

Two young farmers

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Ginder is a 1973 recipient of the Keystone Farmer Degree and also the winner of the highest award in the state for record keeping. "I enjoy keeping records," the young man added modestly. "You should know where you are and where you're going," he explained.

Asked for his outlook on agriculture, the young farmer replied: "If the government stays out and there are no price controls and taxes keep from pushing us out, then I think we'll keep going."

RUSSEL KLINE
An accomplished dairyman with a DHIA herd

average of 16,500 pounds of milk and 650 of butterfat on 40 Holsteins, Kline is best known in the area for his winnings on the show circuit. He has been a consistent winner at regional as well as state shows and continues to dedicate much of his time to promoting the breed.

On his own for the past 18 months, Kline rents 67 acres of ground and keeps a total of around 50 Holsteins, most of which are registered.

Kline regards the future of dairying as a good one, although he has some reservations on it due to political trends in the United States. Nevertheless, he claims that the dairy industry is something that people will always have to have, regardless of what they do. Kline wants to be in on the production end.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kline, Reinholds, the award recipient is a 1973 graduate of Ephrata High School and he credits the school's FFA program for having guided him to where he is. The Cloister FFA Chapter now has had five of its students earn the American Farmer Degree.

The accomplished showman is possibly a contradiction to the common thought that young fellows can't get started in farming anymore without significant help from parents, relatives, or friends. Kline claims to have begun his career in dairying without having had anything given to him for nothing. His herd was initially started with FFA calves, and he credits his vocation instructor, Lew Ayres, for having sent him off to a fine start.

As his herd grew and the first animals became of milking age, Kline transferred the cows to his brother's farm at Denver R2.

"Dairy farming is my main interest," Kline said assuredly, adding that it was no secret. Consequently an opportunity to rent a farm came along in the Spring of 1975 and he gladly accepted. Ever since then he and his wife, the former Ellen G. Martin, have been farming on their own. With a gleam in his eye and a broad grin he enthusiastically and proudly added that he had just recently become the father of twin boys - Matthew and Michael.

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