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THE DAIRY COW A GREAT FOOD PRODUCER

As a means of supplying one of the very best human foods at a low cost, the dairy cow is first among livestock. And, when rightly fed and managed, she will produce food at almost as low cost as a balanced, no cow, however good, can do her best. And during these times of high-priced feeds economy demands that the home-raised feeds be used as far as possible. There is still time to make



GOOD DAIRY COWS, RIGHTLY FED AND CARED FOR, ARE A SOURCE OF CHEAP AND EXCELLENT HUMAN FOOD

per unit of heat value as it is possible to produce it in any form, animal or vegetable. Mr. Reed made this clear in last week's paper.

The South needs more dairy cows—millions more of them. There's hardly a family, white or black, landowning or tenant, that does not need at least two good cows, and many might well have more than this number. One cow, however good, is not enough, because even with the best of management one cow does not assure us an adequate year-round milk supply. Two cows will provide all the milk needed by the small family, but in order to do this it is necessary, first, that the cows be good ones; and, second, that they have the best of care and attention.

Right now the average Southern farmer can devote himself to no better task than that of getting these cows, in case he does not already have them, and then insuring an abundant supply of the best home-raised feeds.

For without plenty of feed, rightly

a Bermuda pasture, and we regard a good pasture as one of the very first essentials in cheap milk production. When to the Bermuda we also add bur and white clover and lespedeza, we will have as nearly a year-round pasture as it is possible to have, and will have gone far toward solving the feeding problem. Rough feeds for winter use must also be provided, and that we may have plenty of these big crops of soy beans and cowpeas should be planted and made into hay. A good-sized patch of Abruzzi rye for winter grazing will also be of immense help. Then by exchanging the cotton seed for meal and feeding this, we'll have made these do double duty in helping supply milk and butter and soil fertility.

Given these two—good cows and plenty of good feeds—and we have taken a long step toward living at home and living, too, on the most wholesome food that can be had. Don't fail to provide your farm with plenty of good milk cows; they will help you far along the road to independence.

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