

Lancaster Co. Man Begins Feed Dealership

Hard work and dedication are the key words which have brought Earl Weaver from the position of workman to the ownership of his own Red Rose Feed Dealership near Honey Brook, Lancaster County.

Weaver, who resides in Akron with his wife Joan, son David, and daughter Diane, began working for Eugene Spotts of Honey Brook following high school. At that time, Spotts had a blacksmith shop along with doing some farming, and the young Weaver did odd jobs as well as work in the blacksmith shop.

"Holding the horses was my job in those days," Weaver noted. "I enjoyed working around and doing a little of everything."

Along with the blacksmith shop, Eugene Spotts also began hiring men to haul milk and quickly called upon

Weaver to drive truck. Weaver accepted the position and began driving along with his other work.

Some years later, Spotts began his own feed dealership when he started buying feed for his chickens. The excess was hauled on a small trailer on the back of his car and sold to the area farmers.

Being quite accepted for his feed business, which grew considerably, Spotts became affiliated with the Red Rose Company in 1960 and expanded to serve the farmers in the Northern Chester County area.

Requiring extra help, Spotts had Earl Weaver join him in the feed store to help run the operation and also drive truck. And since that time, Weaver has had plenty of experience in working with the feed business and the operations which go



Earl Weaver (left) recently began a Red Rose Dealership near Honey Brook in Lancaster County. Weaver's son David will be working for his father.

along with it.

Recently Eugene Spotts, who is nearing his 70th birthday, decided to retire but wanted to continue with the business. His choice for the position went to the man who had been with him for 31 years, Earl Weaver.

Weaver accepted the idea and is now taking over Spotts Red Rose Feed Dealership. He will be aided in the task by his son, David who recently graduated from Ephrata High School.

Weaver will continue the store affiliation and will be offering the same products.

"We want people to understand that we will continue much the same," Weaver explained.

"We will still have the

grinding and mixing concession and also animal health products."

Although his work keeps him quite busy, Earl Weaver enjoys "all types of sports" and especially likes hunting and fishing.

Weaver's son, David, who eventually hopes to become a partner in the business, was the ace pitcher for the Ephrata Baseball team and according to his father, has a real talent for tying fishing flies.

Joan, Earl's wife, is employed as a medical secretary-nurse with a doctor in Akron. She will also be taking care of the book work for the dealership.

The hours for Weaver's dealership will remain the same being Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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Pa. Third In Ice Cream Production

Pennsylvania manufacturers produced 65.5 million gallons of ice cream in 1974 a decrease of 5 percent from 1973. Seven percent of this amount was soft frozen ice cream.

Ice milk production in 1974 was 17.1 million gallons, an increase of 3 percent over 1973. Milk sherbet production was 3.2 million gallons a decrease of 19 percent from 1973. Production of other frozen products were 1 million gallons, a slight decrease from 1973.

Creamy butter production at 19.1 million pounds was up 3 percent from 1973. Creamed cottage cheese at 46.4 million pounds showed a decrease of 6 percent from 1973, while lowfat cottage cheese at 11 million pounds was up 5 percent from the previous year. The total production of cheese manufactured in 1974 excluding cottage cheese was 69 million pounds, an increase of 94 percent over 1973. Mozzarella production at 6 million pounds was up 44 percent while other types of Italian cheese with a production of 12.5 million pounds, showed an increase of 19 percent.

Production of dried, condensed and evaporated milk in 1974 and the changes from 1973 were: condensed whole unsweetened 33.3 million pounds, down 4 percent. Condensed skim unsweetened 46 million pounds, down 28 percent. Evaporated and condensed 86.1 million pounds, down 3 percent. Non-fat dry for human food, 16.3 million pounds, down 14 percent.

During 1974 a total of 2,403 million pounds of milk (on a whole equivalent basis) was used in manufacturing, of which 43 percent was used for frozen products, 18 percent for butter, 25 percent for cheese and the remaining

14 percent for evaporated condensed and other milk products.

U.S. Production of Cheese At An All Time High

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheese was at a record 2,930 million pounds, 9 percent above 1973 and double the level 15 years ago. Frozen products was virtually unchanged from last year's record high. California was the top ice cream producing state, followed by Pennsylvania.

Manufactured dairy products utilized 53 percent of the U.S. milk production. Cheese production accounted for 39 percent of all milk used for manufacturing. This was the second consecutive year on record that milk used for cheese exceeded that used for butter. Butter accounted for 33 percent of total whole milk for all products.

Frozen dairy products used 13.2 billion pounds of whole milk equivalent, up almost 1 percent from the previous year and amounted to 20 percent of the total used for all products.

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