

Two Get American Farmer Degrees

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free stall barn designed for 78 cows.

A large concrete silo, the third one on the farm, recently was completed adjacent to the new barn, which the Hubers hope will be completed in November.

The family is doing the foundation work, then a contractor will complete the work, using pre-fab materials.

Until this summer, the Huber family had been milking about 40 cows. The Hubers now have 85 cows and 12 heifers on their



Jim poses with the corn picker Monday. The young American Farmer is both a good farmer and record keeper, his advisor reported.



FFA stands for Fathers Farm Alone, the elder LeFevre (left) jokes this week in reference to his son Preston's trip next week to Kansas City to receive FFA's

highest national degree, American Farmer. Bill Fredd (right), Solanco FFA advisor, shares in the fun.

175 acre farm, plus 40 rented acres.

LeFevres Expand

The LeFevre operation centers around about 42 Holstein cows and 20 heifers.

The LeFevres built additional stalls in the spring of 1968 and put in a pipeline in the spring of 1969.

About the only things needed now, they said, are a silo and self-feeder. The LeFevres now store their grain, including about 100 acres of corn, in bins and cribs.

If the silo is built, the LeFevres plan to expand to a 50 to 60 cow herd.

The LeFevres till about 200 acres of ground, including about 100 acres of corn and the rest in small grain and hay. Another 45 acres is in meadowland and woodland.

Their Program, Activities

Young LeFevre said he did all the plowing himself this year. He demonstrated his skill with the tractor at the Solanco Fair recently by taking first place in the adult division with a score far better than his competitors.

In commenting on the LeFevre operation, Fredd said the number of dairy cows has about tripled and the output per cow has gone up perhaps 4,000 to 5,000 pounds per cow per year since Preston started high school in 1963. The vo-ag teacher attributed much of the progress to ideas gained by the younger man at school and applied at the farm.

While discussing the farm operation in the LeFevre corn field Monday, the elder LeFevre jokingly noted that FFA stands for Fathers Farm Alone. He was referring to his son's upcoming trip to Kansas City Mo. to receive the American Farmer degree.

But the son just grinned and it was clear that the time the son spends away from home is not really a sore spot in their relationship — 50-50 from the time the son was only 16 years old.

Young LeFevre has two older sisters, Miss Marvin Stoner, Quarryville DR2, and Miss Christ Habecker, Spring Valley Road, Lancaster.

Preston currently is active in Young Farmer work and was Solanco FFA Chapter president in 1966 and president of the chapter's state championship parliamentary procedure team, of which Huber was chaplain.

During high school, Huber fed a total of about 200 hogs.

As a junior the family rented an uncle's farm for one year to give the boys a bigger farming program. Then 40 acres were

rented from a neighboring farm for the past two years.

Fredd said Huber's outstanding record keeping includes records on corn he produced. Jim received recognition in his junior year for a top yield of 156 bushels per acre.

Active in the Fulton Grange, he has been Steward and Overseer. The family in the past has received recognition for participation in Flying Farmers. The elder Huber was past president of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Association.

Fredd noted that much of the

credit for the success of the American Farmers should go to Ralph Layman and Richard Wood, who were vo-ag teachers and chapter advisors while the young men were at Solanco. Both Layman and Wood moved to the new Brownstown Vo-Tech School this year. The present Solanco teachers with Fredd are Arba Henry and Steve Leiser.

Fredd will accompany LeFevre and Huber to Kansas City by plane Tuesday morning. Huber's wife and child also will make the trip.



Preston and his father examine part of their 100-acre crop during harvest Monday. In the background, large sections of the corn are down, resulting in large harvesting losses. The LeFevres blamed the downed corn on a combination of corn rot, Southern Leaf Blight and a wind storm two to three weeks ago. Other LeFevre corn fields involving different varieties were not hit by blight, however, and were still green and vigorous Monday. Asked what the yield per acre, discounting the harvesting loss, likely would be from this blighted field, the reply was 150. The blight hit too late in the season to cause much loss, it was explained. (Editor's note: 150 bushels! We concluded a lot of farmers would like problems just like the LeFevres have.)

Manheim Fair Queen

Robin Geimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lehman, 123 E. High St., Manheim, was crowned Queen of the Manheim Fair Show Wednesday night. The new queen, who was cho-

sen by ballot vote by the senior class, was awarded a \$25 U.S. Savings Bonds, and a \$25 gift certificate.

A senior Robin reigned over the annual parade and festivities.

No Tillage is nothing without a good winter cover crop.

Establishing a vigorous winter cover crop each fall is a key factor in turning out top yields in a no tillage program. This is true even if last year's crop was planted in a perennial sod. A mulch lasts only one season, so a freshly killed cover is necessary each spring.

The heavier the mulch, the more moisture it will trap for roots to tap next summer. It'll also keep soil erosion and surface evaporation of moisture at a minimum. There are four things to look for when choosing a winter cover crop: (1) Ease of establishment, (2) Winter hardiness, (3) Ease of killing with a herbicide, (4) Persistence of dead mulch. (Check with your seed supplier or soil conservation service for information on cover crops recommended for your area.)

Once your cover crop is established, keep in mind that it doesn't pay to graze or harvest it for hay or silage. Stubble left after harvest won't provide enough protective mulch. In one university test, for example, corn planted into a vigorous sod yielded 47% more than corn planted into stubble.

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