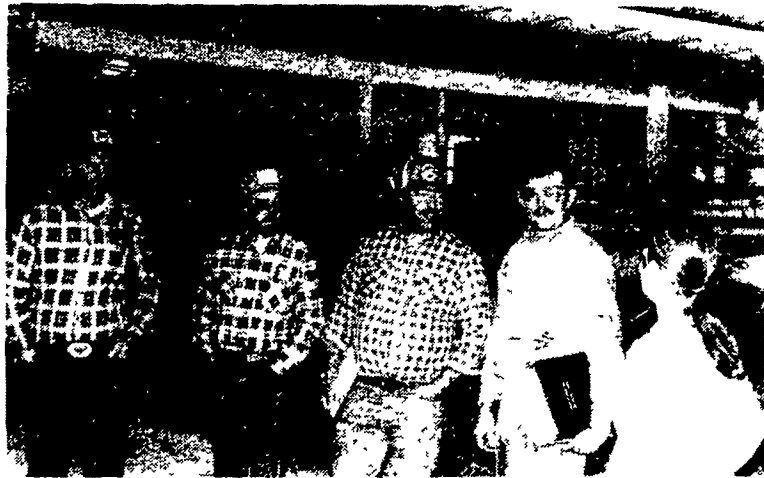


# Californians come East to see Jerseys • • And 1



In stanchion barn of Robert Ulrich, Quarryville, Richard Clauss, Don Sherman, Phil Fanelli and Bill Ulrich look over the Valley-U-milkers.



Helene Dreisbach, Doris Hough, Richard Clauss with Phil Fanelli in foreground look over MilkHoney herd.



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HAMBURG — "We have the opportunity to see a lot of the first daughters out of the new bulls being sampled and can evaluate the daughters and take the information home and apply it to our own herds," explained Richard Clauss, Hilmar, California. Clauss is the President of Jerseyland Sires, a group of Jersey breeders milking over 5,000 cows in the Hilmar area of California, and proving outstanding young sires in commercial herds.

Clauss, along with Phil Fanelli, Don Sherman, and Duane Wickstrom, were on their annual trip east to select cows to mate and bulls to pasture with heifers for the 13 members of their organization. Several Jersey herds in Berks and Lancaster counties were honored to host these noted Jersey breeders on May 18 to see their cows and exchange Jersey "bull information" from coast to coast.

Hailing from Merced County, California, these breeders have the unique advantage of large numbers of Jerseys in a localized area where they can see many daughters of one particular bull, making it easier to evaluate and prove a bull. The total number of cows on test in this county is over 70,000 cows with the average herd size around 400 milking animals.

Currently operating with 900 plus cows on 2 dairies and 500 acres, Richard Clauss maintains one of the larger herds. Phil Fanelli, who does most of the planned mating selections and bull selections for the group, operates with 380 plus cows on 100 acres. Duane Wickstrom, also on the board of Jersey Genetics/Carnation Genetics of Hughson, California, maintains 625 plus cows and Don Sherman, a young dairyman, works with 240 plus cows on his dairy.

Herd averages are not sacrificed in these large herds as evidenced by the CDF Jersey herd of Clauss pumping out a 12,400 lbs. plus of milk and over 600 lbs. of fat average, and the D and E Jersey herd of Don Sherman pumps out an average of 12,600 plus lbs. of milk and 650 plus pounds of fat. Clauss also pointed out that one member of their group, Lloyd Starn, Turlock, California has just reached an average of over 16,000 lbs. of milk, 787 plus lbs. of fat actual with his 130 Jerseys, and is currently the second highest herd out of all breeds in his county.

In explaining the start of this annual trip east, Clauss stated, "We didn't have the depth of pedigree that was available here." Most of the herds were all grade animals until 1978 when the group purchased 300 heifers from New England. Up until that time, beef bulls were run with the heifers and the first calves would be shipped and a generation lost. With the introduction of the superior registered heifers on the dairies, these breeders saw a need for registered bulls and their group,

Jerseyland Sires, was formed. They began to seek superior cows to mate for their sires or above average bulls to purchase from across the United States.  
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