

On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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RESEARCH STUDY 1: Extensive testings conducted at both interior and exterior farm research sites have conclusively proven beyond a scientific shred of doubt that tin poses a health hazard to the nation's supply of fingers.

DATA A: Study site - Agriculture power unit, i.e. farm tractor. Study technique - Running finger parallel to sharp-edge piece of tin installed as protective device, while disembarking from power unit operator seat. Result - paint, bloodletting, emergency mopping of bloodspots on floors of adjacent interior research site. Scientific conclusion - Tin slices fingers.

DATA B: Study site - Food preparation laboratory, i.e. farm kitchen. Study technique - Running finger parallel to opened lid of tin can containing sweet potatoes, while trying to complete inadequate opening of lid due to dull can opener knife. Result - pain, bloodletting, slight delay in completing meal preparations.

Scientific conclusion - tin slices fingers.

RECOMMENDATIONS on completion of Study 1: Commercial use of tin should be immediately banned due to potential danger to nation's blood supply and proven hazard to fingers. Failure to replace dull knives on electrical can opener should be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

RESEARCH STUDY 2: Preliminary testing conducted at interior farm research site indicates direct relationship between aberrant bovine behavior and human hair loss.

DATA A: Study site - lactation laboratory, i.e. dairy barn. Study technique - Selected bovine (scientific name, Bonnie) with uncontrollable inclinations toward affectionate nibbling on hair of human caretakers engaged in milk removal at regular intervals. Result - Altered texture and cleanliness of hair as well as removal of undetermined amounts. No methods found effective in limiting hair removal to gray sections. Scientific conclusion - Erratic bovine behavior causes hair losses in as yet undetermined, but potentially threatening, amounts.

RECOMMENDATIONS on preliminary completion of Study 2: A ban on hair-nibbling bovines to curtail potential of an industry-wide outbreak of bald dairy farm wives.

While the full impact of these

two highly scientific research studies have yet to be determined, pending further and more complete assemblage and assessment of a complete complement of related data, findings would suggest that all use of tin and maintenance of herds of dairy cows be possibly discontinued pending further investigation by all appropriate and a few totally unrelated

and irrelevant governmental agencies.

Makes about as much sense as most "scare" studies though, doesn't it? Based on the above actual data, however, both tin and hair-nibbling cows are definite hazards to my health.

E'cuse me, while I go have an apple and try to hide this balding spot on my sore head.

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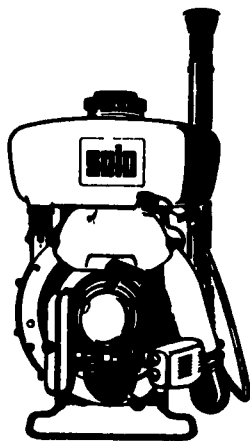
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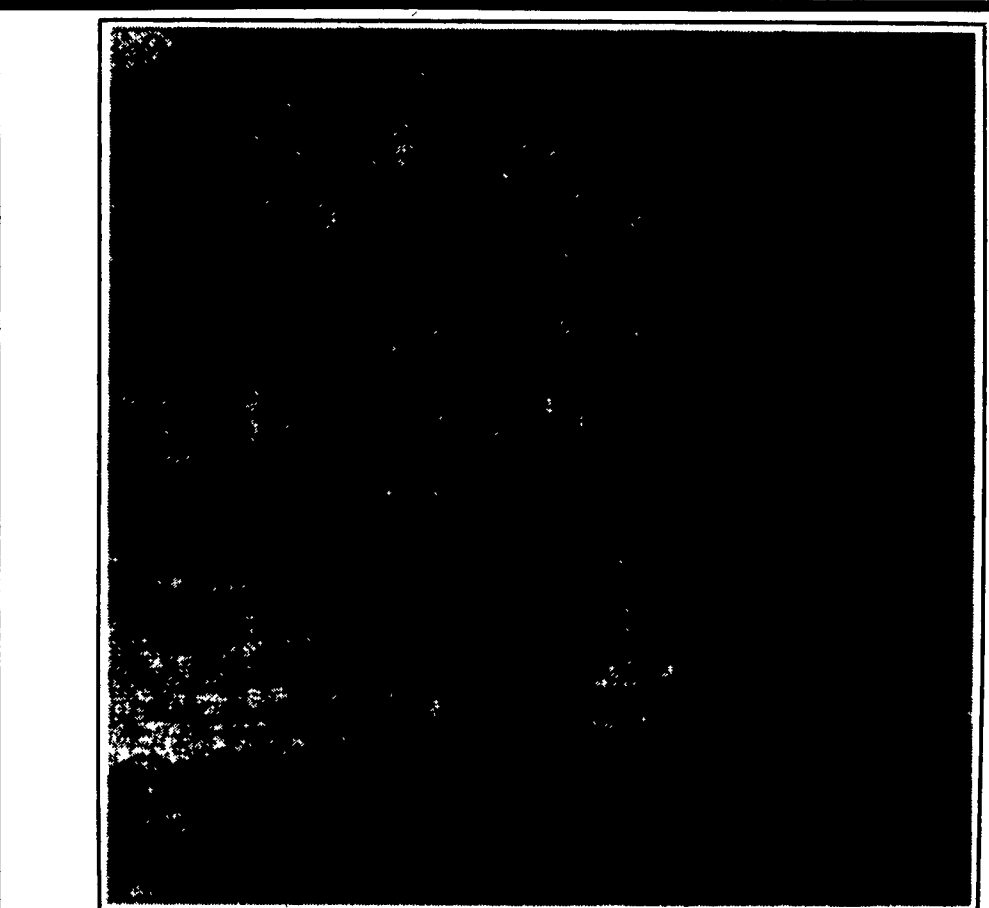
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