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Most of us look for better ways to accomplish tasks, regardless of our occupations. We attempt to identify better ways of doing things, in order to make our tasks simpler, or to accomplish them more efficiently or effectively.

Suppose you decide to do something differently on your dairy to improve the efficiency of your operation. What would that be? Use the "weakest link" approach. Identify the factor that is most limiting your efficiency.

Local dairy producers have identified the most limiting factors affecting efficiencies of their operations. Can you identify any of these problems on your farm?

FACTORS MOST LIKELY TO LIMIT DAIRY EFFICIENCY:

- ignoring importance of a good ration for dry cows
- light-weight first lactation heifers
- limited bunk space or hay rack space
- hoof problems
- low energy rations for fresh cows
- poor heat detection routine
- forage changes (type, quality, moisture, etc.)

If you need assistance with improvement of your dairy operation, contact your local Purina Mills representative. Superior nutrition, combined with sound management information, can help improve the efficiency of your dairy!

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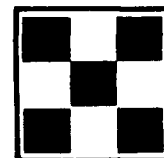
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