

BERKS COUNTY HAYLAGE TOUR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1980

Meeting Place: Jo-Lyn Diner, Routes 61 & 73, Leesport, PA at 10:00 A.M.



Charles Strause

CHARLES I. STRAUSE - Leesport

Good production with low feed bills is what you will see at the Strause farm! Corn, small grains and alfalfa-orchard grass make up the cropping program on this 300-acre farm. Have a 2050 HARVESTORE® Structure for Haylage and a 2028 Structure for High Moisture Corn Haylage and Corn Silage are fed on the bunk along with baled hay H.M.C. and 38% Supplement are fed according to production in the stanchion barn. The rolling herd average is over 15,000 lbs. milk with approximately 540 lbs. B.F. Top cows receive only 3.5 lbs. of Supplement a day! No protein is fed to any cows under 50 lbs. of milk.

WILLIAM & JOHN MERTZ — Kutztown

Mertz Brothers are milking 45 cows with a herd average of 19,182 lbs. milk and 708 lbs. B.F. Haylage, Corn Silage and High Moisture Shelled Corn are fed in a total mixed ration on the bunk. H.M.C. and Supplement are fed in the stanchion barn according to production. No Protein Supplement is fed to milking cows under 55 lbs. of milk. They own a 2040 HARVESTORE® Structure for High Moisture Shelled Corn and a 2070 for Haylage. In addition to milk cows, 120 head of steers and heifers are raised each year and fed out of the HARVESTORE® Structures.



Mertz Farm



Left to right: Randy (son-in-law), Nicholas Kopicz and son Richard.

NICHOLAS J. KOPICZ — Mohrsville

Nick, son Richard, and son-in-law Randy farm this 650-acre farm. Corn, alfalfa and small grains make up the cropping rotation and provide feed for the 116-cow dairy operation. They have a 2077 HARVESTORE® Structure for Haylage and a 2059 HARVESTORE® Structure for High Moisture Shelled Corn. Haylage and Silage are fed on the bunk. H.M.C. and Supplement are fed according to production in the barn. Herd average is approximately 16,000 lbs. milk and 610 lbs. B.F. When Nick began feeding HARVESTORE-processed Haylage to his milking herd, the butterfat jumped to 4.2%. According to Nick, "The increase in butterfat more than made my HARVESTORE® payments!" When feeding an all-Haylage program, Nick was able to save a ton of 38% Dairy per week.



Daughter-in-law Sandy Kopicz



Verna Kopicz, wife of Nicholas Kopicz

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CORRECTION

Last week's ad should have stated that Julius Dirisio's DHIA records showed an average increase in return over feed cost of \$842 per cow and the total average return was \$1342 per cow.



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