

Top Guernsey Herd

(Continued from Page D2) they had been using had an 18 percent protein content, while the silage had been running 20 to 23 percent protein. The cow really favor this feed and have been eating more forage to the extent that they slack off on the grain. Last year was the first time that they made haylage on the farm.

Chemical fertilizer is kept to a minimum with manure applied heavily. The Hemsarths are looking to the future, and plan to become involved in the Chesapeake Bay Project.

The farm sells its milk to Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and have been getting quality premium price with a somatic cell count under 10,000. Bruce feels the free stall changeover had a lot to do with the low SCC.

When asked how he would improve the dairy industry, Bruce

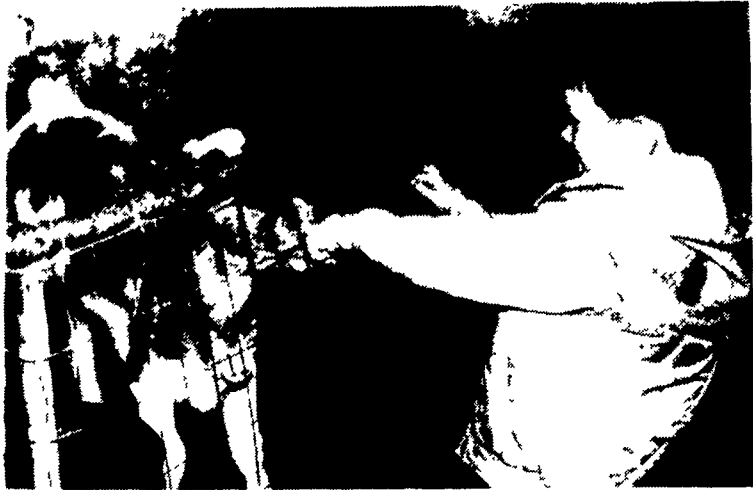
suggested raising more Guernsey herds, which are known for their lower milk production and better-quality milk. Of course, this would be as replacement herds for existing milk producers.

Bruce is a dairy science graduate from Penn State. He is a delegate for Atlantic Dairy. He and his wife, Brenda, have four children, Amanda, 8; Greg, 5; Andy, 2; and Erica, 6 weeks.

Dana majored in liberal arts at Williamsport Community College. He and his wife, Debbie, have two children, Becky, 4; and Phillip, 2.

When Richard and Doris retire this fall, they plan to move into a new split-level house just across a valley from the main farm. Bruce and his family will move into the main-farm house, while Dana and his family live in the second farm's house.

The Hemsarths have a dairy operation that is a compliment to the Guernsey breed. With a third generation launching a 4-H career, it's a pretty sure bet that the Tri-Dec-Bee Farm is in secure hands as a family farm.

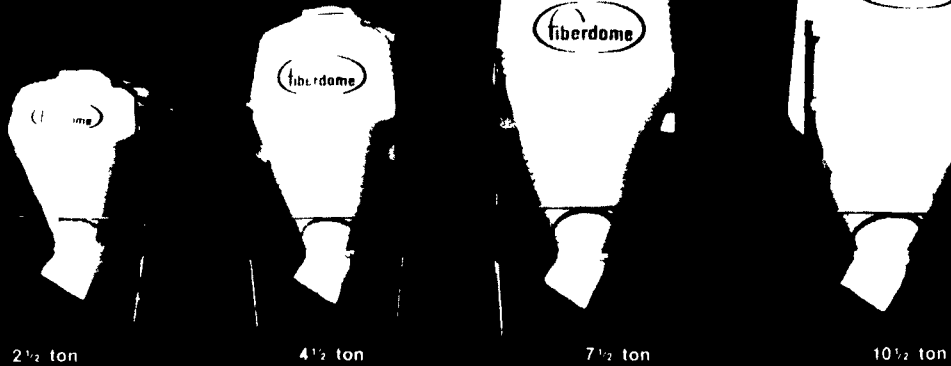


Greg Hemsarth attracts a friendly calf in main barn. Calves are housed three to a stall which seems to eliminate any health problems.

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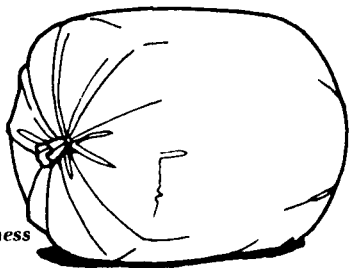
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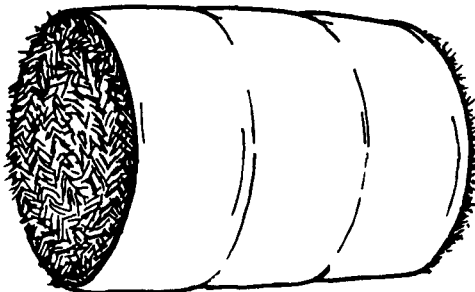
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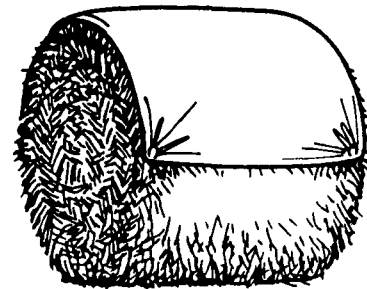
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