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Many agricultural workers have seen the herd of crossbred dairy cows at Beltsville. Latest reports from the herd show continued improvement. Average production for 54 two-breed cows at slightly over two years of age was 13,006 pounds of milk and 585 pounds of butterfat. They beat their straight-bred dams by 2,868 pounds of milk and 143 pounds of butterfat. Forty-five of the 54 topped their mothers on milk and 51 on fat. Average for 41 three-breed cows was 13,465 pounds of milk and 606 pounds of fat. This was an increase over their two-breed dams of 367 pounds of milk per cow and a decrease of one pound of fat. These results show that a high level of production may be reached in a comparatively short time and maintained by following a cross-breeding program in which proved sires are used—USDA.