FARM FORUM OUR READERS WRITE

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cal, but you know how you care for your animals in a humane way. Show them. Join in positively and say "Yes there are some 'SOBS' out their abusing their animals (probably their families too). We'll report it when we see it. Let's have guidelines." There don't have to be changes to affect your farm business, but your positive and correct commonly agreed upon ways of handling farm animals should be put on record to compare against abusive ways.

I think what happens is that we are all really for the same thing but farmers become understandably insulted and defensive to admit a problem as "what do they know,

those non-farmers; let them mind their own business."

I think the farmers should be proud that we do have groups that care about alleviating animal abuse agriculturally and domestically. It is to all our best interest that these groups exist. We are not only talking about Bertha the Cow, but your farm Lassie and your children's pets. People who really abuse animals, abuse other people too. Let's define abusive and then get on with our work and be aware.

The issue is to go after the abusers not each other.

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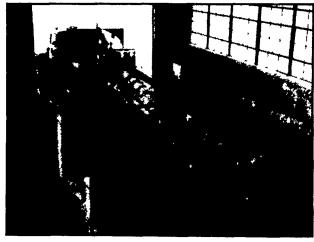
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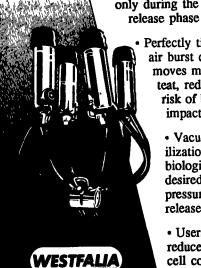
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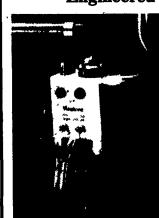
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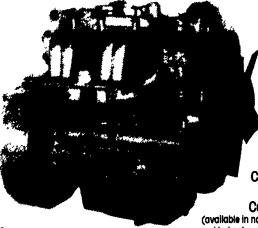
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