

CHARACTERISTICS OF FAT PRODUCING

In the province of Quebec, where the manufacture of butter is becoming more considerable, we must look not only for producers of a large quantity of milk, but also for a large quantity of butter-fat. The following characteristics will indicate a producer of butter-fat.

1.—Abundant secretion of the sebaceous glands, noticed by the oily feeling of the skin, when touched by the hand and the abundance of cerumen found in the ears.

2.—Production of oily, yellow pellicles, all over the body, but particularly at the poll of the head and switch of the tail.

3.—Yellow shade of the skin (mucous membrane) around openings: eyes, mouth, nostrils, anus, vulva.

4.—Flatness of the papillae which line the interior of the mouth. Though somewhat empirical, this last sign is often true; the others are always so.

That you will make use of the individual cow record, which is best, or that you use your own knowledge of animals, you must as aforesaid, use only your best cows for breeding purpose. You can expect calves of high quality if these cows are served by a good bull from a good strain of milkers.

Shall these calves become good producers of milk? This depends upon the breeder. Yes, if they are well fed but without exaggeration, and especially if you train them according to the principle of "use and disuse".
