

Elmo Robison is 'Dairyman Of The Month'

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The grade A dairy business in Choctaw county is growing like Davy Crockett's present day popularity.

And a big share of the credit is due Elmo Robison, who operates a grade A dairy on a 160 acre farm five miles southeast of Hugo.

The Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce dairy committee has named Robison "dairyman of the month" for June.

Robison got his first taste of grade A dairying five years ago last December.

He began by helping a brother, Edgar, who died about a year after the dairy was put into operation. When Edgar died, his wife, who now lives in California, made arrangements with Elmo to continue operations.

The dairy was begun with 17 cows. Now 29 cows are being milked and Robison is selling 70 gallons of milk a day. He expects to have 40 or 45 cows by September or October and then he will have about 125 gallons of milk a day.

Robison sells his milk to a Dallas milkshed through the North Texas Producers' Association. He keeps about 25 gallons a day for calves.

Cows at the Robison farm are mostly jerseys. Robison, with an artificial insemination breeding program, has raised all of the herd's replacements. There are only two head of the dairy farm's original herd left.

The 47-year-old dairy farmer cuts down his feed bill by growing silage, which is a mixture of vetch, ryegrass, oats and black strap syrup. Robison has a 425 ton capacity trench silo.

He has already harvested 35 acres of vetch, ryegrass and oats and still has 30 acres of sargo cane, silage within itself – in the ground.

Robison has also put in a lot of work developing pasture land and the work has not been in vain. He has 66 head of cattle grazing on 50 acres of pasture land.

Elmo and his wife have four children; Rance Henry, who will graduate from Oklahoma A&M next spring with a major in agricultural education; Elmo Jr., who graduated from Hugo High School in May, is now employed at Graves Drug Store here, and plans to enroll at Oklahoma A&M next fall; Doris Jean, who will be a senior at Hugo High School next fall; and Clarence Wayne, 8.



CULTIVATING HIS CANE CROP southeast of Hugo is Choctaw county's "dairyman of the month" – Elmo Robison and his eight year old son Clarence Wayne. Robison is one of the first county dairymen to incorporate a trench silo into his winter feeding problems. A good rain on the above pictured field within the next few days will insure winter-long food for his outstanding dairy herd of Jerseys and Holsteins. See adjoining story for details.



THIS HALF-FILLED TRENCH SILO is located on the dairy farm of Elmo Robison southeast of Hugo. Robison, who stands atop the well packed feed supply, expects to have the silo full in a few weeks if his present cane acreage comes through with a good crop. The dairy committee of the Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce, headed by Lon Kile, chose Robison as it "dairyman of the month." More details in adjoining story.