

Attainment is a whole way of life on and off the farm

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Good cows require doing your homework

delegate to Interstate Milk Producers. Although he firmly believes in his Jersey cows, Dreisbach is also committed to promoting a better glass of milk and a fair pricing system for all dairymen.

"Milk in the stores is not up to state standards," he states. He advocates higher testing cows for butterfat and protein. "The higher the protein in the milk, the more cheese it will make," Dreisbach explains, and adds that a centrifuge is currently being developed by scientists to take the water out of the milk on the farm. This way the dairymen would just be shipping the solids. "This is really the future in dairying," he concludes.

On these lines, Dreisbach is also

working to have dairy co-ops adopt a fair milk pricing policy to reward those dairymen producing high solids milk. Those that would benefit the most would be the dairies with a manufacturing plant since more cheese, butter, ice cream, etc., could be made with a lot less milk, if it were higher solids milk.

"It's the only way you can really sell milk with end product pricing, that's fair to the farmer," Dreisbach states.

To further his case for end produce pricing, Dreisbach will sit down with any dairymen and present the facts on paper of existing dairies and dairymen already receiving the benefits from this type of program. He has spoken at many meetings on this

With the herd matriarch Dixie



Helene Dreisbach with Dixie, who has highest herdmate deviation of +6537 milk. At 13 years, she produced more than 21,000 milk and boats a VG-88 two-year-old daughter and several other top-producing daughters in herd.



Wilderness herd.

ad for much of the day, "retired" from the normal practice to spend on his farm. Since then, he is able to become very involved in milk marketing. He is currently chairman of the program in Pennsylvania American Jersey Cattle Association. Dreisbach is also a regional

Vet on tractor



Dr. Dreisbach prepares to fill hay racks and scrape feedlot.

issue and helped several dairies adopt this pricing system.

"I make it and he sells it," states Helene Dreisbach who is as devoted to her cows as her husband is to their product. The head milker and chief "cow person" at Long Meadows Farm, Helene has

developed the "Wilderness" herd through buying top breeding stock and breeding to the best bulls.

Today, with a rolling herd average of 13,125 milk, 4.7% and 618 fat, with 3.8% protein and 496 pounds protein, the herd is one of the top Jersey herds in the state.

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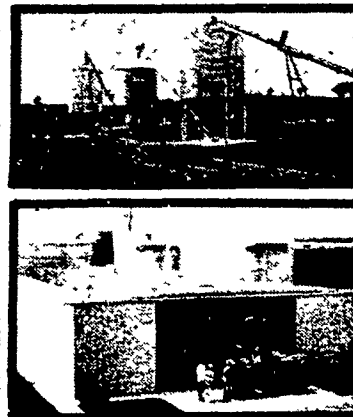
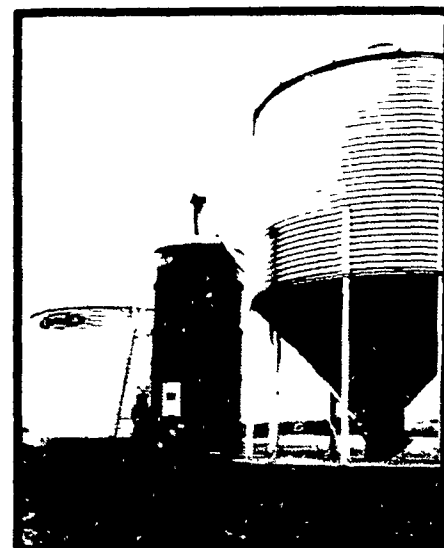
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