

# On Being a Farm Wife

(and other hazards)

## Joyce Bupp



traviolet light chemically reacts with the coating to loosen dirt which collects and allows it to "sheet" off when a spray of water or rain hits the glass.

You could probably stand back from the windows with a hose, turn a stream of water on the glass and get the same end results. Bingo! Clean windows.

What a stunning breakthrough in one of those most dreaded household chores. It would also be an ideal solution to our couple-dozen dairy barn windows which are perpetually cleanliness-challenged by windblown bedding sawdust, scattered silage bits from feeding, hay dust, etcetera.

Perhaps we can look forward to someone figuring out how to expand this fascinating self-cleaning technology to some other thankless tidy-up tasks. Like self-cleaning shower walls, kitchen sinks, maybe even mirrors.

Or even dirty cars. In an effort to keep my car somewhat presentable, I run it periodically through a local car wash. During pleasant weather, the milkhouse pressure washer is even handier. And, except on rare occasions, my car, when not on the road, is kept parked in the garage, with the garage door closed.

No matter. That car is still perpetually dirty, thanks to the fact that the garage is located. Just feet away from the sawdust storage area where they remove a dusty skid-loader-full every day for bedding cows; and adjacent to the road, which is perpetually stirred with dust from feeding equipment passing by several times daily.

Add to that the cat tracks which appear across the hood and roof of the car on a regular basis, but most dependably right after it has been washed. A self-cleaning finish would absolutely be a boon against my perpetual frustration over dusty, cat-tracked "wheels."

Self-cleaning finishes on farm equipment would be equally welcomed — for similar reasons. Except that cat tracks aren't usually a problem on tractors, though an occasional squirrel is spotted sprinting through the machinery shed.

Even if the self-cleaning technology never moves beyond this particular application to window glass, it's sure to be eagerly adapted by new home builders and remodelers.

We predict it to be a welcomed breakthrough product from which both inventor and user can "clean up."

# OSU Student Wins Dairy Goat Scholarship

SPINDALE, N.C. — The American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to ADGA member, Amy E. Plummer of Columbus, Ohio, who is enrolled as a student at the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Winners are determined by a panel of judges on the basis of leadership skills, academic ability, and interest in dairy goats.

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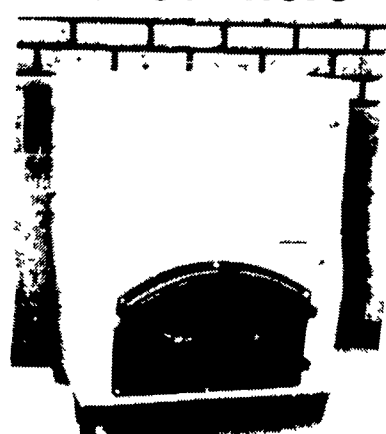
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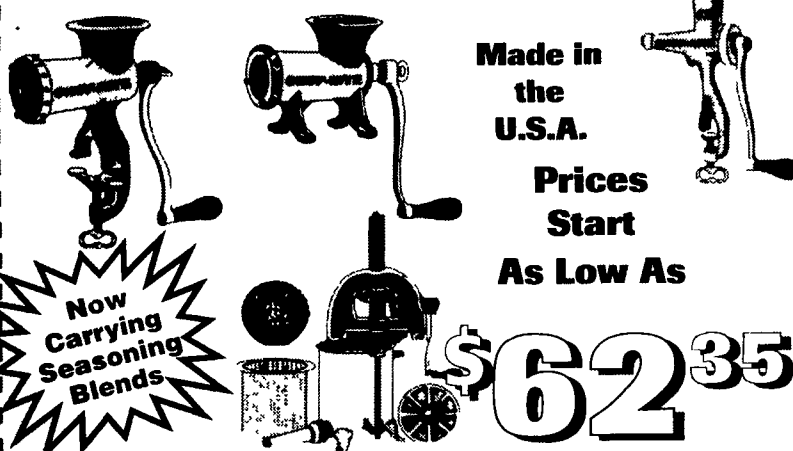
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