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## The Herd Expands

rose and production per cow increased immediately; all this while I was expanding the milking herd size."

Hoover lists several benefits of the specially selected hybrid for corn silage that he plants:

- Packs well in the Trench (bunker) silo.

- Complements the feed program.

"We use labor-intensive, older facilities because we rent the farm and buildings," he explains. "Our feed program includes baled hay, baglage (long-stemmed haylage in bagged big round bales) and grain mixture."

"We feed from a trench silo," he says. "Corn silage fits our situation very well. This Cargill concept is the best thing that every happened to corn silage."

- Hefty ears similar to a good grain corn.

- Stays green and dries down evenly with solid ears.

## "As soon as we started feeding it" Cows Ate Better and Milk Production Increased

"As soon as we started feeding the silage grown from the corn hybrids recommended for our farm, we noticed the cows started eating better and our milk production per cow went up by 4-5 lbs. of milk a day," says Jake Tanis, a Center Hall, Pa., dairy producer (shown in photo with son Adam).

Tanis is referring to hybrids specifically selected for top corn silage traits. He chose them from the innovative corn silage Menu from Cargill Hybrid Seeds.

When Tanis first heard about the Cargill Menu, he said it sounded promising, but he wasn't sure it could be as good as advertised.

"We planted 24 acres in what turned out to be a bad year, but we got great silage," says Tanis. "The Cargill corn was superior to anything else I planted for silage. I couldn't believe the vigorous growth, the size and strength of the stalks and the large, consistent ears of the hybrids suggested for my farm."

### Production Improvement

Silage from other hybrids came out of Tanis' silo first. As soon as he hit the Cargill corn he noticed a difference in production of 4-5 lbs. per cow per day.

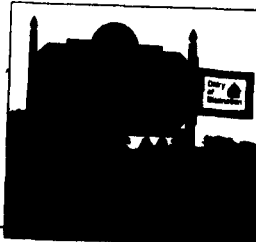
Tanis, who farms with his wife, Sally, and son, has a milking herd of 100 Holsteins, all registered and on DHI test. In the purebred evaluations they have 20 cows rated excellent, 46 very good, 28 good plus. The herd has a Breed Age Average ranking of 109.

### 27,800 lbs. Per Cow

With a sopping herd average of 27,800 lbs. per cow per year, 1,050 lbs. fat and 900 lbs. protein, Tanis believes that every increase in production is a bonus.

Besides silage, the cows are fed a total mixed ration (TMR) twice daily. It includes haylage, roasted soybeans, distillers grains, energy booster (a fat product) and protein meal.

The TMR is essential to assure they receive a balanced ration, Tanis emphasizes. But highly



digestible corn silage and haylage are vital components in the herd's total diet and they're essential to good production.

"Dry matter intake means everything in making milk profitably," he points out. "We're very fussy about our feed. That's why we like the hybrids recommended in the Cargill corn silage Menu for our area. This Cargill program is a lot better than I thought it would be. It really made me a believer."

### Field of Dreams

This year Tanis has a field of Cargill hybrids along the road by the entrance to his "Ideal Holsteins" farm driveway. "It looks so good that everybody I bought seed from claims it," he reports. "But if you look on the Cargill corn silage Menu, that's one of the hybrids recommended for my farm. It's as good as promised."

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