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[Selman, E.A.]

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VIDEO

AUDIO

**CAMERA ON LANGFITT**

**SLIDE FARM-1  
HOUSE**

**SLIDE FARM-2  
DAIRY BARN**

TODAY I AM INDEED PROUD TO SALUTE ANOTHER OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY....A FAMILY MAKING A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE BETTERMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND IN THIS GREAT STATE OF OURS. THE FAMILY WE ARE ABOUT TO RECOGNIZE WAS NOMINATED BY MR. MARCUS PETERSON, LAWRENCE COUNTY AGENT AND MR. JAMES H. CARR, LAWRENCE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF THE FARMER'S HOME ADMINISTRATION. THIS COMFORTABLE AND MODERN FARM HOME IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO AND A HALF MILES NORTH OF MONTICELLO ON HIGHWAY 27 AND SERVES TO BRING US OUR FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE E.A. SELMAN FAMILY, TODAY'S "RFD TELEVISIT" FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK." HERE, MR. AND MRS. SELMAN AND YOUNG SON, JIMMY LIVE AND TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE SELMAN'S CHIEF FARM ENTERPRISE IS DAIRYING. BUT IT HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN. E.A. SELMAN USED TO BE A BEEF AND COTTON FARMER LIKE HIS FATHER WHO LIVES ACROSS THE ROAD, BUT TWO YEARS AGO HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT 275 ACRES WAS NOT ENOUGH LAND TO SUPPORT THE KIND OF BEEF AND COTTON FARMING NECESSARY TO MAKE MONEY. LOW BEEF PRICES AND REDUCED COTTON ACREAGE

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SLIDE FARM-3  
DAIRY BARN INSIDE

SLIDE FARM-16  
COW BEING MILKED

SLIDE FARM-7  
COOLER

CAUSED E.A. SELMAN TO DECIDE TO TURN TO DAIRYING WITH ITS STEADY CASH INCOME ON RELATIVELY SMALL ACREAGE. E.A. SELMAN DIDN'T JUST DRIFT INTO DAIRYING. HE WENT INTO IT WITH A WELL PLANNED AND COMPLETELY MODERN DAIRY FACILITIES. THIS MODERN THREE COW MILKING PARLOR IS THE FINEST I HAVE SEEN ANYWHERE OTHER THAN IN THE ELABORATE DAIRY BARN AT MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE. YOU MAY RECALL IT'S ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE PICTURES I SHOWED YOU YESTERDAY IN OUR FILM FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. THIS VIEW IS FROM THE LEVEL THE COWS STAND ON. THIS MODERN MILKING PARLOR HAS TWO LEVELS AND THE MILKER IS ATTACHED FROM A LOWER LEVEL FOR EASE OF OPERATION. AS IN THE FILM, THE E.A. SELMAN DAIRY IS SO MODERN THE MILK GOES DIRECTLY INTO GLASS PIPES AND ON INTO THE PROCESSING AND COLLING AREA DIRECTLY INTO THIS COOLING TANK WHERE ICE COLD WATER KEEPS THE MILK AT A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE UNTIL IT IS PICKED UP EACH MORNING. E.A. SELMAN IS SHIPPING 800 POUNDS A DAY FROM HIS MILKING HERD OF 29 HEAD. ALSO, AS IN THE FILM WE SAW

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SLIDE FARM-6  
WASH TANK & HEATER

SLIDE FARM-5  
STANCHIONS

SLIDE FARM-8  
CHART

SLIDE FARM-9  
COWS

SLIDE FARM-10  
COWS & BARN

YESTERDAY, AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC WATER HEATER STANDS IN THE MILK ROOM READY TO FURNISH AN INSTANT SUPPLY OF HOT WATER WITH THE TURN OF A FAUCET....WATER THAT GOES INTO THIS COMPLETE MODERN DAIRY VAT TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT EVERY UTENSIL USED IN THE MILK BARN. THE COW IS IN THE STALL ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO BE MILKED AND TO EAT HER GRAIN. A SIMPLE PULL OF THIS LEVER BY MR. SELMAN LET'S ONE COW OUT AT ONE END OF THE STANCHION AND LETS THE NEXT ONE IN, ALL IN ONE OPERATION. PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE E.A. SELMAN DAIRY OPERATION IS THIS CHART WHERE COMPLETE FEEDING AND AND PRODUCTION RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED DAILY ON EACH COW. THERE IS NEVER ANY DOUBT IN E.A. SELMAN'S MIND AS TO WHAT EACH COW IS DOING AND HOW WELL SHE IS PAYING HER WAY. E.A. SELMAN'S GRADE "A" DAIRY CONSISTS OF 35 HEAD OF MILK COWS, WITH ABOUT 29 IN PRODUCTION AT ONE TIME. CONTENTED COWS LAYING IN THE WARM FALL SUN LOOK SLEEK AND HAPPY AND HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AS THEY WAIT THEIR TURN AT THE DAIRY BARN DOOR EACH EVENING. COWS WITH BAGS SO FULL THAT MILK DRIPPED OUT ON THE GROUND AS THEY WAITED.

