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## Fluid Milk Identity Standards Study On Website

Dairy farmers are becoming increasingly concerned that technological advances in the fractionation of milk could result in a reduction in the volume of nonfat milk solids sold in fluid milk products. Current FDA standards for nonfat solids in fluid milk products are set at a minimum of 8.25 percent, well below the average content in farm milk. Fluid milk products are Class I products under the Federal Milk Marketing Order system and as such return a higher price to dairy farmers. In response to dairy farmers' concerns, Congress included a provision in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 directing the Secretary of Agriculture to study the potential impacts of raising the nonfat solids standards to the national average level as it occurs in farm milk and adopting the average true protein level as an additional standard for fluid milk products.

The study is available at: [www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/index.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/index.htm). It is located under the heading of "Studies Required by the 2002 Farm Bill."

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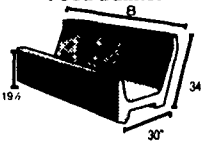


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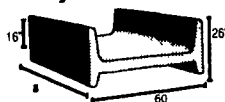
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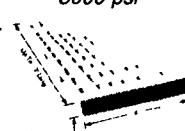
Slant-back J-style  
Feed Bunker



High Capacity  
H-style Feed Bunker



Cattle "Waffle Slat"  
8000 psi



Keystone Knuckle  
Beam System  
helps support pit wall  
(NCRS approved)



"The answer to  
the most common  
question is  
'No, there is  
no build-up.'"

"In my previous barn, I scraped two times a day, and I was tired of it, not to mention the danger to the cows if a cable snapped. I thought I would not be able to justify the additional cost until my builder suggested a design change which brought the cost down relatively close to the original design.

The biggest benefit to me is the labor savings. Two people can handle all the chores for our herd. I save money not only on labor but also on repairs.

The cows' hooves are healthier, and they show heat better because they are not afraid of slipping. During the five years with slats, I have not lost a single heifer from slipping. The cows stay much cleaner, even with my misting system for cooling them. The water has a place to escape."

— Raymond Good  
Good's Dairy Farm

"Our original plan was to install scrapers. But after 10 minutes in a slatted barn in Somerset County, we changed our minds. Some people stay away from slats because of the initial cost, but that extra cost is made up for in the first couple years.

The one thing I like the most about slats is that there is no expense. I don't have any scrapers or drive units

to maintain. I don't have to run scrapers every day or haul manure like we did in our previous tie stall barn. The cows' foot health has been a lot better, and the cows stay much cleaner. Our milk production is up and the somatic cell count has gone down. I give at least some of the credit to the slats because with less moisture on the floor, there is less bacteria."

— David Wolfskull