

Use Feed-Through Product For Horse Flies

QUINCY, Ill. — Mid-February marks the beginning of the horn fly season in the southern states, with infestation in the northern areas beginning in spring and lasting through summer. When horn flies attack, they torment cattle, resulting in sizable losses in feed efficiency, rate of gain, and milk production.

During the last few years, a barrage of products have been introduced to prevent performance losses from the pesky flies. The products fall into three categories: eartags, which are impregnated with an insecticide; topical products such as sprays and those which are applied with dustbags and backrubbers; and feed-through products.

According to Dr. A. L. French, an entomologist at Moorman Manufacturing Co., feed-through products offer several advantages that a producer won't find in eartags or topical products.

A feed-through product is ingested by the animal and passed in the manure, where horn flies make their breeding ground. The

product prevents the flies from developing past the immature pupal stage, thus eliminating adult fly development.

Some feed-through products have not been associated with resistance problems, a major drawback in using eartags. In some areas of the country — particularly in the southern states — several eartag customers have reported that the devices were not effective after even a few years use because of resistance to the insecticide in the eartags. Reports of resistance problems are fewer, however, from producers using one particular feed-through product. This product, MoorMan's IGR Mineral also, has a 14-year history with no resistance problems reported.

Feed-through products require no extra labor for administration.

They can be self-fed using conventional methods. Sprays and eartags require additional handling for application and may require additional equipment.

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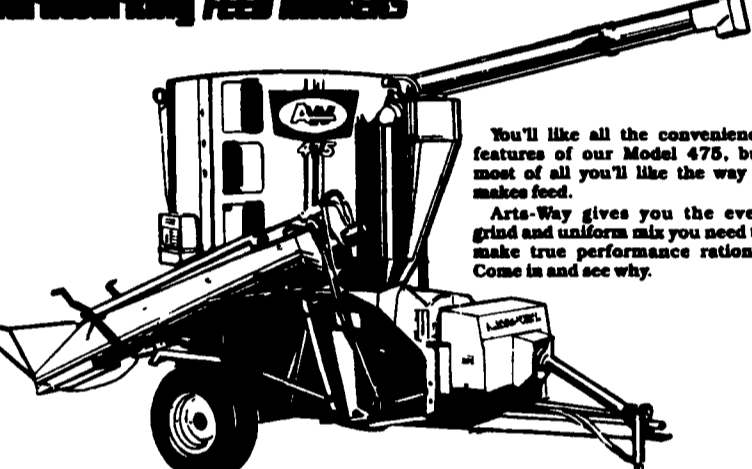
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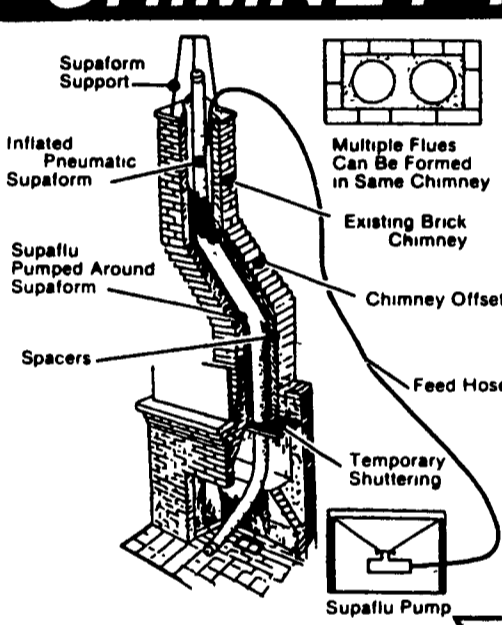
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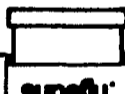


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