

# Appraisers and managers tour 400-cow dairy

By JOANNE SPAHR  
**MANHEIM** - Two hundred and seventy-five members of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers emerged - and kept emerging - from tour buses in front of Noah Kreider and Sons, freestall milking barn and parlor last Monday. The group with members from all over the United States and Canada was holding its semi-annual conference which included a tour of Lancaster county

farms and Sperry New Holland.

At the Kreider operation, the group stood in front of the 80 x 524 ft. milking barn - one of the largest in the county - as they listened to Noah Kreider Sr. and his two sons, Noah Jr. and Richard, speak about the operation.

Max Smith also addressed the group, highlighting some of the basic facts about Lancaster County farming. The Kreiders stressed the

importance of family cooperation in keeping the 1150 acre operation running. This was a different concept from that known by many of the agents in the tour, since most of the men, whose titles ranged from farmer to real estate broker to manager and appraiser, run farms for other people as their line of work.

Clifford B. Huffman of Lancaster who is the area farm loan manager for South East Pennsylvania with Equitable Life Assurance Society, and president of the North East Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the hosts of this event, said some of the men in the organization manage as many as ten farms for other people in the Mid West and Western regions of the United States.

The Kreider farm was chosen for the tour because of its diversification - on the 11 farms in the operation with 9 adjoining, the Kreiders raise 300 acres of



Noah Kreider, Sr. speaks with Clifford B. Huffman, president of the Northeast Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and tour director for the conference. In the background, Mrs. Marian Kreider speaks with an interested individual.

[Continued on Page 65]

## Diseases to be researched

**HARRISBURG** - The Agriculture Research Committee recently approved three new projects for fiscal year 1976-77 at a cost of \$57,066, it was announced last month by Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Raymond J. Kerstetter.

Kerstetter, who is chairman of the nine-member research committee, noted that one of the new projects is concerned with eliminating a potato disease known as verticillium wilt.

"Potato farming in Pennsylvania is in need of strengthening," said Kerstetter. "The processing markets such as the production of potato chips hold out the promise of a rewarding outlet for our farmers. Certainly, a project that can cut a farmer's production costs through the eradication of disease is extremely worthwhile."

The verticillium wilt project was awarded to Pennsylvania State University at a first year cost of \$23,139.

In April, the research committee approved continuing 18 projects for fiscal year 1976-77 at a total cost of \$372,655. Funds for agricultural research are derived from a yearly appropriation of about \$400,000 from harness and horse

racing proceeds. This meant that less than \$28,000 was available for new projects.

However, Kerstetter explained that the committee is requesting the governor's budget office for executive authorization to spend unused monies from the current fiscal year for two of the three new projects, and the continuation of two on-going projects.

The new projects are a study of the differences in normal and unexercised horses, and the transmission of a cow virus. The two continuing projects involve an apple disease and the production of grapes for wine in Pennsylvania.

The horse project, known as the cardiopulmonary, hematologic and biochemical responses to exercise in normal horses and in horses with decreased exercise performance, is to be awarded to the University of Pennsylvania at a first year cost of \$13,940. The bovine leukemia virus project will also be done at the University of Pennsylvania at a first year cost of \$19,987.

Pennsylvania State University will get the project on the control of cork spot in apples at a cost of \$6,000. It will also handle the grapes-for-wine project at a cost of \$6,000.

## WHEAT WANTED! EARLY CUT WHEAT FOR MANUFACTURING

OF  
**SNAVELY'S BEST NATURAL ALL PURPOSE FLOUR**

Light Soft & Lively Flour

For Better Baking  
 Cakes, Pies, Buns & Bread

Milled From Natural Wheat - Nothing Added

**No Waiting -**

**Fast Unloading and Drying**

**L. M. SNAVELY**

Lititz, RD1

Phone 626-6256 or 626-6258

## Big Dutchman.

### CONTROLLED

# SPEED FEED

**REDUCES FEED SEPARATION  
 LESSENS EQUIPMENT WEAR  
 INCREASES PRODUCTION  
 REDUCES HIGH-GRADING  
 LOWERS FEED COSTS**

Big Dutchman chain and trough feeding systems give you the "best" controlled feeding for high density poultry and egg production operations.

With feed costs continually rising control is essential for feed economy so don't settle for anything less than Big Dutchman.

Contact us about installing a high speed feeding system in your Existing Cage or Floor operation as well as your new poultry house

**HERSHEY EQUIPMENT Co., Inc.**

215 Diller Ave.  
 New Holland, Pa.

(717) 354-4576

AUTHORIZED

**Big Dutchman**  
 DISTRIBUTOR