Beshores

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milk only the best that we can afford," Beshore reflects.

studying at Delaware After Valley College, the Beshore's youngest son, Jed, returned to partnership with his parents in the family operation. He and his wife, Sue, have since assumed full reins of the business, making all the farm decisions.

"Jed always wanted to be the farmer and he deserves credit for where the herd is right now, Wayne is quick to emphasize "I only milk in emergencies.'

Rolling herd average on the 46 registered milkers is 20,200 pounds of milk and 740 fat. The herd has been awarded the Progressive Breeder Registry recognition for ten years, and three of the outstanding milkers have produced

over the 200,000 pound mark.

Merchandising of pedigreed offspring, through county, state and private sales, has put Beshore breeding stock in the herds of many satisfied customers in various states.

Wayne's philosphy of quality has carried through to the crop production, and in 1965, earned him the state Grassland Farmer

Production from the 80 acres of corn and 55 of alfalfa is integrated into the dairy herd feeding program, while part of the 25 acres of wheat goes as cash crop.

Hay comes off early as haylage, with later cuttings in the mow, and corn silage refilling storage units as needed. Due to the summer drought conditions, some additional hay has been purchased in to round out feeding supplies.

All four of the Beshore children remain close to the farm . '

knit family involvement that Wayne and Athena atribute in part to their participation in 4-H ac-

Each had project animals and was responsible for helping with their share of the barn chores. Marvin, the oldest and a practing lawyer, and daughter Joy, a stockbroker, were both on the state's winning 4-H dairy judging team during the mid-1960's

Kirby, who today has fulfilled his lifelong ambition to be a stockbroker, earns his parents praise for putting aside his career plans temporarily to help with the dairy herd while Jed finished college.

Both Marvin and Kirby still lend a hand at the barn, while grandson C.E. Hubbard III also taken a keen interest in the family dairy herd, comprising the third generation concurrently involved on the farm.

From his years of work with the milk advertising programs, Wayne sees the 15-cent mandatory deduction on all milk for promotion as the best part of the recentlyenacted Dairy Opportunity legislation. He'd like to see a chunk of that funding go toward dairy product research, as well as geared toward teaching consumers to differentiate between real dairy foods and imitations.

What especially concerns him is that, while support prices have dropped, retail prices have not followed suit.

Beshore became the ninth industry honoree to win the Charles E. Cowan award, presented annually in memory of the dairy leader who served the Dairymen's association as secretary-treasurer for 30 years.

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Dr. John K. Atwell, deputy administrator for the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of presented Agriculture,

Brucellosis-free certificate to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell at the 113th meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymens Association held recently.

Atwell commended the state and its 15,500 dairymen for their efforts in eradicating the disease, but cautioned that the Brucellosis-free status could only be maintained with a strict program of animal testing and monitoring.

According to Secretary Hallowell, the state has approximately 4,000 herds on individual test plans, one of the largest such programs of its kind in the nation.

"Our dairymen bear the costs of these programs and are to be congratulated for the time and effort they expand," he said, noting that the state must be free of the disease for one year to attain Brucellosis-free status.

Pennsylvania is a pioneer in Brucellosis research, entering the field in 1924. Federal involvement in the program did not come until the mid 1930's.

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