

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
Monday, August 22, 1988

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CATTLE: 152

STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 66.25-68.75; CHOICE 64.00-66.00; GOOD 61.50-63.25; STANDARD 47.00-58.50. HEIFERS- CHOICE 61.00-64.25; GOOD-51.50-59.50. COWS- UTILITY & COMMERCIAL- 49.50-55.00; CUTTERS 47.00-49.25; CANNER & LOW CUTTER- 37.00-46.75. BULLOCKS- GOOD & CHOICE 60.00-64.10. BULLS- YIELD GRADE #1 57.00-63.35. FEEDER CATTLE- STEERS, GOOD 68.00-89.50, STANDARD 58.50-67.00; BULLS 65.00-84.50, STANDARD 55.00-64.50, HEIFERS, GOOD 62.00-75.50, STANDARD 52.00-61.50.

CALVES 231. PRIME 98.50-102.50, CHOICE 92.00-96.50; GOOD 84.50-91.00, STANDARD & GOOD 75.00-82.50; 90-110 LBS. 84.50-93.50, 65-90 LBS. 74.00-90.00, HOLST BULL CALVES, 90-130 LBS., 105.00-141.50, HOLST. HEIFER CALVES, 90-130 LBS 90.00-110.00

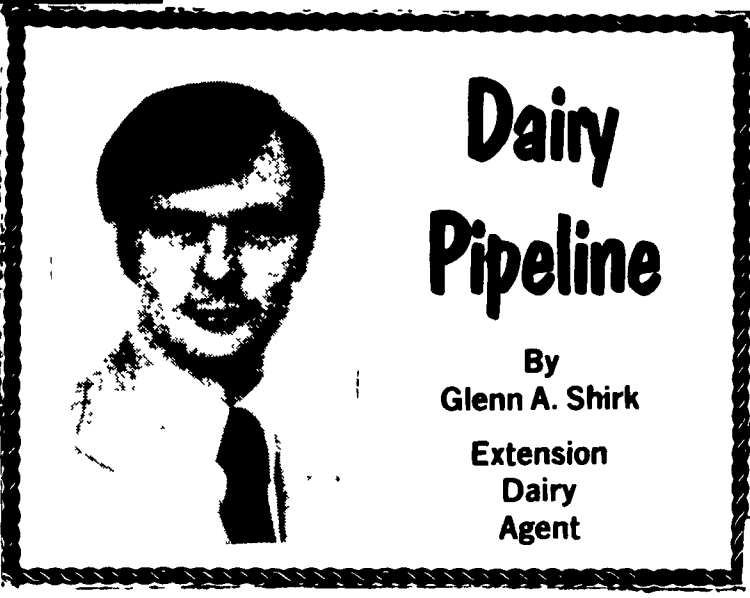
HOGS: 118 US#1,2 47.50-48.25, US#1-3 46.00-47.25, SOWS 30.00-37.50, BOARS 26.00-34.50

FEEDER PIGS 171 20-35 LBS PER HD 15.00-22.50, 35-50 LBS PER HD 21.00-28.50

SHEEP: 40 CHOICE LAMBS 56.00-60.50, GOOD 50.00, SLAUGHTER EWES 22.50-43.50.

GOATS 29 PER HD 20.00-51.00 MIXED HAY PER TON 2 AT 81.00-104.00

STRAW: 2 AT 69.00-75.00



Dairy Pipeline

By Glenn A. Shirk

Extension Dairy Agent

Are You And Your Cows Ready?

Base-building time is upon us and that usually triggers more calvings. Are you and your cows ready for the calving season? Both have to be in top form if you really want your cows to produce well, to calve with a minimum of stress and to conceive at the desired time. That's asking a lot of a cow and we need to be prepared to give her all the help she needs if we expect her to do well for us. But remember, in today's tight economy good pro-

duction is important, but the highest production may not be the most profitable level.

Where do we start? In the tail end of her previous lactation and with the heifers. Be sure heifers are growthy. Holstein heifers should be ready to calve at 22 to 24 months of age at a weight of about 1200 pounds. That requires good heifer management!

Cows should be in good flesh - not fat - when they are dried off, preferably in the same degree of flesh that is ideal for calving.

Strive to feed late lactation cows so they all dry off at a uniform state of fleshing. This will give you a more uniform group of dry cows to feed, which helps you to perfect your dry cow program.

