

A farm with a different touch

MANN'S CHOICE — Harold and Doris Wertz of Mann's Choice operate a mink farm

Twenty-four years ago, Doris and Harold Wertz started with four bred mink as a hobby. Little did they know that it would lead them into raising mink for a living

Farming at home, Harold, a dairy farmer, decided they enjoyed raising mink more and sold their dairy herd to try their hand at it full time

Mating takes place from February to March and is the only time mink make much noise, both sexes purr. They usually have from one to ten kits in a litter, and bear their young in May and are ready to pelt in December

Mrs Wertz keeps up-to-date records, and can tell you how many males or females a mink produced, and who their mother and grandmother are. She can tell

you the quality of its fur, color and who it was bred with (this helps prevent inter-breeding)

Male mink are larger and are preferred for collars, females are generally used in coats (A coat requires about 50 pelts)

Trends have changed, and Mrs. Wertz said, "Mink now fits into the casual scene"

Mink comes in 18 basic colors and thirty-two shades

Beside the mink farm, the Wertz's own and operate a travel trailer campground and Mr. Wertz is assistant mail carrier for Mann's Choice

Active in P.F.A., Harold is a board member and Doris serves on the Women's Committee

The Wertz have four children, Dennis 29, Dianna 26, Charles 20, and Troy 16. Charles and Troy both help out on the farm

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MACARONI SALAD

2 c uncooked macaroni
6 hard cooked eggs
1/3 c grated carrots
1/3 c chopped onions
1/3 c chopped celery

Cook macaroni per directions on package. Combine all ingredients. Dressing:

1 1/3 c sugar
1/4 c flour
1/2 c vinegar
1/4 c prepared mustard
1 1/4 c water
salt and pepper

Cook until clear (about 10 minutes). Cool. When cool, add 1 1/2 c mayonnaise. Add a little celery seed, if desired. Pour over macaroni mixture and mix well. Sprinkle with paprika and let stand overnight in refrigerator.

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YOGURT

1 gallon milk (that has the cream skimmed off the top and which is preferably from a cow who never has been treated with antibiotics since antibiotic residue can deactivate yogurt culture)

8 T. powdered milk
1-8 ounce container plain yogurt or 1 cup yogurt from previous batch - "starter culture"

Bring starter culture to room temperature. Mix powdered milk with liquid milk. Bring to 180 degrees stirring occasionally. Cool to 110 to 115 degrees. Thin starter with 4 T. cooled milk. Add to milk, stir to mix.

Either keep in pot or pour into mason jars. Cover. Keep warm and undisturbed 3 hours or more until desired consistency is reached. Refrigerate.

Flavor with fruit purees. Honey, sugar or anything you like.

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