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Management tips – The little things are the big things!

Autofeeder maintenance – That little rubber thing!

The autofeeders are designed to enable very accurate delivery of milk replacer powder and water to calves. However, this is only possible when some routine maintenance occurs!



This represents the mixing area for the autofeeder when it arrives on your farm. It's easy to miss a few details that are very important for successful operation of the feeder.



Now look at this picture! Do you notice anything different or that is missing in the first picture?

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Hmmm..... Notice that little rubber band???? This is a critical part that must be used for accurate function of the feeder. If the hoses are not threaded through this rubber band, the hoses will frequently contact the front of the fly screen door! So what! Well, if the hoses make contact with the door the delivery of powder will not be as accurate. Note that a high degree of accuracy and precision is achieved by accurately weighing the milk replacer powder delivered to the mixing bowl for each meal. If the hoses contact the door, the weights are likely to be not as intended. **Always check that the hoses (or hose) is/are threaded through this rubber band!**