing better than the first year. Our March DHIA average per cow was 70.3 pounds per day. We never hit 70 before. We hope to go as high as 19,000 as this year goes on. We are off to a good start. We have a number of cows that have increased 3,000 to 4,000 pounds in one year.

Our herd health is also very good. The calving interval is down to 12.3 and the cows just seem to be very healthy, along with peaking high and milking very good.

As far as we are concerned Protek works, and we are both sold on it.



R. Earl Sauder, Goodville, PA

I'm always interested in trying to advance my milking herd for better profits, and I'm really pleased with how we're doing with Protek. My salesman tested my forages and my feed dropped from a 16% flaked dairy to a 12% flaked dairy with Protek. The flaked dairy is made by Sensenig's Mill using flaked corn, oats, Protek, and molasses. I raised some soybeans this year and am topdressing them to cows milking over 60 lbs., our herd production went up and we were able to save considerably on our feed cost. During the winter months, we are consistently averaging 60 lbs. of milk per head per day. Our butter fat has also been around 3.9.

My feeding program consists of 36 lbs. corn silage, 12 lbs. alf hay, Sensenig's flaked dairy with Protek, and topdressing roasted beans. When the beans are all, I topdress the Protek Concentrate.

I would also say Protek made a difference in the cows being able to breed back. In fact, the cows have just been responding better in every avenue!



Amos S. Lapp, Oregon Pike, Leola

I'm feeding Protek, and I like it. It seems to make more milk and my feed cost is down. As far as my production goes, I was never as high as I am at this point. I started feeding Master Mix feeds from Sensenig's Mill in August of 1984, and my herd average was 15,572. In December of 1984 my salesman convinced me to go on Protek. A short time after I started, I saw an improvement. I had one cow that milked 100 pounds for five months straight. I'd never had that before. That's nice.

My feeding program consists of 35 corn silage, 12 hay, a complete 13% flaked dairy made by Sensenig's, and topdressing the Protek 1890 (Hi Energy) pellets to cows over 60 lbs. The cows really hold production with those 1890 pellets. I found most of my cows are 10-15 lbs. higher, and they hold production longer than they used to. I used to have cows go up to 100 lbs. then drop back to 90 or 80. Now they go to 100, and they'll hold. I've had them as high as 110 or better and holding there for a couple months. As of December 1985, after 1 year on Protek, my R.H.A. is up to 17,271, and my average per cow in March was up to 68.9 lbs. per day. So, I would have to say I'm very pleased since being on the Protek Feed Program.



Stevie S. Stoltzfus, RD #3, Honey Brook

We bought our first load of Protek the day it was first made at Camp Hill. It was a new product, and my salesman, Mike Sensenig, said it was tested for over 5 years and he thought I should give it a try and see just how it works.

My feed program is haylage and corn silage mixed along with a few pounds of dry hay, Hi Moisture Ear Corn and Protek Concentrate pellets. The program is doing a good job. We usually run around 18,000 R.H.A., but when we started on Protek we were in the 17,000's. The cows started back up on Protek, and now our rolling herd average is over 19,000. The cows really like the taste of Protek. By going on Protek, my feed cost is also down.

As far as Protek is concerned, it's doing a good job. I'm sold on it.



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