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-15  
BULL

LIKE MANY ANOTHER GOOD DAIRY FARMER, E.A. SELMAN RAISES TOP GRADE COWS BY BREEDING THEM TO A HIGH QUALITY REGISTERED HERD BULL. SOME OF E.A. SELMAN'S HOLSTEIN COWS ARE REGISTERED BUT NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT EVERY ONE OF THEM IS BRED EACH YEAR TO A BULL WITH A LONG RECORD OF PRODUCING TOP QUALITY COWS. IN ADDITION TO THE HERD BULL E.A. SELMAN ALSO BELONGS TO THE LAWRENCE COUNTY ARTIFICIAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION AND USES ITS SERVICES. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THAT ASSOCIATION. HIGH PRODUCING COWS DON'T JUST HAPPEN. IT TAKES CARE, NOT ONLY IN THE BARN, BUT IN THE FEED LOT AND IN THE PASTURE. SILAGE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE E.A. SELMAN FEEDING PROGRAM. THIS TRENCH SILO WAS BUILT THIS YEAR. IT WILL HOLD 200 TONS OF SILAGE AND WAS BUILT FOR A COST OF \$50. MR. SELMAN INTENDS TO CONCRETE THE SIDES OF THE TRENCH THIS WINTER. IN THE PAST HE AND HIS FATHER HAVE SHARED AN UPRIGHT SILO. THIS SILO WAS BUILT TO HANDLE A 50 OVERFLOW THIS YEAR AND WILL BE COMPLETELY FILLED NEXT YEAR, MAKING THE SILAGE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO MR. SELMAN'S DAIRY HERD. E.A. SELMAN FILLS

SLIDE FARM-11  
TRENCH SILO

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-12  
IN SILO

HIS SILO WITH A NEW VARIETY OF SORGHUM KNOWN AS SART AND SAYS IT IS THE BEST HE HAS EVER PUT UP. THE TOP OF THE SILO IS COVERED CROSSWISE WITH STRIPS OF TAR ROOFING PAPER AND THEN COVERED WITH DIRT AND THE SILAGE IS TOP QUALITY RIGHT UP TO THE PAPER. IN ADDITION TO THE MILKING HERD, E.A. SELMAN IS FEEDING 9 YEAR OLD REPLACEMENT HEIFERS AND 11 CALVES. THE SILAGE IS FED IN A PINE GROVE IN THESE COMBINATION HAY AND SILAGE FEEDER TROUGHS AND IN OPEN TROUGHS WHERE THE CATTLE CAN EASILY GATHER ROUND AND EAT WITHOUT HINDRANCE. HERE WE GET A LOOK AT THE TROUGHS. MR. MARCUS PETERSON, (WITH THE HAT) LAWRENCE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT, TALKS OVER THE FEEDING PROGRAM WITH MR. SELMAN. MR. SELMAN SAYS HE HAS FOUND THAT THIS PINE GROVE PROVIDES SUFFICIENT SHELTER FOR THE HERD IN MOST ANY WEATHER IN SOUTH CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI. IN ADDITION TO PLENTY OF SILAGE, MR. SELMAN HAS 120 ACRES IN PASTURE. 60 ACRES IN PERMANENT PASTURE, CONSISTING LARGELY OF BERMUDA, DALLIS, WHITE DUTCH, COMMON LESPEDEZA AND BAHAI GRASS. 60 ACRES IS IN TEMPORARY

SLIDE FARM-13  
FEEDERS

SLIDE FARM-14  
TROUGHS

SLIDE FARM-17  
PASTURE



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AUDIO

GRAZING FOR FALL AND WINTER. THE TEMPORARY  
GRAZING CONSISTS OF 30 ACRES OF OATS, 10  
ACRES OF WINTER WHEAT, WHICH WE SEE HERE IN  
LUSH GROWTH, AND ABOUT 20 ACRES OF RYE GRASS.  
IN ADDITION TO PASTURE AND SILAGE, E.A. SELMAN  
HAS ABOUT 55 ACRES IN HAY CROPS CONSISTING  
LARGELY OF KOBE LESPEDEZA AND LAYCE CLOVER.  
THIS YEAR<sup>25</sup>~~XXXX~~ ACRES WAS A TOTAL LOSS AND ONLY  
HALF A CROP WAS PRODUCED ON THE OTHER 30 DUE  
TO THE SEVERE DROUGHT IN LAWRENCE COUNTY.  
OF COURSE, ANYONE WHO HAS EVER DAIRYED KNOWS  
THAT GRASS AND SILAGE ALONE WON'T PRODUCE  
A LOT OF MILK. IT TAKES PROTEINS AND MINERALS  
AND FEED CONCENTRATES. THIS IS A FEED MIXER.  
IT WAS BUILT BY E.A. SELMAN AND IS ASM MODERN  
AS YOU'LL FIND ANYWHERE. E.A. SELMAN BUYS  
THE COMMERCIAL PROTEIN AND MIXES IT WITH HIS  
OWN GRAIN AND MOLASSES. THIS MIXER MIXES  
THE GRAINS, THEN AS THEY COME OUT INTO AN AUGER  
CONVEYER THE GRAIN AND A DETERMINED AMOUNT OF  
MOLASSES ARE MIXED TOGETHER AND CARRIED TO  
THE BAGGIN SPOUT AS A COMPLETELY MIXED FEED.

