

## Logan Spring

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the weather doesn't get too severe before then, Watts explains.

During the winter, the heifers will be fed corn silage, good alfalfa hay twice daily, corn silage on an ad lib basis, and about three pounds of grain per day per cow. The bulls will receive a similar ration, but will not get over 10 pounds of grain per animal per day, Watts says.

"I don't push for finish," he says. "I like the bulls to develop a hard muscled finish."

Most of the income comes from the breeding stock, Watts says. Some bulls were sold this spring while dam-daughter pairs were sold this summer. In addition, 11 steers are being raised for market this fall.

Management priorities Watts stresses on his 250-acre farm go to the comfort and well-being of his herd. Open front barns and sheds,

built with lumber from the farm, are bedded with sawdust and straw and allow free choice housing during the winter except when winter calves are due.

When calving time approaches, the cows are moved to an enclosed barn where they can give birth away from the winter weather, Watts explains. From the barn, weather permitting, the cow-calf pairs are moved to their appropriate pastures.

Breeding for a medium-sized

animal is another priority. The mature cattle at Logan Spring Farm average between 1100 to 1250 pounds. The cattle are bred primarily for production, Watts says.

Artificial insemination is used on about the top ten cows each year. Sires used have been Shearbrook Shoshone, P S Power Play, Bandler Eston Durness 42B and Jetliner 707 of Conanga. The remaining herd is bred by the top herd bulls in natural service on three pasture areas.

By doing this, both artificial and natural service, Watts says he can hold onto maternal bloodlines and still bring in good, outside blood.

Health and record-keeping are also important on Logan Spring Farm. The herd is tested annually and is officially certified tuberculosis and brucellosis free. Watts explains that no outside cattle have

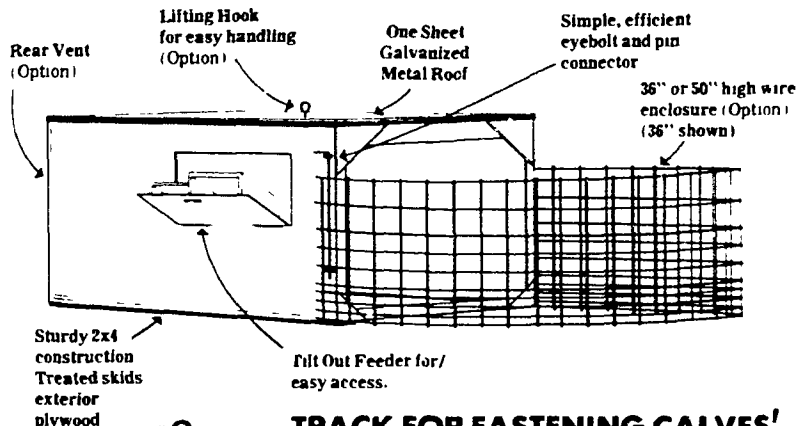
entered the herd in years.

Mary and Gilbert Watts think of Logan Spring Farm as a family enterprise - beginning with its role as a roadside market when the couple both ran the field work and sales area to the present roles as Angus and Christmas tree farm.

Daughter Betty and her husband Robert Jacobus live on the farm and help run the operation. Another important member of Logan Spring Farm is 67-year-old Shannon Hillard who's been with the farm for over 50 years.

With this farming heritage behind Logan Spring, along with the honors of Master Farmer in 1959, and both Cattleman of the Year and Pa. Livestock Association Man of the Year in 1977 that Watts has received, one can see why Logan Spring has earned its Historic Award - in more ways than one.

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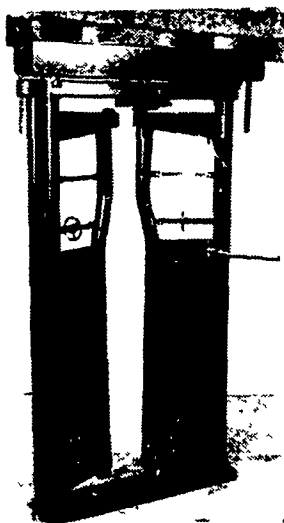
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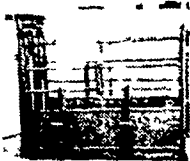
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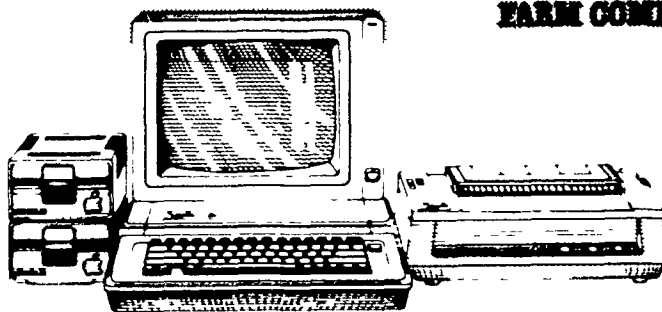
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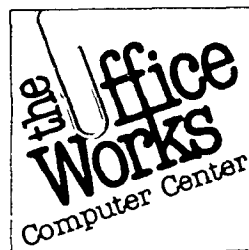
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