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SILAGE BOOSTS MILK PRODUCTION
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---Feeding silage is the remedy

for midwinter slumps in milk production, if the experience of Hopkins County dairymen mean anything.

B. B. Ewing, Hopkins County Dairy Herd Improvement Association member, is one of the many dairymen in East Texas that will vouch for the value of silage in dairy rations, says Hopkins County Agricultural Agent O. W. Thompson.

Ewing built the first box silo in Hopkins County four years ago, and this year filled it with 30 tons of drowned out corn. He also had 50 tons of late hegari silage in two temporary picket fence silos.

Last November, when Ewing's nine milk cows started falling off in production, he put them on silage for the first time. County Agent Thompson says that within a week after he started feeding the silage, the nine cows had increased production by 80 pounds of milk per day. Ewing figured the boost in production was worth \$4.50 daily.

"It is significant", says County Agent Thompson, "that the two highest producing herds in Hopkins County Dairy Herd Improvement Association are being fed silage."