

Lancaster Farming

Good Cattle, Quality Roughage and Conservation



OAK FARM relies on the management skills of Fred and Ernie Frey, the Frey brothers — Fred and Ernie, who operate Angus cattle and conservation farming on a 350-acre operation to receive contour treatment, extremely deceptive topography. The land runs up a hill with draws falling away on either side, to an uneven descent from the viewer. At upper right, another example of Frey conservation, with Fred pointing, and Ernie pointing out the direction of a water spreader on the end of a new diversion. At lower right is an example of Frey management: the Freys drop some of the quality roughage into a hay rack in the steer barn. The 16-foot rack is in the head of cattle in two pens, with two fillings. To the left, the brothers walk through their feeder pens with the steers on feed.

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Show Carcass Beef Champions Use Basic Trio

Photos which accompany this article serve to illustrate the reasons for Fred and Ernie Frey, of Twin Oak Farm, Perryville RD 2, capturing Champion Carcass Beef for the past two years at the Penna. Farm Show in January, in fact, the Twin Oak entry was top prize in divisions of carcass judging—on foot and rail.

Three major factors in the success of the Twin Oak operation are: 1. Quality roughage—home grown, conservation farming. 2. Good cattle. 3. Conservation on the land. As we've laid it out, the roughage isn't perfect, but it's sure to be better than anything else in the area. It is a matter of time before we intend to do it the way we do it now.

The Freys use a rotation of corn, small grain and two years of hay.

They figure high-quality roughage is the key to profitable beef production. Along with that they use "home-grown" labor-saving devices, including self-feeding trench silo and hay racks.

In all, it requires about two hours per day, year-round, to feed and manage the 180-200 head of Angus at Twin Oak.

This combination of good cattle, quality roughage and conservation on the land has been achieved through use of methods which eliminate excess cost and utilize time and labor to the best advantage.

Pa. Holstein's Butterfat Output Tops Records

Lewis A. Zimmerman, of Leighton, is owner of a Senior three-year-old registered Holstein, "Zimmerman Belstar Royal Seely", who has completed an all-time national milking record in butterfat production for the age group of cows milked three times daily in the Ten Months Division.

In addition to the National record, the official 305-day record of 24,058 lbs. of milk and 910 lbs. of butterfat, also set a high for Pennsylvania Holsteins regardless of age in the Ten Months Division. The cow started her test at the age of three years, nine months. She averaged approximately 79 lbs. testing 3.8.



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Slate Cocalico Watershed Meet

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation District, in cooperation with the Borough of Denver and Conestoga Valley Association, has scheduled a meeting for farmers in the Upper Cocalico Watershed at 8 p.m., March 30 in the Denver Fire Hall.

The meeting is part of SCD and CVA efforts to inform county farmers and other interested persons of the benefits to be gained from conservation farming practices.

A panel of Samuel Heisey, Vernon Kline, Norman Leninger and Elmer Senseng, with Robert G. Struble, SCS consultant for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture, will discuss personal experience with conservation benefits.

Martin Muth, SCS conservationist, will present a talk illustrated with color slides, on water and soil losses in the county — and what each farmer can do for his farm with conservation.

Invocation at the meeting will be by the Rev. John Myer, Springfield Church of Brethren.

Floyd S. "Dutch" Bucher will close the program with a few remarks. Refreshments will be served.

Special Low-Fat Grades Studied

With consumers on low fat diets in mind, the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association has initiated a study of the "need and feasibility" for establishing a new grade of two per cent milk.

Making the study are a committee of nine named by President Paul R. Anthony, Strassstown, at the recent annual PDA board meeting.

On the committee are William H. Juzi, Harrisburg, chairman; Dr. C. W. Pierce, University Park; Clyde S. Robison, Coal Center; Arthur W. Nesbit, State College; Alvin C. Bush, Muncy; Reed Hayes, Reedsville; Francis H. Kennedy, Butler; John Newlin, Tyrone, and Homer H. Martz, Pittsburgh.

Skim milk, less than one-half per cent fat; 2 standard, 3.25 - 4.2 per cent fat, and 3. premium, all milk over 4.2 per cent fat.

If the committee and board endorses a two per cent grade, the dairymen will propose a suitable revision to the state milk law.

Anthony was selected president of the association, along with Paul Gruber, of Shippensburg, vice president, and Charles E. Cowan, Lancaster, secretary-treasurer.

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Weather Bureau,
Weather Office
temperatures will average
degrees above
range of 35 - 53.
warm Saturday
Day and Monday
Tuesday and
Showers Sat.
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