

FARM NEWS
FROM STATE COLLEGE

QUESTION: What precautions should I follow to prevent fires from electrical wiring?

ANSWER: Extension Agricultural Engineering specialists at State College say to have all electrical wiring and apparatus installed and repaired by a competent electrician. Electrical work by an untrained man is always hazardous. Inspect all electrical equipment frequently. Be sure that it is clean, dry, and undamaged. Adjust running motors by touching them; if too hot for comfort, they are either overloaded or in need of servicing by an electrician. Have all work wiring and defective apparatus repaired or replaced immediately. Keep damaged equipment out of service until fixed. Replace fuses with nothing but fuses of the same type and capacity. Fuses are safety valves; to substitute anything else for them creates dangerous conditions. Keep combustible materials away from electric lamps, motors, heaters, switches, and other appliances. Never leave a live or hot electric iron unattended.

QUESTION: What are the daily water requirements of a dairy cow?

ANSWER: A dry dairy cow needs 8 to 12 gallons of water a day, and cows in milk need up to 35 to 40 gallons.

Water requirements for an animal will vary, of course with its size, amount of milk produced, atmospheric temperatures, and the nature of the feed. Extension Dairy specialists at State College say that it is by far the best practice to have an unlimited amount of water available to livestock at all times.

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