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(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.)

"Cows consumed somewhat more feed and produced slightly more milk when kept in open sheds than in closed barns, while their increased production did not offset the extra cost of feed," reports the United States department of agriculture from the results of investigations conducted at Beltsville, Md. "Which: the open shed or closed barn for dairy cows?" has been a much mooted question among



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Considering all operations, other than milking and feeding, slightly more labor was required to care for cows under the open-shed system of management, while there was a tendency for "boss" cows to deprive the weaker animals of feed, and the normul advantages of the shed which resulted in decreased production on the part of the more timid cows. The manuie was apparently well preserved, until it could be hauled to the land, under the open-shed system and it was handled more economically than in the closed barn. Furthermore, cornstalks in the manure were sufficiently decomposed to be handled suc-

cessfully with the manure spreader. Under the open-shed system, 68 per cent more bedding was required for each cow, but the cows were cleaner and more comfortable. There was little difference in the time required to bed the animals under the two systems, but the rapid rotting of the cornstalks or other coarse material under the open-shed method makes their use for litter in the open shed practical. Despite other results to the contrary, the results of this experithere was little if any difference in the frequency of injuries to cows under either open-shed or closed-barn conditions.

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under open-shed or closed-barn con-Some of the animals appeared to be more contented in barn stalls; others more at ease in the open shed, while still others apparently had no preference. However, under open-shed conditions the cows had more freedom, as they could lie down and get up with ease and could select a clean place on which to lie whenever they chose. Furthermore, they had access to an abundant supply of fresh air. In many poorly ventilated dairy barns the air supply doubtless would be an important factor in making the open shed more desirable as a source of cow comfort.

Data collected by the department of agriculture shows that in the instance of 21 cows which were kept under the two systems, 15 animals produced more milk and butterfat when kept in the open shed, while six cows showed a higher production when maintained in the closed barn. The total production while in the open shed was 34,630.9 pounds of milk containing 1,535.15 pounds of butterfat, and that in the closed barn was 31,-898.7 pounds of milk containing 1,-437.41 pounds of butterfat. Accordingly, under the open-shed system, was a total increase for the period considered, about eighty days. of 2,732.2 pounds of milk and 97.74 pounds of butterfat, or an average for each cow of 130,1 pounds of milk and 4.65 pounds of butterfat. The total number of months compared under each system was 57, and the average time was about eighty days. Calculations from these figures indicate that there was an average monthly increase of 48 pounds of milk and 1.7 pounds of butterfat for each cow while stabled in the open shed.

It is largely a matter of personal preference for the farmer to determine under which system, open shed or closed dairy barn, it is most profitable for him to maintain his dairy

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Can greens the same day they are picked. Wash clean, sort thoroughly, allowing no foreign weed leaves or other vegetable matter to remain, Rid the greens of all sand, dirt, and dry, decayed or diseased leaves. Place the greens in a crate or cheesecloth and blanch in live steam either in an improvised homemade steamer, or regular commercial steamer, for 15 min-Remove the greens and plunge quickly into cold water. Remove to a freshly scalded pan or vessel and cut loto convenient lengths. Pack into hot jars, add bot water to fill the container, and season to faste. If desired, a few strips of bacon, chipped beef, beef, or olive oil may be added to the greens Partially seal jars.

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