



Grain sifts down between the three screens in Roy Herr's seed cleaning machine. This process, along with airlifting the grain, removes the impurities from the seed wheat.

Its got everything

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the amount of seed dispensed into each bag. The switching device is synchronized with the weight, so that the amount of seed in each bag remains constant. He also added an observation window to check the quality of the grain after it has been cleaned, elevated, and weighed - just before it is ready to be treated with liquid chemicals for seedborne diseases and fungi.

Another fascinating appendage on the cleaner is the auxiliary elevating auger which can be arranged to convey grain into the hopper from gravity bin wagons, dump trucks, and trailers.

After 28 years, Herr has a long standing "route" established. In the Spring, he has a short season in central Pennsylvania, specifically Mifflin, Huntingdon, and Centre Counties. At that time he processes Spring oats.

Then, in July, when it's time to process wheat and barley, the Fall seeds, he operates in parts of Lancaster, southern York, as well as Mifflin and Centre Counties.

"I began going to central Pennsylvania to keep operating when tobacco

cutting and other harvesting is going on in here," he said while on the job at the home of a Lancaster County customer.

"When I go outside the county," explains the articulate, good natured man, "I set up a base and work from there."

Primarily, he works for farmers who "appreciate the value of planting home grown seeds," as he puts it, but on occasion, he works for mills, as well.

Usually, by mid-October, he is finished with seed cleaning and goes back to work as a sheet metal fabricator-fitter.

"Part of the year I work for myself, and part of the year I work for somebody else," he says with the pride of a man who independently enjoys a "hobby" as a job in a unique type of set up.

"Oh," he sighs with a good-natured and wise ring of humor in his voice, "I have no illusion of becoming a rich man in the seed cleaning business."

Hesitating for a second, he continues, "There is a certain amount of satisfaction, though, in working with these families generation after generation.

I'll go into a place and have the youngest farmer

look at me and say, 'I remember you coming here when I was this high,'" he says with a contented smile.

"And, then they usually ask, 'What do you have that's new this year?'"

For Roy H. Herr, that makes the job worthwhile.

Henley Ayrshires win

KUTZTOWN - Tower View Farm's Ayrshires, owned by the Kennard Henley family of Cochranville won all the titles in the Ayrshire shows at the Kutztown Fair.

The senior and grand champions of both the junior and open contests was exhibited by William Henley, who paraded a 3-year old daughter of Oak Ridge Flashy Kellogg around the ring. The Chester County youth also showed the reserve junior champion. Kennard Henley exhibited junior champion and reserve grand champion, Towerview



William Henley with Towerview Kelly's Heather, the grand champion Ayrshire at the recent Kutztown Fair.

Flashy Minnie, sired by Oak Ridge Flashy Klondike.

Between the two of them, Kennard and William won all the first places of the

show. Kennard won all but the 3-year old class, in which he placed second.

The best club herd of the contest belonged to the Manor 4-H Club.

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