



Four of the Brown Swiss cows in Don Trimble's herd are classified Excellent, and this is one of them. In her last lactation, this cow produced 18,380 pounds of milk and 776 pounds of butterfat



Don Trimble, Quarryville's Outstanding Young Farmer award winner for 1973, is shown here with his wife Carol, daughter Cindy and son Scott.

Quarryville Jaycees Pick

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Trimble said he feels there's a good future for dairying in Lancaster County, as long as urban sprawl and skyrocketing land prices don't push the farmers out.

Trimble was born and raised on a dairy farm in Chestnut Level where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble, still live although they're now retired.

Trimble is a 1960 graduate of Solanco High School, where he

was active in 4-H and FFA activities. He holds an American Farmer degree, and was a state FFA reporter as well as president of the Lancaster County 4-H Council. Today, he's a member of the Fulton Grange, Solanco Young Farmer group, vice-president of the Solanco Fair Association, a Lancaster County Extension director, a delegate to Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, and a member of state and national Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders Association.

After graduating from high school, Trimble worked as a herdsman at Lees Hill Farm in New Vernon, N. J. It was there he met his wife of eight years, Carol, a native of Green Village, N.J. Before meeting her husband, Carol was a surgical nurse and not at all a farm girl. "On our first date," she recalled laughing, "neither one of us was very much impressed." Fate had its way, though, and the Trimbles are both staunch farm folk now and they've got two children, three-year-old Scott and six-year-old Cindy, a first-grader at Fulton Elementary.

Presently, the Trimbles are farming in partnership with Mr.

and Mrs. Leon Kreider, long-time friends of the Trimble family. Trimble grows all the feed he needs for his 87 cow herd, with 110 acres of corn and 38 acres of alfalfa. The main farm has 145 acres, and there's another 70 rented acres about five miles away.

Sometime in the future, Trimble hopes to have a herd composed only of Registered Brown Swiss cows. Right now, he has about one-third Swiss and two-thirds Holstein. "Why," we asked Trimble, "would the 1962 National Holstein Boy want to start a Brown Swiss herd in the biggest Holstein county in the East?"

Like the good-natured soul he is, Trimble laughed at the question. "I worked with Brown Swiss in Lees Hill," he said, "and I just like them. They've got a better disposition and I think they're nicer to work with. Also, I feel I get just about as much milk out of a Brown Swiss cow, but more fat. And if milk is ever sold on its protein content, I think I'll be ahead with my cows."

When he took over the farm in 1969, Trimble remodeled a steer barn into a free-stall dairy barn, and changed a chicken house into a calf barn. He also installed a double-4 herringbone milking parlor, where he handles both milkings himself. Milking takes

about two hours. "I believe in mechanization," Trimble says, "although I do believe you can mechanize yourself out of existence."

The young farmer feels he's got about all the mechanization he wants right now, and he feels also that he doesn't want to get any bigger. "If you double in size, you triple your problems," he said. "I want to continue to be a family farmer, and I'd rather use machines instead of hired labor to help me with my work."

Trimble is a great believer in sound management, too. He's a DHIA member, and he gets all his forage and silage tested, as well as his soil. He plants his corn in 30-inch rows, trying for a plant population of 25,000 to the acre. Last year his silage yield was 26 to 29 tons to the acre, and his grain yield on less-than ideal soil was 110 bushels to the acre. Average herd production has been averaging 12,900 pounds of milk, 500 pounds of fat per animal.

1973 Farm

Payment Savings

As a result of the rise in wheat prices since August, no final payments to producers will be required under the 1973 set-aside program for wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently.

This represents a savings in farm payments of around \$380 million over 1972 payments to wheat farmers.

The Department also announced that no refund will be required from an estimated \$475,696,000 in preliminary payments to wheat farmers, made shortly after July 1, which were larger than the final face value of wheat certificates.

The preliminary wheat payments were made in compliance with provisions of the Agricultural Act of 1970. On July 1, based on current market and futures prices, it was estimated that the total 1973 domestic wheat certificate value would be 90 cents per bushel. All participating wheat farmers received 1973 preliminary payments of 68 cents per bushel in accordance with legislation that specifies preliminary payments for wheat of 75 percent of the estimated value of certificates.

The final wheat payment normally would be the difference between the final face value of the domestic certificate and the preliminary payment. Final face value is the difference between 100 percent of parity on July 1 and the national average wheat price farmers received for the 5-month period, July through November.

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