Dry treat all cows, whether infected or not. In addition to eradicating present infections, dry treatments also help prevent new infections, and a dry cow is very vulnerable to new infections during the first week of her dry period. Thus, it is important to have a very sanitary dry cow area, especially during that first week.

The dry period is also a good time to perform a number of other operations such as hoof trimming, deworming, vaccinating, etc. You may want to consult with your veterinarian about the need for some of these practices.

Remember, calving time is one of the most stressful times in a cow's life. Direct your management efforts toward relieving cows of as many of these stresses as possible. She'll reward you later in the form of better production and conception.

Be sure to provide a sanitary maternity area. The best place is a well-sodded pasture fenced off just for this purpose. It should have shade, shelter and water and be close to the buildings so cows can

be easily observed. Using pastures in good weather gives you the opportunity to clean and disinfect indoor pens and to let them remain idle for long periods of time, all of which helps to break up disease cycles.

Observe cows closely and be ready to render assistance as needed. Separate the calf immediately after birth, dry it off, disinfect its naval, take it to a clean individual pen and bottle feed it colostrum. All of this will reduce the chances of the calf picking up infections, especially Johnes.

If the cow starts to bag up and leak milk before calving, you may want to pre-milk her for several reasons. If she leaks, there's a good chance she will pick up an udder infection. Milking her out completely and frequently will help to flush out infectious organisms. It also reduces udder pressure which improves circulation and helps reduce udder edema. It also gives you an opportunity to spot infections and to eradicate them early in the lactation. You might have to preserve colostrum from another cow to feed to her calf. Pre-milking might predispose certain cows to milk fever, but that might be easier to treat than mastitis and broken down udders.

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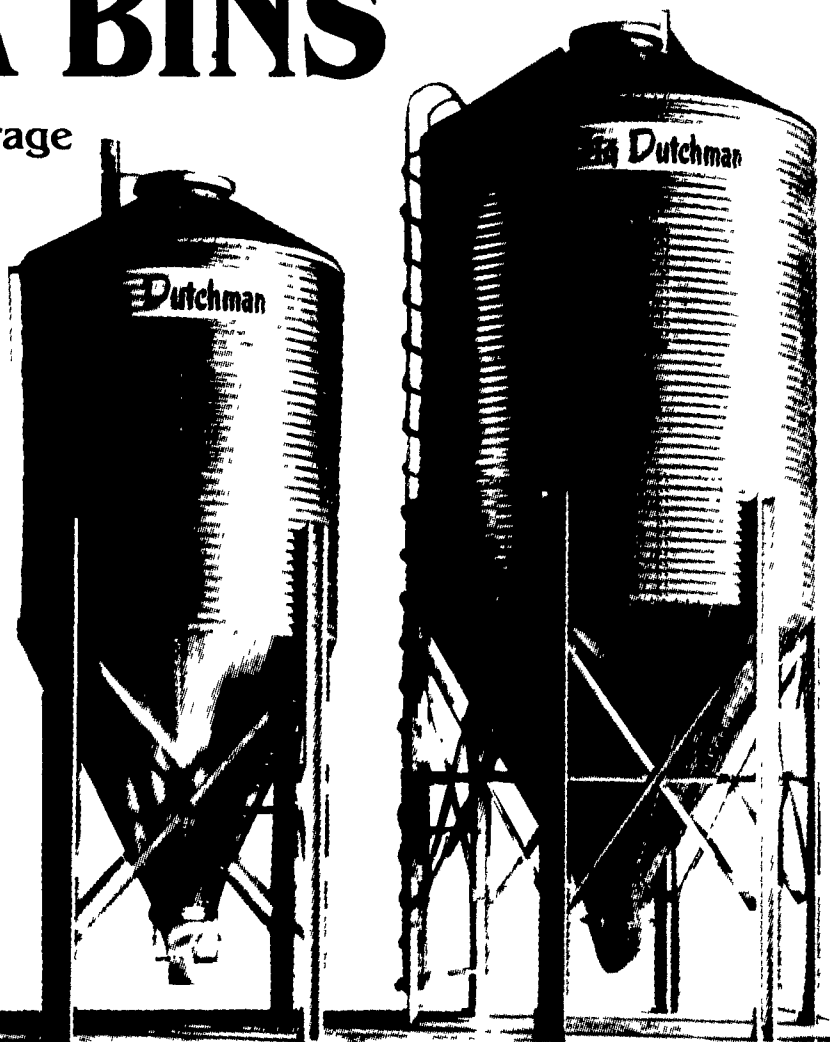
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