

Farm Business News

Names genetic recovery head

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Peter D. Giacomini, 25, Modesto, Calif. joined the headquarters staff of The American Jersey Cattle Club, effective April 1, 1981. Giacomini will head up two major programs of the AJCC, Genetic Recovery and Jersey Marketing Service.

The Genetic Recovery Program was instituted in 1975 to identify and record superior unregistered purebred Jerseys and bring their offspring by registered Jersey bulls into the AJCC Herd Register. Over 35,000 Jerseys have been recorded in its six year history. Giacomini will coordinate the efforts of the 60 commissioned agents nationwide who do Genetic Recovery work.

He will also coordinate the activities of Jersey Marketing Service, an AJCC subsidiary that

works to bring buyer and seller together to better serve the demands of the dairy industry.

Giacomini has worked for the past two years as Southwest Area Representative for several breed associations. A 1979 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, he is a native of Humboldt County, Calif.

Giacomini's father, Donald, is a nationally prominent Guernsey breeder and his uncle, John, is a member of The American Jersey Cattle Club Board of Directors.

In 1975, Giacomini was elected National Vic-President of Future Farmers of America. He was the 1974 American Guernsey Cattle Club Youth Award Winner.

Pete and his wife, Libby, will relocate in Columbus. They are expecting their first child in June.

Assumes full ownership of store

LEBANON — Russel Darkes, Jr assumed full ownership of Penn Dutch Farm Systems, Inc. effective Tuesday, April 7.

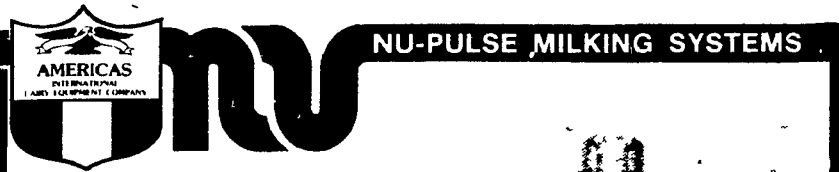
Darkes bought out his two partners, Melvin Stoltzfus, Gordonville; and a silent partner who resides in Lebanon.

Darkes said he intends to maintain the same main location

for the business at 1730 Highway 72N, Lebanon, but will be closing the Leola warehouse.

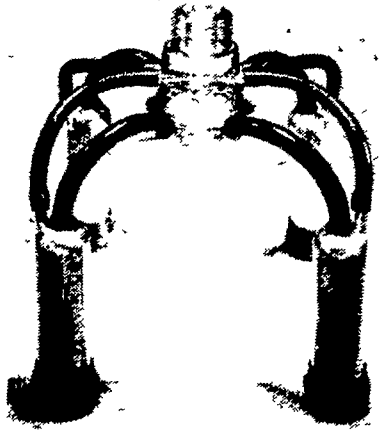
Sales, service, and construction all will be handled out of the Lebanon store.

In addition, Darkes announced the promotion of Joel Meyer to sales supervisor, and of Marvin Zimmerman to service manager



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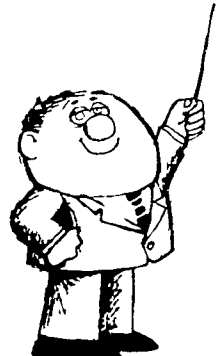
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