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Bill Arrowsmith, center, owner of Hillacres, Peach Bottom, makes a point to California visitors as they look over his herd.



Trio of Californians, Richard Clauss, Don Sherman and Phil Fanelli, center about cow at Arrowsmith Farm.

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"Originally, we just wanted registered bulls to run with heifers," Clauss stated, "but the AJCC (American Jersey Cattle Club) started pushing for us to prove the bulls."

One of the first bulls purchased by the group, Crescent C Favorite Chip, bred by Sheldon Sawyer of Crescent Farm, Walpole, New Hampshire, just received his first proof - USDA (1/83) Rpt. 31% PD +1474 milk, -24% +49 fat, +184\$, PTI +227, Rpt. 23%. "Chip", still running with heifers when his proof came out, is currently being collected at Delta G's facilities in Turlock. Jerseyland Sires has the contract with this stud as the "exclusive supplier of Jersey semen."

This group currently owns 45 bulls with the oldest in specially built pens and the youngest running with heifers. Semen is collected from each bull as he reaches age, and then bulls are rotated between dairies and semen is distributed to each member to use immediately. Cows are bred A.I. and the heifers are bred to these young bulls. The genetic base in their herds are wide considerably, since these bulls represent completely different bloodlines in the East.

One of the first steps in Pennsylvania was at the "Vantage" herd of Don and Angie Koontz, of Fredonia. After viewing some superior "Duke Orator Beacon" daughters, it was on to their Berks County hosts, Robert and Helene Dreisbach, Hamburg. These Californians could not decide whether it was the "Wilderness" Jerseys at Dreisbach's, the hospitality of the Dreisbach family, or Helene's "good cooking" that brings them there year after year, but they did agree that it was one of their favorite stops. The group also visited Irish Creek Jerseys, owned by David Phillips, Mohrsville, and after spending the night at Dreisbach's Long Meadows Farm, headed for Lancaster County with Helene serving as "official chauffeur and tour guide."

Since the formation of "Jerseyland Sires" in 1978, the concept of acquiring sires has changed. Originally the group asked for pedigrees with a minimum PI of 800 to 850 and that the bull must qualify for the AJCC Young Sire program. Now, they must have a minimum PI of +1000 or more. Also, instead of advertising for bull pedigrees to be submitted for consideration, the breeders now favor finding the "superior type of individual in mind" and mating her to the sire of their choice.

Phil Fanelli is the "appraiser" of the group and seems to have a

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