

● **Holstein Tour**

(Continued from Page 1) Lowland Farm of Gideon Stoltzfus, near Atglen, centers around an outstanding record-keeping system and purebred Holstein cattle.

Stoltzfus, whose 54-head herd has an average classification rating of 82-plus, noted that he had averaged over 600 pounds of butterfat in three of the last four years; last year his herd made 15,300 pounds of milk and 615 of fat.

When questioned on his feeding program, he noted he had been on a heavy silage feeding plan for slightly more than one year. His 20x70-ft. silo holds 40 acres of silage.

Stoltzfus explained that since he started his new silage program he has been feeding less grain and getting more milk from the same number of cows.

PROGRESSIVE BREEDER
Recipient of the Progressive Breeder Award for the past two years, John Umble's Swampy Hollow Farm-bred reg-

istered Holsteins are achieving widespread recognition

Umble milks 39 head, and specializes in raising calves for replacement and for sale. He has been a purebred breeder since 1948, and described his Atglen-area farm as a small operation.

A 13-year-old brood cow, Valeria Cherrydale Lucifer, was paraded for the visiting dairy men by Umble. He explained that, of her five classified offspring, none stands lower than 85 points "She also has three sons in A-1 service," Umble added.

Following a family-style meal at the Atglen Fire Hall, the tour visited the Downingtown-area farm of Tom McCahon

A free-stall operation, which can be expanded to handle 75

cows, McCahon utilizes a liquid manure system and a milking parlor as additional labor saving factors.

The most unusual feature at McCahon's was the lack of any pasture facilities on the 200-acre farm. When the cows aren't stabled, they are confined to a small exercise lot.

The final stop on the all-day tour was at the famed Longwood Gardens at Kennett Square.

Chairman of the tour committee was Titus Hurst of Lititz R3; he was assisted by Jay Landis and Paul Zimmerman.

Chester County associate agricultural agent Glenn Shirk served as guide and co-host for the trip.

Freeman Recommends Cut In Dairy Imports

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman is recommending to the President that action be taken to reduce the volume of dairy products being imported into the United States

He said he is requesting the President direct the Tariff Commission to undertake an investigation under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, looking to the establishment of import quotas on certain dairy products not now subject to quotas.

He pointed out that dairy product imports in 1966 totaled 27 billion pounds milk equivalent as compared with about 9 billion pounds in 1965. Of this quantity Junex, which is a mixture of butterfat and sugar, and Colby cheese made up about 18 billion pounds milk equivalent. The Secretary said this is a 300 percent increase in dairy imports which was largely accomplished through evasion of the current law. He said these imports are having an adverse effect upon the price support program, and will hold down the income of American dairy farmers

Secretary Freeman emphasized that he considers this a most urgent issue and that he is urging the Tariff Commission to begin hearings as quickly as possible

"I am confident," the Secretary said "that this prompt action will relieve pressure on the income of our dairy farmers"

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