EASY TO READ, LIFETIME IDENTIFICATION

New Brisket Tags For Beef And Dairy Cattle

Boc-Loc Tags
The 3½ by 3-in. Boc-Loc tags are made from a non-rigid plastic and numbered with either electro-welded or hot-stamped numbers. They’re inserted through a hole punched in the dewlap skin about 6 to 8 in. down from the jaw break and in about 2 in. A plastic-coated metal hasp slips through a ½-in. hole put in the skin by an applicator. The tag fits over the two hasp prongs and is held in place by bending the prongs outward. Both tags and hasps can be reused.

The manufacturer notes that the tags can be put on cattle as young as one day old using the same precautions that you’d use putting in ear tags. The hole in the brisket can be made with a heavy-duty leather punch or with the company’s own applicator. It sells for $19.50. Tags, which are available in retail stores, have a suggested price of $0.19.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bock’s Cattle-Ident Company, 3101 Cedar Ave., P.O. Box 614, Mattoon, Ill. 61938 (ph 217 234-0634).

Life-O-Cow Tags
The tags are available unnumbered and ungrooved for $1.75 each. Grooved and numbered tags sell for $2.25 each. The kit with the wood clamp and the cutting tool sells for $10.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Forrest Nelson Ranch, Lakeside, Neb. 69351 (ph 308 327-2757).

HELPs PREVENT MASTITIS

Straw Saver Keeps Bedding Under Cows

A farmer’s search for a way to keep his cows from kicking straw out of their stalls and into the gutter led to the development of the "Straw Saver," manufactured by Krantz Machine and Welding, Inc., Tavistock, Ont.

The Straw Saver helps hold bedding in stalls so cows don’t lie on the wet floor and get infected udders. The Straw Saver also provides a toe-hold for cows with had legs to get up. It consists of brackets that fasten to the cement floor. J-clips fit into the brackets and hold a ½-in. dia. pipe in place. The pipe rests ½-in. above the floor just past the edge of the gutter and the stall, leaving enough room so urine can run out underneath. The J-clips make it easy to remove the pipes in summer.

New Style “G” Clamp

“"It’s a big improvement over old fashioned “G” clamps,” say the British manufacturers of a new-style workshop clamp with features that make it one of the handiest new shop tools around.

Exhibited at a recent national hardware show, the new “Crab Clamp” holds objects firmly without twisting them. The style of the jaws lets you easily hold irregular-shaped objects of varying sizes. Rotating jaws "self-locate" to quickly grab onto a piece of work. Fast screw-in action of the clamp lets you quickly and accurately adjust jaw pressure. The screw thread and handle are at a 90° angle to the jaws so that you can work right up close to the jaws. Also, it’s less likely that the screw threads will be damaged by welding splashes.

The clamps are unique in that they have a flat base so that when two or more are used to grip an object they automatically form a stand, raising objects to be clamped off the work bench.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Mike Freeman, "Crab Clamp", Freetrade Ltd., Unit 72 Birch Road East, Witton, Birmingham B6 7DA (ph 01 327-4840).

Hi-Lysine Whole Grain Corn Meal

A Midwestern seed company has begun marketing corn meal made entirely from a hi-lysine corn variety with no preservatives — or anything else — added to it. After sending out 50,000 sample packets to the readers of a national magazine in a special promotion, the company feels the future is strong for this latest new use for corn.

Crow’s Hybrid Corn Company, Milford, Ill., is a partner in the venture headed up by Kennard J. Kling, president. “In recent years researchers have found that lysine has many beneficial effects when used in the human diet due to the high levels of the essential amino acids, lysine and tryptophan. Consumers are looking for this type of health food as well as the whole grain fiber that we can provide with hi-lysine corn meal,” says Kling noting that hi-lysine corn meal has a much different taste and texture than regular corn meal. “Most people say they’ve never experienced such good corn taste. Also, the texture is smoother, and closer to whole wheat flour than conventional corn meal.”

Hi-lysine corn, which was discovered at Purdue University in 1963, has been used for years as a top quality grain for livestock feed.

For a ½ lb. sample package of the new corn meal, which is being marketed throughout the country, send $3.00 to: FARM SHOW Followup, Kennard Kling, KWC International Corp., 3806 N. Vermillon, Danville, Ill. 61832 (ph 217 442-6353).

Free-standing G-clamp easily holds irregular-shaped objects.