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Dairy Troubles in the Spring of the Year.

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The coming of spring brings troubles to the dairymen in three ways:

- (1) A lowering of the cream test.
- (2) A decline in the quality of cream.
- (3) Bad flavors in the milk and cream due to weed flavors and strip-per cows.

LOWERING OF CREAM TEST

Freshening of cows and turning to grass at this time causes them to produce a larger quantity of milk of lower richness. When a cream separator is supplied thinner milk it produces thinner cream unless the cream screw is changed. If the herd milk has averaged 4.25% and the cream has been testing 42.5%, and the richness of the milk is reduced to 4% the cream from the separator may be reduced to 40%.

DECLINE IN QUALITY OF CREAM

The cold temperatures of winter help the cream producer to keep the cream sweet and pure. When warm weather arrives, he may not be equipped to take proper care of his cream. A cool-