Attends Terra Course

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Marvin Bennetch of Denver recently attended a four-day workshop sponsored by Terra University, the training organization within Terra International, Inc.

Participants from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania traveled to the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio, where field extension specialists joined the Terra University staff membgers to teach the integrated crop management training program.

Short course programs are one method Terra uses to help upgrade the skills of their representatives and make sure they keep abreast of the latest information. This session included seminars on basic soil science, soil and plant nutrients, environmental growth factors, and crop growth and development.

Terra, a major supplier of crop production products and services for agriculture, operates in 30 states. Their product line includes fertilizers, seeds, and crop protection products.

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carbohydrates should be rumendegradable.

Of course, sufficient nitrogen sources must be supplied to the rumen microbes for optimum utilization of the carbohydrates.

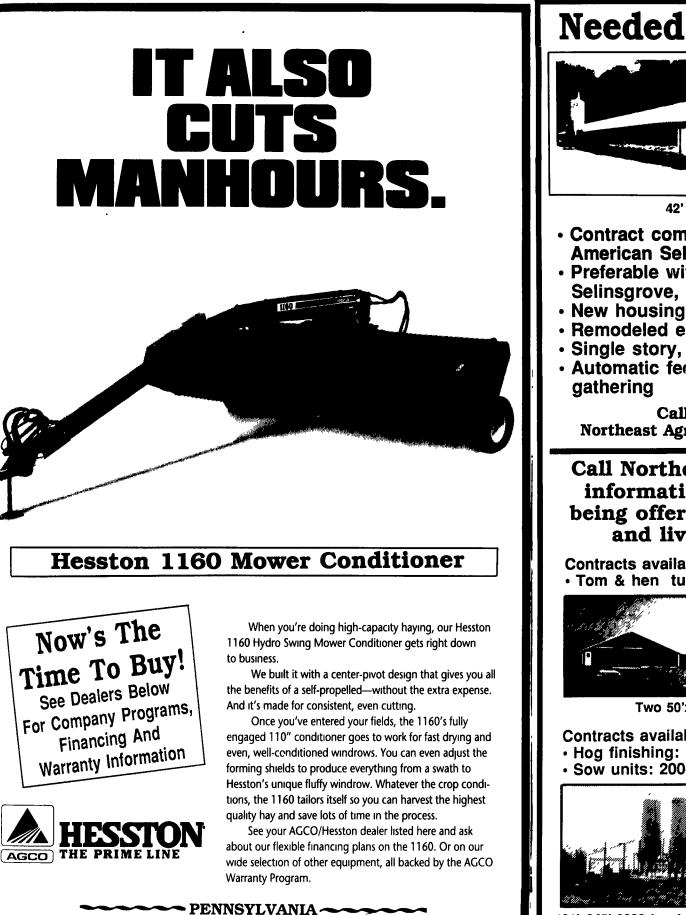
How can carbohydrates be less rumen-degradable? Years ago I conducted a research project which showed that shorter-length fiber decreased rumen degradability of fiber, and that steam flaking and extruder expanding increased rumen degradation of carbohydrates.

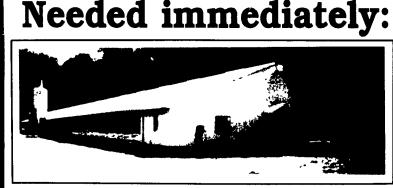
It has been known for some time (though more intuitively) that grinding grains, such as corn, barley and oats, makes carbohydrates in the rumen more degradable.

The degradability depends on the fineness of grinding. Also,

processing through roasting and increased storage temperatures, like browning of hay or silage or haylage, increases undegradability.

The fact is considerable variations exist, either naturally or by management, to furnish dairy farmers with opportunities for more efficient ruminant feeding and greater monetary returns.





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