

Production progress

(Continued from Page D11) heifers ranged from better than 16,000 to more than 20,000 pounds.

The top fat producer, a six-year-old, ended up with 1,125 lbs. in 365 days, along with 27,102 lbs. of milk.

"It looks as if another cow will now surpass her in butterfat," Don Krall said.

In 337 days, she's recorded 23,801 lbs. of milk and 1047 lbs. of fat at 4.4 percent test.

Jenny, the high fat producer which won the award, is bred to Carlin-M Ivanhoe Bell and a stud service has expressed interest in a bull out of her.

The Kralls have also made some acquisitions, including Polly, whose dam is Benbro Kingpin Polly, 3E-96. Polly is also Excellent 2E, with milk records to 25,000. The dam milked to 26,000.

Polly will likely be the next subject for super ovulation and embryo transplants. Jenny was the Krall's initial effort at supering and transplants.

"Jenny had only four good eggs out of nine and only one resulted in pregnancy," Don Krall said.

"Our main problem was that we didn't have a good batch of recipients for the transplants. But we've learned from the first try and will attempt it again."

Now up to about 65 milkers and a similar number of replacements, the Kralls did some expansion over the past winter.

Twenty-one more comfort stalls were put into an older section of the barn that contained heifer stables. A 20 X 64-foot silo was added and an earthen bank pond for manure storage was constructed.

With the increase of stall capacity to 70, the number of milkers was increased to the present level of about 65.

A total mixed ration is fed, and

Rose funds available

LEESPORT — Mark S. Balthaser, Chairman of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced that additional funds have been made available for multiflora rose control under the 1981 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Although the original county allocation of ACP funds were all

approved for Berks County farmers months ago, cancellations and underspending have released some funds to be recommitted. A limited amount of 1981 ACP requests are now being taken for multiflora rose and other ACP practices.

Balthaser points out, however, that should the practice be started before being notified of approval one would not be eligible for the cost-shares.

For 1981 Multiflora Rose Control ACP benefits are 50 percent of the cost of the chemicals not to exceed \$40.00 per acre. All that is required is a private applicators certification.

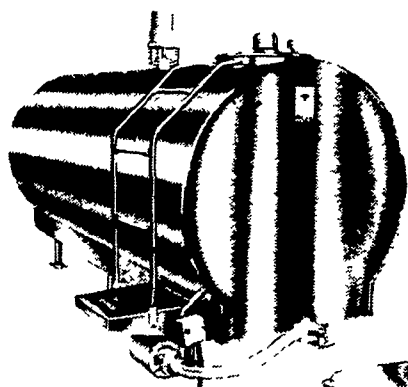
Applications for cost-share help from ASCS are being taken at the ASCS office in the Berks County Agricultural Center in Bern Township.

The next Berks County ASC Committee meeting at which action will be taken on applications received will be Friday, June 19.



No it's not a school, although facade and steeple with bell give that impression. It's the summer house portion of the large brick farmhouse on the Krall farm along Flintville Road. Bell was used to call family to dinner in years past.

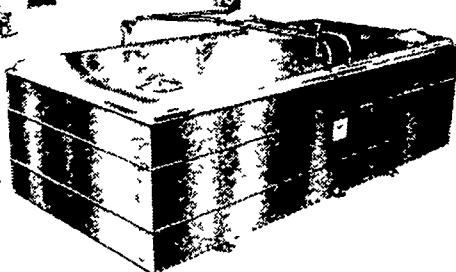
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