SLIDE FARM-18  
FEED MIXER

~~SLIDE FARM-19~~  
mollasses drum

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-19  
MOLASSES DRUM

SLIDE FARM-20  
BAG FEED

SLIDE FARM-21  
CORN →

SLIDE FARM-23  
COTTON FIELD

SLIDE FARM-22  
POST TREATING VAT

JUST OUTSIDE THE MIXING ROOM IS THIS GREAT MOLASSES TANK WITH A PIPE FEEDING THE MOLASSES DIRECTLY INTO THE MIXER IN THE CORRECT AMOUNT. FARMER'S HOME ADMINISTRATION SUPERVISOR OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, JAMES CARR, AND MR. SELMAN EXAMINE THE RESULTS, AS GOOD AS ANY MIXED FEED YOU CAN BUY. E.A. SELMAN RAISES HIS OWN CORN AND OATS TO MIX HIS FEED. HE RAISES ABOUT 30 ACRES OF CORN ON RENTED LAND. I GUESS YOU WOULD SAY THAT WHERE E.A. SELMAN WAS A BEEF AND COTTON FARMER TWO YEARS AGO, HE IS NOW A COTTON AND DAIRY FARMER. COTTON STILL PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SELMAN FARM PROGRAM. THIS 25 ACRE FIELD PRODUCED 22 BALES THIS YEAR IN SPITE OF THE DROUGHT. E.A. SELMAN FOLLOWS ALL EXPERIMENT STATION RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ALL HIS FARMING ENTERPRISES AND HAS HIS SOIL TESTED EVERY YEAR AND FERTILIZES ACCORDING TO ITS NEEDS. HE PRACTICES BALANCED FARMING PUTTING EVERY ACRE OF LAND INTO CROPS BEST SUITED TO THE LAND. RAISING CATTLE REQUIRES GOOD FENCING. E.A. SELMAN PROVIDES THAT FENCING FROM HIS OWN TIMBER. THIS HUGE VAT IS USED TO TREAT ABOUT 200 POSTS A YEAR. IN ADDITION MR. SELMAN IS CLEARING HIS LAND OF SCRUB



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SLIDE FARM-4  
STOCK POND

SLIDE FARM-24  
CHICKENS

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

TIMBER BY POISONING WITH AMMATE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF ANY LIVESTOCK OPERATION IS AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF WATER. THIS ACRE AND A HALF STOCK POND PROVIDES A PART OF THAT NEEDED WATER SUPPLY. AN ARTESIAN WELL THAT FLOWS CONSTANTLY SUPPLIES THE REST, AND RURAL ELECTRICITY PUTS IT WHERE IT IS NEEDED. FROM THIS POND, MR. SELMAN IRRIGATED A FALL GARDEN THAT WAS LUSH WITH GREEN GROWTH. THE POND IS STOCKED WITH MARBLEHEAD CATFISH AND BREAM. MRS. SELMAN KEEPS VERY BUSY WITH HER HOME AND HER YOUNGSTER, BUT SHE ALSO FINDS TIME TO CARE FOR A FLOCK OF 35 LAYING HENS WHICH PROVIDE PLENTY OF EGGS AND MEAT FOR THE FAMILY TABLE. MRS. SELMAN IS NOT A COUNTRY GIRL BY BIRTH. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AMORY AND MOVED TO THE COUNTRY WHEN SHE MARRIED MR. SELMAN. THEY MET WHILE SHE WAS ATTENDING M.S.C.W. AND ELTON WAS AT STATE. THERE IS MUCH MORE TO THIS SUCCESS STORY. IT'S A STORY OF HARD WORK AND A LOVE FOR THE LAND...A STORY OF A YOUNG COUPLE WHO IS PUTTING THEIR HEART AND SOUL INTO FARMING AND IN RETURN REAPING IT'S RICH REWARDS. MR. AND

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AUDIO

MRS. E.A. SELMAN ARE MEMBERS OF THE MONTICELLO BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE MRS. SELMAN IS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. ELTON IS A MEMBER OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, MRS. SELMAN IS A MEMBER OF THE MONTICELLO GARDEN CLUB. AND ON AND ON IT GOES, BUT LET'S MEET THIS WONDERFUL FAMILY AND IN THE TIME THAT'S LEFT HEAR FROM THEM SOME MORE OF THIS STORY OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.