

The Feeders' Corner

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Cows' Milk for Foal Feeding

Have half a dozen spring colts. Would it be advisable to feed cows' milk to these foals to push them along this winter?—A. C., Oshawa, Ont.

Cow's milk can be used to good advantage in feeding foals. Too much milk should be avoided, as in feeding foals we do not try to force them to maximum growth as we would a hog. They are intended for quite a different purpose.

Milk, however, is palatable and rich in muscle and bone-forming foods, and moderate amounts will give satisfactory results. Whole milk is too valuable to feed to your foals unless they are of the highest class of breeding and will sell for big prices. For forcing on the show milk is particularly valuable.

The foals can be taught to drink separator milk by moistening the

Pointers on Milking a Cow

There is an immense difference in milkers. One milker will get 20 per cent. more milk from a cow than would another.

Do not excite or worry a cow by loud talking or abuse of any kind. Milk quietly and quickly.

Get all the stripplings. The first milk may contain as little as one per cent. of fat, and the last six or 10 per cent.

In milking use the whole hand, closing first that part of the hand next the udder, then force the milk past the sphincter muscle by closing the remainder of the hand.

Wetting teats is a dirty, filthy habit. It also allows the teats to chap and sour in bad weather. If there is difficulty in milking a cow dry, a small amount of vaseline may be rubbed on the hands. It is more sanitary than wetting the teats.

The future of many a promising dairy cow has been ruined by improper milking soon after calving.

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grain feed with milk and then tipping the pail or box on edge so that milk will have to be drunk. They will soon learn.

Alfalfa Hay Compared with Bran

Dairymen have learned the necessity of feeds high in protein, and are paying good prices for bran for this purpose. The composition of bran and lucerne hay are practically the same. To emphasize the importance of lucerne as a feed for dairy cows an actual feeding test was made comparing bran and lucerne hay. The cows used in this experiment were divided as nearly equal as possible according to production. Both lots were, of course, kept as nearly as possible under the same conditions. The basal ration for both lots was made up as follows: Clover hay 6 lbs., corn silage 20 lbs., corn meal 6 lbs. In addition to this one lot was fed eight pounds of lucerne and the other lot eight pounds of bran.

The final results show that the production of both lots was practically the same. The cows receiving the lucerne hay produced slightly more milk, this indicating that lucerne hay is equal to or a little better than bran for milk production under conditions which are the same as those existing on most dairy farms. It should be noted that the cows receiving the lucerne were in better physical condition than were those receiving bran. If all dairymen fully realized that a ton of lucerne hay was worth a ton of bran as a feed for dairy cows, many more would be putting forth every effort to learn how to grow and care for this crop properly. — Wilbur J. Fraser, Chief Dairy Husbandry, University of Illinois.

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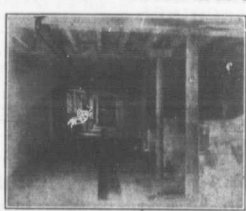
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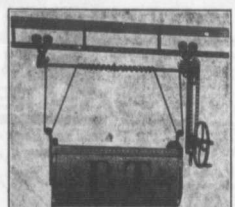
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