

World Record Milk Production Set

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in lots according to production, he said Jinx did not receive special treatment during her lactation.

"We don't have box stalls here, and she was fed a TMR with the rest of the group," he said. "She has a lot of strength, but she has to have that to make a record like this."

The Raims do employ a nutritionist. "We couldn't have done it

without him," Lorence said.

Jinx has two offspring in the farm's 130-cow milking herd. A Monitor daughter has just completed a 30,000-pound record, and a first-calf Voltage daughter has completed two very promising tests, he said.

According to Raim, they plan to aggressively recover embryos

from Jinx in the future. They have recovered embryos in the past, beginning with her third lactation. She has several ET offspring on the farm now, he said.

Lorence said he hopes the embryo recovery program is successful. If not, Raim said they will rebreed Jinx and hope she continues her tremendous produc-

tion. "She's reaching that mature age, so we could hope for another 10,000-pound increase," he said. "We kept wondering if she would break the record this time — there were a few times when we just didn't know. Even at the end it was too close to call. I wouldn't have predicted it would go one way or the other."

Nonetheless, he said he's proud of Jinx's achievement. "She's the kind you'd rather have a whole herd of, instead of just one."

However, Jinx is not the only producer on the farm. Raim Big Al Harmony recently completed a 3X 365-day record of 55,030 pounds of milk, placing her fourth on the National Leaders List for milk in the mature class. The Raim herd rolling average is 25,570 pounds of milk.

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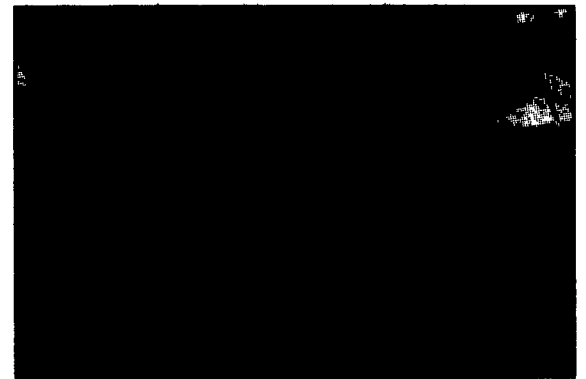
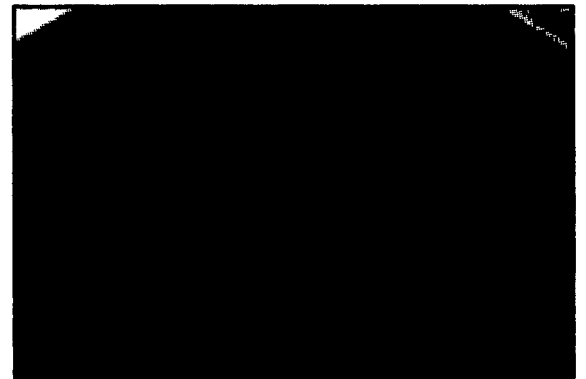
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