

# Visiting the barn that 'Petro' built

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part of their goals when "Petro" turned the whole thing around for Leadfield", Doeberienner states, since in the beginning it was more

of a tax shelter due to the loss of some valuable cows.

Deriving their name from "to lead the field", the Leadfield Associates want to breed a "good cow from a good cow family", and

"when we sell, we want to sell animals of the highest quality", according to Doeberienner. With "Petro" who will be 17 years old on October, and nearing 100 offspring from repeated flushings, Doeberienner hopes to eventually milk eight of her daughters at the farm and will be offering some for sale. With 5 "excellent" daughters and 6 "very good" offspring to her credit to date, Doeberienner states, "I always felt 'Petro' was the greatest brood cow since she has two daughters who are her equal or better".

Labeled as the "young Petro" by

Doeberienner, is "Leadfield Telstar Landa ET, an Arlinda Chief daughter out of "Petro" and is thought of by many to be far superior to her dam. Doeberienner, who makes all the breeding decisions for the "Associates", is pressured by some to put a price on "Landa", but explains that she is not for sale and plans for her flushing are already underway. "Landa" has only been flushed singly to date but indications are that she will respond to flushing as well as her dam, "Petro". "Landa" is currently scored as "Excellent-92" and was named the Grand

Champion at the Spring Holstein Show in Pennsylvania. In addition to her success in the showing, "Landa's" production also gives evidence of her great parentage. With over 23,000 lbs. milk, 4.5% and 1000 lbs. fat as a 2-year-old, "Landa" surpassed that with over 30,000 lbs. milk, 4.3% and over 1200 lbs. fat as a three year old.

With an increasing demand for "Linda's" offspring, indications are that she will also become the moneymaker that her dam, "Petro" is and she stands as one of the "two main cogs of the 'big

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in their office.



with Petro in their



Jeff Thurber helps care for the calves.



Interior of the "barn that Petro built" includes enclosed calf section with individual stalls and group heifer pens.

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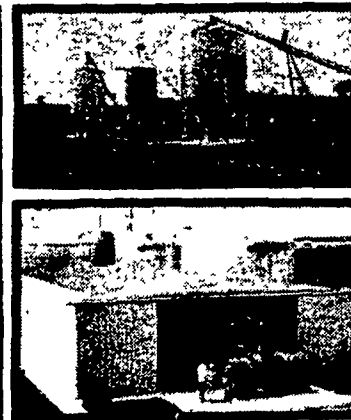
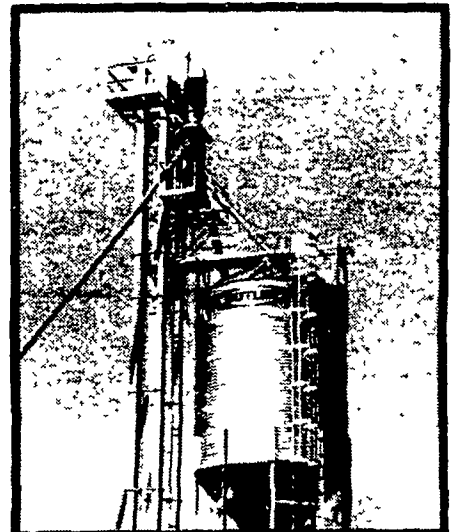
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