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2 Roy Book Cows Cited

Dairy men in this area have cows listed in an official production testing report released by Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Included with the pounds of milk and butterfat are the amounts of solids-not-fat (SNF) produced by each Registered Holstein since last calving.

The Holstein Association's testing program has provided for determining SNF nutrients since 1962. This is the part of milk that contains protein, lactose, minerals and other elements so important to the nutrition and taste of milk.

Total nutrient testing as sponsored by the Holstein Association is in step with today's consumer demands. It provides the Holstein breeder with information for improving the overall per-

formance of his herd. The home maker can use it as a measure of milk's food value.

The animals and their actual production levels are Roaring Maples Pilot Bess 5639560, a seven-year-old Registered Holstein, has credits of 23,350 pounds of milk, 796 pounds of butterfat and 1,865 pounds of solids-not-fat in 305 days; Roaring Maples Archie Ann 6371320, a four-year-old, had 18,190 pounds of milk, 668 pounds of butterfat and 1,492 pounds of solids-not-fat in 317 days. Both are included in the herd tested for Roy H. and Ruth H. Book, Ronks.

Production sampling and testing procedures were supervised by Pennsylvania State University in cooperation with the official Holstein breed improvement programs.

State Star FFA Awards Listed

Lancaster County and Lebanon County FFA members will be among those receiving Star Farmer awards at the annual state FFA convention January 11-15, according to the Pennsylv-

ania Department of Agriculture. Alvin Schlouch Naivon, Lancaster County, will receive one of five Star Agribusiness Awards.

John Moyer, Newmanstown, Lebanon County, will receive one of five Star Farmer Awards.

Other Star Farmer Awards will go to the following: James Madigan, Towanda, Bradford County; Doyle Waybright, Gettysburg, Adams County; Dennis Hay, Berlin, Somerset County; and Ronald Baker, Ulysses, Potter County.

Other Star Agribusiness Awards will go to the following: Craig Barr, Mansfield, Tioga County; Paul Cordell, Waynesboro, Franklin County; Paul Lawrence, New Castle, Lawrence County; and Patrick Salzzoni, Brockway, Jefferson County.

Farm Calendar

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers, Agriculture Department, Ephrata High School, Shop Open for Individual Shop Projects.

7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers, Agriculture Department, Feeding Course Number 4.

Thursday, December 31

1:30 p.m. — 4-H Tobacco and Corn Exhibit, Fair and Home Center.

Friday, January 1, 1971

Happy New Year!



Pequea Valley FFA members display a box of oranges that were part of the chapter's successful orange sale. The members are: left to right, Mike Norris, Charles Neff and Carl Caskey.

Pequea FFA Holds Orange Sale

On November 4 Pequea Valley FFA, along with several other county high schools initiated the first FFA orange sale in Lancaster County.

The sale has been a great success with over \$1,950 worth of

oranges sold by Pequea Valley members.

Top salesmen for the Pequea Valley Chapter are first, Charles Neff, 69 crates (4/5 bushel) second, Carl Caskey, 65 crates, and third, Mike Morris, 50 crates.

USDA Okays Pa. Meat Inspection

The USDA has approved Pennsylvania's new meat inspection program.

Agriculture Secretary Leland Bull said this week he was notified by telegram that federal officials have found the state is in accord with federal standards under the Wholesome Meat Act.

The significance of the designation, Bull explained, lies in the retention of meat inspection responsibility at the state level.

States which fail to meet federal standards surrender inspection responsibility to the USDA.

Penn State to Research Greenhouse Concepts

A new research project is underway at Penn State to study the mechanization of greenhouse production.

Dr. Sveiker Persson, agricultural engineer, is heading up the study. The following objectives have been listed by Dr. Persson: 1. To evaluate present materials handling systems in greenhouse production and suggest improved systems. 2. To study and develop basic implements for seeding and transplanting operations in greenhouse production.

The initial part of the study will involve about six greenhouse operations in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Persson plans on building and testing prototypes of new equipment that might be used in a handling system or a seeding-transplanting operation. Under consideration is the possibility of designing with a computer a model of greenhouse production as related to crop handling in order to establish possible cost benefits.

Noah W. Kreider Named Master Farmer

Noah W. Kreider, Manheim RD 3, has been named a Master Farmer for 1970.

The widely recognized award will be given to six farmers in Pennsylvania at formal award presentations January 12 at a Master Farmer luncheon in Harrisburg. Kreider will be inducted into the Pennsylvania Master Farmer's association whose members consist of all former award winners.

The Master Farmer program was established in 1927. It is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmer magazine, Harrisburg, and the cooperative Extension Service of Pennsylvania State University.

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, emphasized this week that the award is a widely recognized one in farming circles to designate some of the really outstanding farmers in Pennsylvania. Kreider will be the first farmer from Lancaster County to receive the award in about three or four years.

Smith said he knows of only five farmers, most of them retired, who have received the

award and are still living in Lancaster County. They are Harry R. Metzler, Columbia Pike, Lancaster; Abner H. Risser, Bain-

bidge RD 1, Earl L. Groff, Strasburg RD 1, B. Snavely Gamber, Willow Street RD 1, and Amos Funk, Millersville. The latter two are still active in farming.

Kreider left the silk mills in 1928 to start developing one of the states largest diversified agricultural enterprises.

"I was 22 years old when I started to share-farm on my father's estate," the Master Farmer said. "A dozen Holsteins, 200 chickens, and a small cropping system kept my wife, Mary, and me busy for the next seven years."

Through the purchase of additional land and the farming interest of two sons, J. Richard and Noah Jr., the Kreider complex now consists of a 500 steel feed lot operation, two dairy setups that handle 150 cows plus young stock, and a poultry business that includes an 11,000-bird laying flock along with 100,000 broilers grown out annually.

In addition, the operation comprises 860 acres of cropland, including 300 acres of potatoes.

"I've always contended it is

less risky to diversify with a general-type farm operation than specialize with one or two commodities," explains the senior member of the three-way partnership.

"Sure it's a lot more work to farm on a large-scale general basis but I've never found any one yet who got anywhere farming without a lot of hard work."

The Farm Show Issue

The special Lancaster Farming Annual Farm Show Issue will be coming your way January 9, the Saturday before the Farm Show January 11-15.

The Farm Show Issue will have story previews of the 55th annual Penn State Farm Show, a complete schedule of Farm Show events and other special features — plus the regular local farm news.

Watch for our Farm Show Issue. For further information call us at 394-3047 or 626-2191.



Noah W. Kreider
Named Master Farmer

Much of the credit for the present operation goes to the two sons, Kreider points out. In 1956 the Kreiders formed a partnership with each sharing a one-third interest in the business.

"As the farm grew I had often suggested that we phase out of some of the farm operations," the award winner admits, "but the boys always bucked the idea. So, thanks to them, we're still diversified."

Eight regular full-time hired hands give the Kreiders a needed assist in running the 940-acre operation. But during the busy harvest season upwards of 25 workers are on the payroll.

Potatoes are the large cash crop on the Kreider farm. They have been able to produce a 10-year average yield of 500 bushels of U.S. No. 1's per acre.

That's due to irrigation," the Master Farmer points out. "With the switch to all processing potatoes, we've been able to eliminate the bagging and long storage problems of table stocks," he added.

Potato ground is in a two-year (Continued on Page 8)