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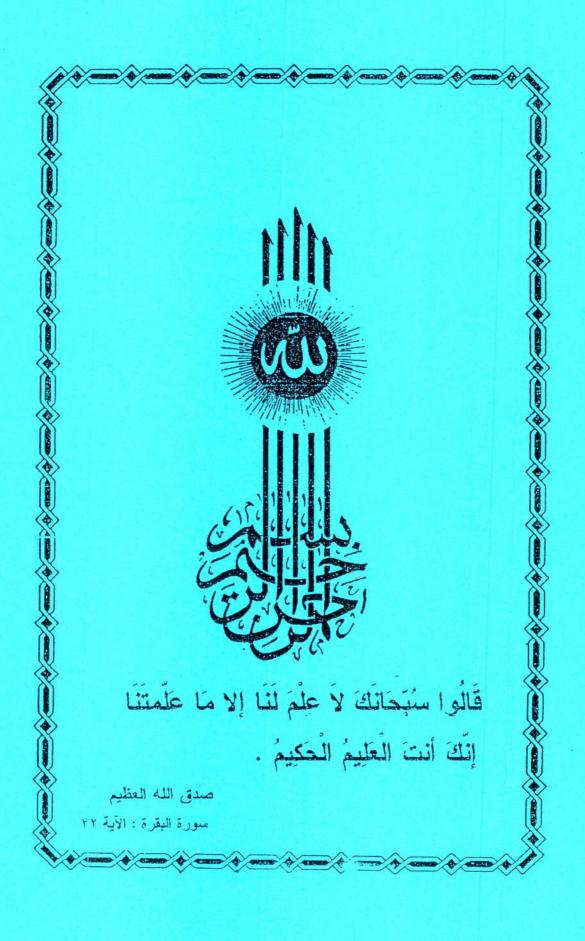
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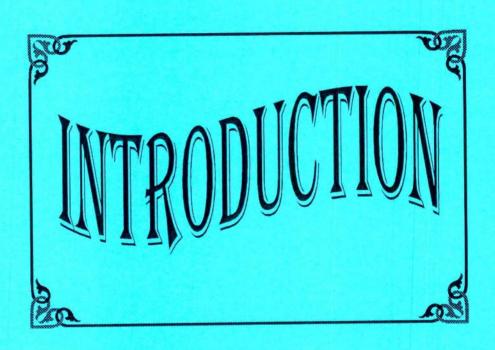
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INTRODUCTION

Mastitis is an inflammatory change of the mammary gland which along with physical, chemical and microbiological changes, is characterized by an increase in the somatic cell count especially leukocytes in the milk and by pathological changes in the mammary tissue (Tolle, 1971).

Mastitis is a major disease problem which appears to be world wide in distribution and affects all species of farm animals. It attains its major significance in terms of the profound impact on the value and productive efficiency of milk producing animals (Hafez et al., 1987).

Mastitis varies from a non clinical infection to a severe acute febrile clinical form. Detection of mastitis at a nonclinical stage could reduce the spread of disease and consequent financial loss (Esa-Matti Lilus and Ullamari Pesonen, 1990).

Dairy men believe that under natural condition about 1 to 3 percent of their cows suffering from clinical mastitis, in reality, scientists estimated that at least 50 percent of dairy cows have subclinical mastitis in 50 percent of their quarters. These subclinical infections may flare up to frank mastitis or may subside imperceptively, in either cases, about 12% of the total production of a cow for a single infected quarter is being lost (National Mastitis Council, 1978). Forty percent of the intramammary infections resulted in clinical mastitis, thus, subclinical intramammary infections were of extreme importance, in which the subclinically infected

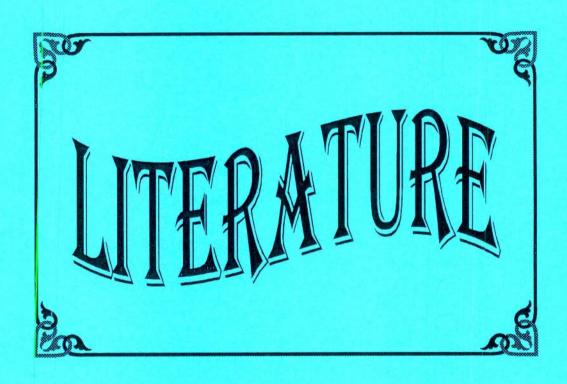
animal continuous, for a time, to be a dangerous source of infection (Abd El-Karim and El-Ashmawy, 1979 and Smith et al., 1985).

Diagnosis of mastitis which is based on pathological changes caused by inflammation, presents no diagnostic problem as far as the clinical form of mastitis is concerned. The situation, however, is differed with regard to the diagnosis of subclinical mastitis where its diagnosis must be based on examination of quarter milk samples with putting in mind that the changes in milk composition are the signs of inflammation.

Both the aetiological agents and the dynamic nature of the disease influence considerably the concentration of inflammatory markers in the milk (Jensen and Knudsen, 1991).

Kafr El-Sheikh is one of the governorate which has a high animal population and mastitis in large animals caused a major problem in both private and governmental farms, where it causes serious loss in animal production. Therefore, the present work was directed to:

- Study the incidence of clinical and subclinical mastitis among dairy cows and buffaloes.
- 2. Evaluation of some indirect tests used for detection of subclinical mastitis.
- 3. Study the predominant organisms isolated from clinical and subclinical cases.
- 4. Study the antibiogram patterns of the isolated organisms.
- 5. Some trials of treatment.



LITERATURE

1. Incidence of clinical and subclinical mastitis:

Abd El-Karim and El-Ashmawy (1979) revealed that 56.43% of the examined Iraqi dairy cows had been suffered from subclinical mastitis. Most of mastitic cows showed one or two infected quarters (48.10% and 30.38%, respectively), while four quarters were infected in few cases.

Mahmoud (1980) examined 96 dairy cows and 54 buffaloes in Behera Governorate. He found that the incidence of clinical and subclinical mastitic quarters was 12% and 25.3% in cows, and 9.3% and 20.4% in buffaloes, respectively.

Haggard et al. (1983) recorded that the prevalence of subclinical mastitis in two herds was 13%. They also recorded that the prevalence rate was increased with increasing age of lactating cows where this prevalence was 7.7% in the 2- to 3-years old cows, and 17.7% in the 7 years old cows or more.

Oliver and Mitchell (1984) in Massachusetts found that the incidence of mastitis caused by major pathogens in *Streptococcus* agalactiae positive herds was 85.5% in cows and 37% of the examined quarters were infected, while in *Str. agalactiae* negative herds these percentages were 26.3% and 10.2%, respectively.