

Rausch goat herd cited

BLOOMSBURY, N.J. — Truper Farm, of Paul and Trudy Rausch, R1, Bloomsbury, N.J., had the state's highest DHIA production rolling herd average for goat herds in 1979.

The Rausch family was honored for the achievement at the annual banquet of the Garden State Dairy Goat Association.

The herd of Toggenburgs averaged 2,230 lbs. among the approximate 20 herds on DHIA in the state. Average for the state was about 1700 lbs.

The Rausch herd numbers 46 animals with an average of 25 milkers. They have been raising goats for the past 11 years.

The herd has been on DHIA for the past 10 years, showing a steady increase in production. The production average for the previous year was 1,975 lbs.

The average classification for the animals is 84.

The breeding program, which includes occasional use of AI, is largely on-farm conducted, utilizing bucks to improve milk production without sacrificing conformity.

The Rausch family is quite active in the Garden State Association. Paul was a member of the AI committee and served as vice president.

Dairy month

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in recognition of the fact that Pennsylvania's dairy industry is truly 'Growing Better.'

In addition to his reading of the proclamation, Hallowell challenged all comers to a milking contest. But the Bucks County dairyman had no takers. Who takes on a pro?

Rather, one or two onlookers tried their hands at milking Glenda.

A pro in her own right, Eileen Shull had a bad moment when Glenda had her only unsettled moment during the hour-long ceremony and kicked back as the State Dairy Princess was milking her. There was no damage to either Eileen or Glenda.

A number of politicians took time to drink a milk toast to the state's dairy industry.

In the proclamation Hallowell read the state noted "Pennsylvania's dairy industry and the family farmers who have made the industry grow are a source of pride for us all."

"It is fitting that we set aside a time to seek a renewed awareness of the importance of milk to our diets and to our economy," he said.

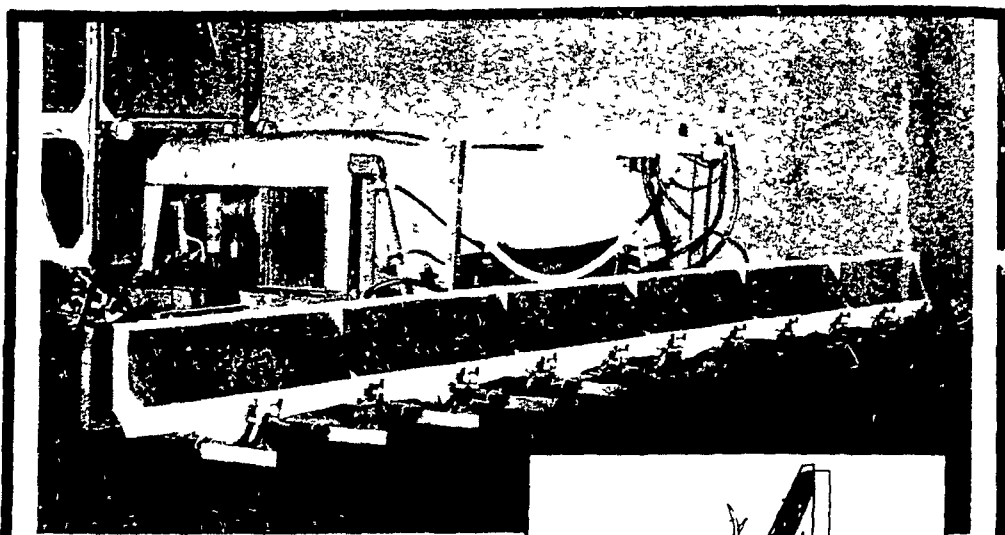
It was pointed out that milk is nature's most nearly perfect food and that it has been important in the human diet since prehistoric times. Hallowell also recounted the many nutrients provided in a glass of milk.

Dairy month activities will continue throughout the month. Among the highlights are the dairy princess contests. Lancaster County's contest will be held Saturday June 21 at the Farm and Home Center at 6:30 p.m.

A number of local shopping centers are staging dairy days or dairy expositions in their malls or parking lots.

LANCASTER FARMING'S dairy issue this week is chock full of more dairy features, dairy news, dairy recipes, and other dairy information that any other publication in the United States.

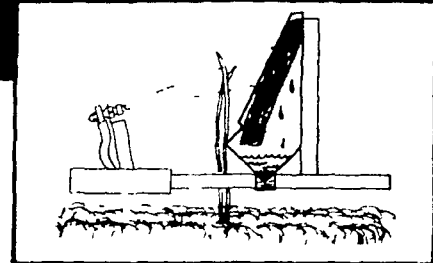
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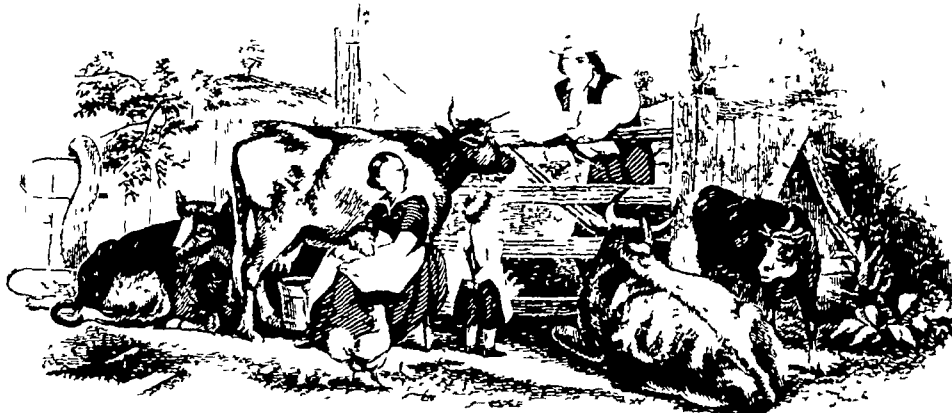
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