

Million-Pound Ayrshires Reared in Chester County

There are some evident observations to be made whenever a Million Pound Herd is established. This rare accomplishment is the product of, first of all, top cow men and capable managers who have learned and who practice the fine art of breeding and selecting above average dairy cattle. Such men usually demonstrate considerable reed leadership and fortunately in this case, Ayrshire leadership.

On top of this it takes much purpose, and dedication to a long term goal that cannot be achieved overnight.

Certainly these are some of the attributes of Harold and Charles Gable of Conebella Farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania whose 40 year Ayrshire history has resulted in their most recent accomplishment - breeders and developers of 10 cows whose total lifetime production exceeds one million pounds of milk.

The post office address for Conebella Farm is Elverson, Pa., but it is actually located in West Nantmeal Township in northwestern Chester county. Originally the region was settled by the Welsh and in fact the ridge that can be seen from the farm is known as Welsh Mountain and the name Nantmeal is Welsh for 'sweet water'. It is about 30 miles east of Lancaster and 45 miles west of Philadelphia. The farm was one of those visited on the tour at the time of the 1970 National Meeting in Lancaster.

On opposite sides of the farm are two railroad crossings, Conestoga and Isabella, and it is from these that the farm name 'Conebella' was derived.

In 1922 the original farm of 160 acres was acquired but acreage now totals 198 with the addition of 38 acres in 1968.

Practically all the feed for the herd is grown on the farm with the exception of some protein supplement. The soil and climate

is well suited for alfalfa and 159 bushels per acre of corn is not unusual. The alfalfa crop generally produces four cuttings. Ayrshire cattle first came to the farm in the late 1930's when C. Harold Gable purchased some heifers with Penshurst breeding from the Dunwoody Home Farm. At that time, Dunwoody was managed by his brother, John I. Gable. Very few animals have been purchased since. The present herd of approximately 90 head are all descended from these heifers with the exception of one animal that was not born at Conebella.

In 1952, the herd was enrolled on DHIA and completed the year with an average of 8,696 lbs. of milk and 352 lbs. of fat. The high cow made 10,703 lbs. of milk and 423 lbs of fat. As of 1973, Conebella Farm has received its 15th Constructive Breeder Award. The 1972 DHIR herd actual average on 41 cows is 12832 lbs of milk, 4.1 percent and 525 lbs of fat. The M E average is 14102 M and 565 F. with the top

cow making 17640 lbs. milk, 783 lbs. fat. Since 1952, 29 cows have been Approved; 15 have made over 100,000 and three made over 150,000.

In 1953 Charles went into partnership with his father and operated as C. Harold Gable and Son until 1967 when Charles took over Conebella as owner-operator.

Charlie has been active in local, state and national Ayrshire affairs. He is a past president of the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Club, an office he held at the time of the 1970 National Meeting in Lancaster. In 1971 he was nominated for the position of second Vice-president of the National Association losing in a rather close vote to Merritt Cook of Iowa.

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For this story the production figures are as of early November. Of course most of the cows are adding to these totals in their

current lactations.

Sires of the cows include several popular A.I. bulls. Two cows are by Toll Gate Wheel of Fortune and there is one daughter each of Windrow Preferred Kingfish, Oak Ridge Oracle, Glengarry Lloyd Royal and Reidina Double Don. Four of the younger cows are sired by Meredith Tornado, a bull the Gables purchased from Meredith Farm.

Tornado is sired by Meredith Prediction and out of a daughter of Meredith Sir Echo and Atwood Orchards Ora, 90.5-Excellent,

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