BLUE RIBBON DAIRYING

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SCORE

Perfect

Allowed

1. Feed All the Good Roughage Cows Will Clean Up

(a) Hay should be fed the year around

(b) Develop and use pastures to the fullest extent

(c) Use silage to supplement or substitute for pasture

(d) Furnish vitamin A through good roughage

Total

15

2. Feed a Balanced Ration According to Production

(a) Suit grain mixture to roughage

(b) Supplement with minerals needed

(c) Weigh milk from each cow at least one day per month

(d) Feed the grain mixture to each cow according to production

Total

15

3. Follow Good Breeding Practices

(a) Use a good registered dairy bull

(b) Keep breeding and calving dates

(c) Breed heifers at proper age

(d) Breed cows for annual fall freshening

Total

10

4. Care of Calves and Young Stock

(a) Cleanliness of equipment and premises

(b) Regularity of milk feeding: time, temperature and amount

(c) Keep calves from sucking each other

(d) Feed suitable grain and hay to calves

(e) Method of raising calves best suited to the farm

Total

10

5. Management

(a) A supply of good water that is adequate and available

(b) Care of dry cows

(c) Shade and shelter

(d) Proper milking

Total

12

6. Herd Health

(a) Regular testing for T. B., Mastitis, Bang's

(b) Adoption of suitable eradication methods

(c) Control of pests and parasites

Total

9

7. Quality Milk Production

(a) Location and condition of barns and lots

(b) Type and condition of milking equipment

(c) Clean milking methods

(d) Adequate cooling facilities

Total

16

8. Economic Factors

(a) Size of herd for efficient operation

(b) Convenient pasture arrangement

(c) Number of dry cows normal

(d) Systematic culling

(e) Efficient use of manure

(f) Economic grain mixture

Total

13

Total score

100

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