

Dreisbach family

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When asked what she looks for when buying a good cow, Helene states, "You do your homework before you go." (to a sale) "I go by the pedigrees and the numbers, but I do like to have seen some daughters," she adds. "They don't have to be fancy," she continues, "just look like they're going to last for a long time."

She first seeks the depth of pedigree and then looks for the bulls in the pedigree that have good functional daughters in many herds.

Her eye for good cows has proven itself over and over again as many of her purchases have gone "excellent" and made records well above herd average. For example, "Jester", high selling cow in the Waverly sale in April, was purchased by the Dreisbachs. "Jester" a "Quicksilver" daughter, was

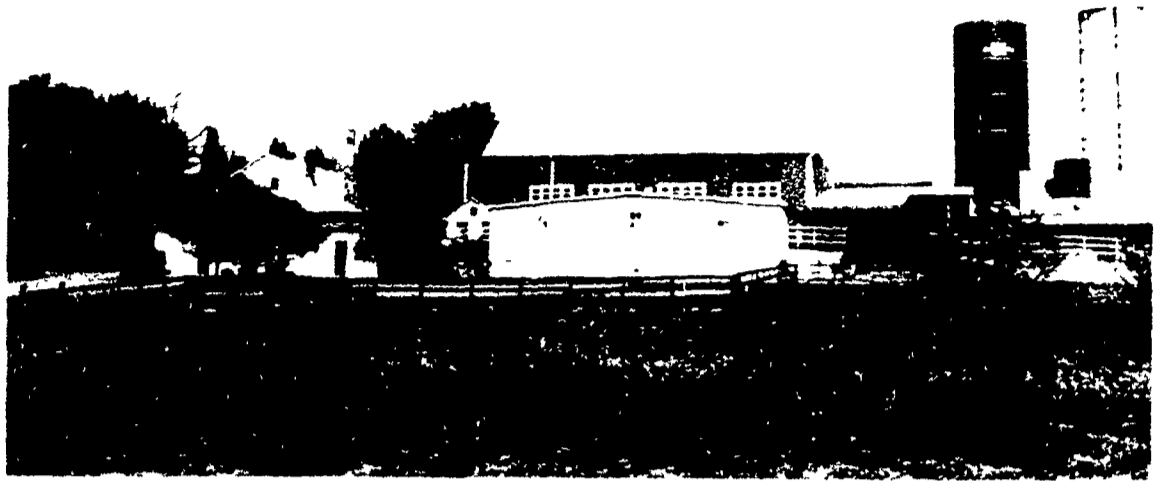
recently rated "Excellent - 91". "Jester's" son, "Jokers Wild", has been selected to sell in the 1983 All American Jersey Sale in Louisville, Ky. on November 6.

Known as the "sale of sales" in the Jersey world, the All American Sale seeks the best, and it is quite an honor to have a bull chosen to sell. Each year three or four bulls are selected from the best across the nation. High standards must be met and only the best sell.

"This will be the first "Top Brass" son to sell at auction," Helene states excitedly. She added that she gave the national club their choice of all the best pedigreed bulls at the farm and they chose this one because his pedigree was a little bit different.

Deep pedigreed bulls, along with their dams, abound at Long Meadows farm. In addition to "Jester" and her son, there is also A-Nine Samson Valencia, A-Nine B

The farm



The picturesque Dreisbach farm.

The Up-and-Comers



Carol Dreisbach stands with a daughter of "Vixen," named "Dasher" and Patty with her favorite, "Total Eclipse."

B Q, and Wilderness Generals Collete. These three cows all have sons in A.I. and are currently being super-ovulated.

Of the three, Helene is most proud of "Collete". "Collete" is currently projected to 18,383 pounds milk and 918 pounds fat in 305 days. She is classified "VG-88" and has two daughters on the farm milking above herd average. Her sons were purchased by Carnation Genetics, California, and NOBA, Ohio.

"We bred the whole family," Helene proudly states of "Collete's" pedigree. "She's a real cowman's kind of a cow."

When Helene states, "I think the cows we're breeding are as good as the cows we're buying," she is referring to many of her daughters' animals. Younger daughter, Carol, is the owner of the highest "Wilderness" cow on the Elite Cow List, "Twilight". "Twilight" was also 8th in the National Youth Production Contest for Carol, and her daughter, "Twinkle" won the state's Youth Production Contest.

Carol, who "tends to love her

cows," according to her mother, also purchased "Valerie" who went on to win the Pennsylvania Pot of Gold Contest of that year and also gave Carol a heifer calf. "Vicki" who went on to win the contest for her new owner. Carol will also be in Kentucky the first week in November with her heifer, "Monday", who will be shown in the All American Junior show on Saturday, Nov. 5, and the open show on Monday. "Monday" was shown to Reserve Junior Champion by Carol in the state junior show in Harrisburg. Showing at the All American for 4 years, this will be the first time Carol has gone with a high winner at the state level and she is looking forward to showing this heifer.

Although Patty will not be showing any animals at the All American this year, she does mention her favorite, "Silk", as one of the top home-bred animals on the farm. "Silk" took 1st place senior 2 year old in Harrisburg and Champion Bred by Exhibitor. She is due the week of the All American and the family did not want to risk trucking her at that time.

Besides, Patty will have something else to think about. Patty is currently the Pennsylvania State Jersey Queen and she will be competing for the National title on Nov. 5 in Kentucky. If Patty is as successful as she usually is, she will be handing out the ribbons to her sister on Monday at the show. Very enthusiastic and excited about the contest, Patty says that she loves the Jersey people that she has met and looks forward to meeting the other girls and socializing at the contest.

The enthusiasm of the whole Dreisbach family for their cows and way of life is obvious as they discuss their "favorites", their particular jobs on the farm, or their ideas for improved marketing of their product. Although they employ two full time people to help on the farm, each member of the family also pitches in.

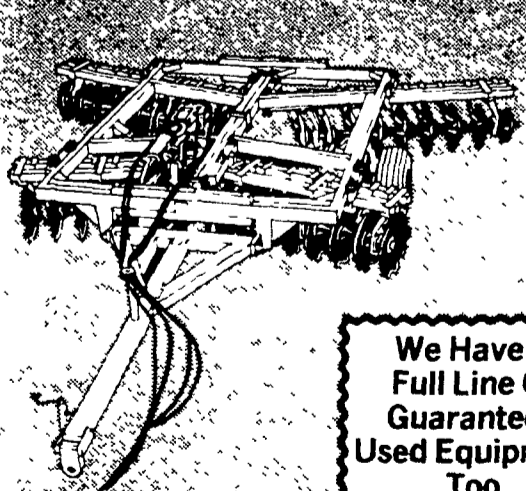
The approximately 75 milking animals are milked in a "pregnant" side opening parlor with 3 on a side and square,

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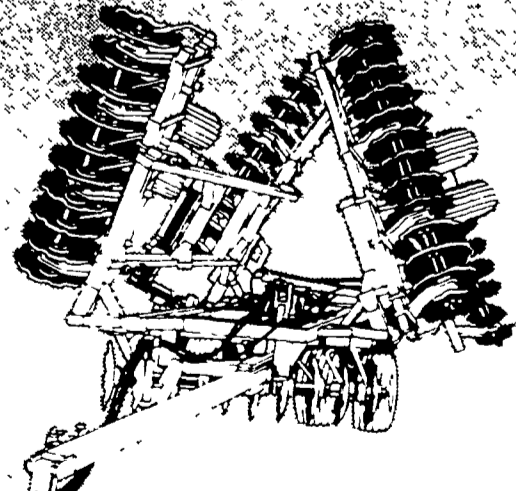
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