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oldest who also worked at Erinwood Farm and Pete, who "all of a sudden worked with cows a bit and that was it", do the milking and are as committed as their father to these "super cows". The Doeberieners also have a younger boy, Justin, who is involved in 4-H and 3 daughters. Doeberieners admits that probably one of the biggest secrets to the whole operation is to have sons that are devoted to the whole operation and states that they provide the responsible, conscientious care that these type of cows need. In following the example set by their father, Doeberieners' boys and son-in-law have formed the "4 Sons Syndicate" and own a full sister to "Linda". This cow is presently scored "Very Good" - 87 and has a larger record as a two year old than her more widely known sister.

In addition to Doeberieners' own "indispensable offspring", he also employs Jeff Thurber, a city boy who is "tremendous with the cows", so that his sons can have a day off.

With cows such as "Petro" and the many offspring resulting from the repeated embryo transplanting done at Queens Manor, a night watchman is also employed and some one is with the animals 24 hours a day.

Doeberieners says that he never wants to milk more than 18 cows and with a total of approximately 70 head on the farm, most of them are calves. With cows valued in the 7-figure range, every calf that is born is worth a lot of money and "you worry night and day", his wife states. She also adds, "When

he (Doeberieners) has a sick animal he is under so much pressure, I think he should be in a nut asylum". "You know when something's wrong here", his wife says when telling of the tension around the house.

Calves are fed whole milk until they are about 4 to 5 months old, Doeberieners tells us saying that it adds to their growth and gives them more bone. He also adds, "I feel if all farmers were to feed their calves whole milk instead of milk replacer, it would take care of the surplus."

Adjacent to Doeberieners' house is a neat little garage. "We haven't had our car in the garage for 5 years", his wife says. Opening the garage door, Doeberieners opens up to "Eve's" ET calves and "Petro's" ET calves, as the garage is lined with small box stalls to accompany the calves of his "super ladies". Over on the farm, behind the main barn, is a pole type building which Doeberieners refers to as "the barn that 'Petro' built", where he houses the remaining ET calves. All the calves are kept in individual box stall pens.

Because of cows like "Petro" and "Eve", Queens Manor sells a lot of cattle overseas. With bulls in Brazil, Canada, Italy, and Japan, Doeberieners says that one of the reasons that he stresses the butterfat test in his breeding and feeding programs is that it is so important to the foreign market and that the butterfat test should be the basis in milk marketing. Stressing that they "never wanted a lot of cattle, but good cattle that are in demand", Doeberieners

states that "Petro" is currently being flushed to "Romandale Reflection Marquis" and "Pawnee Farm Arlinda Chief" in addition to continued super-ovulating with the other "ladies".

With a BAA of 112.7 and the "illustrious 'Petro'" what is in the future for this notable breeder? "The most satisfying thing is to sell an animal for a lot of money", Doeberieners states, but adds that he must look at a sale over the long haul where you are able to generate more money with future generations. Stating that he will

also continue to try to buy the exceptional animal, Doeberieners tells us that one thing that has eluded him is an "All-American". Although Queens Manor has had many nominations, an "All-American" is still on their list of goals.

"What makes a great breeder is a lot of luck", Doeberieners continues. "I'm probably as lucky as can be because my sons are so involved", he states.

With the many ET offspring at the farm to continue the great generations that "Petro" started,

and the devoted offspring of the Doeberieners as well as their own commitment to "breed and sell the highest quality", Queens Manor will be the residence of the future "greats" of the Holstein breed in addition to housing the "highest quality" now.

Although "Petro" is asserting her influence in the Holstein breed now through her many "excellent" offspring who are in turn breeding true to their "excellent parentage", the Doeberieners conclude, "It will be a sad day when 'Petro' dies."



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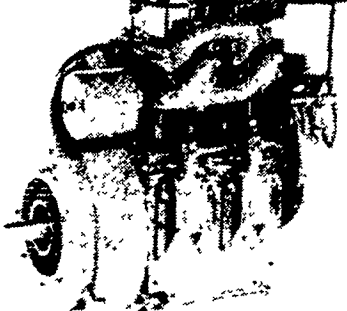


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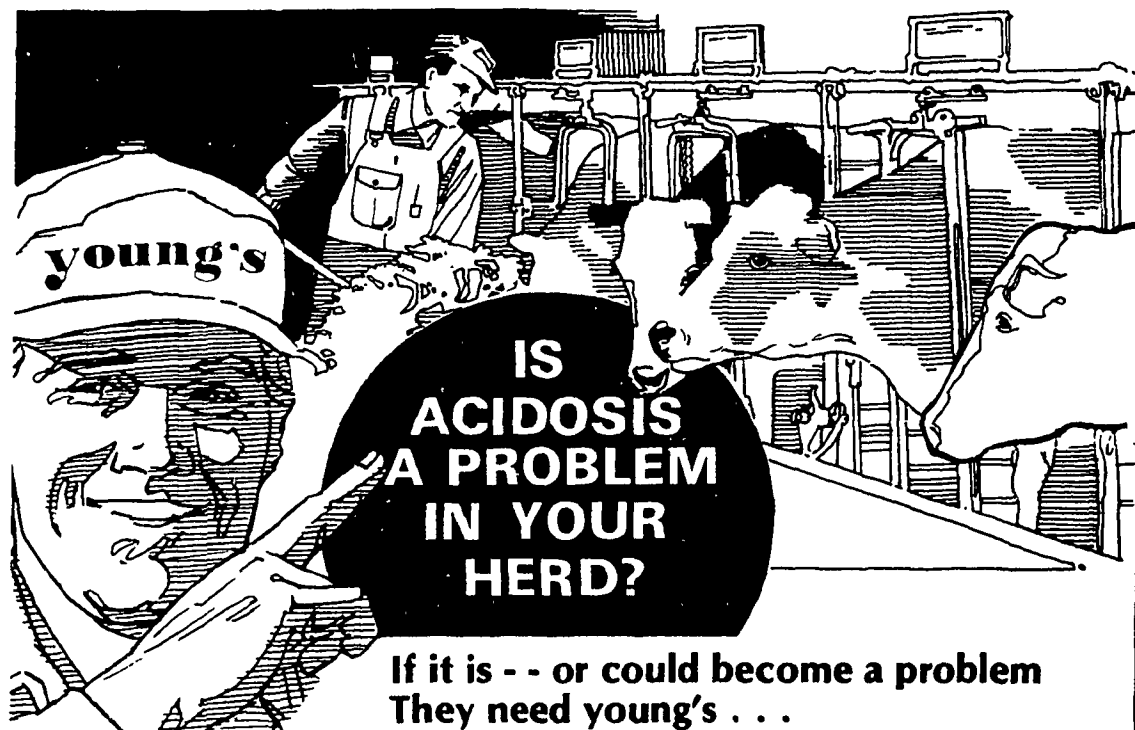
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