



Follow the rule of thumb for placing horizontal –axis fans by mounting 36-inch fans to move air 30 feet and 48-inch fans to move air 40 feet. Water without fans may be worse than no water at all. Airflow is essential for evaporation. Soak cows with increasing frequency as temperatures rises.



Fresh drinking water is the most important nutrient for dairy cows. Clean water troughs routinely. Install extra troughs so cows are not walking as far to get water. For a cow producing 80 pounds of milk, as night temperatures raise from 60 to 80 degrees, an additional 7 gallons of water per day is required. Change feeding times so feed is available at cooler times of the day to encourage feed intake, and increase the number of times the feed is pushed up. These are a few tips that will help to maintain dry matter intake.

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