



Farm sign to Carl A. Farms displays Holstein pride.

Schuylkill DHIA

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Another top cow is "Dori", a daughter of Pauline Top Spot. "Dori" received the honors for highest in the county in milk and fat production with 33,529 pounds milk and 1,602 pounds fat on her third lactation.

"She was supposed to be a bull," Snyder commented.

Her dam was a Very Good - 88 Kingpin daughter who was repeated w/contracted by A.I. organizations. But the cow always had heifers for the Snyder's.

This past year 12 cows in the

Snyder herd received certificates from the county DHIA for meritorious lifetime production. But Snyder is also proud of the cows he has bred and sold.

"Anything's for sale," he stated about his herd.

He sells a lot of breeding stock in a year, and allows buyers to come and select the ones they want.

He is especially proud of three bred heifers that were sold to Richard Troutman and Gary Williard, Richland, several years ago. Carl A. Chief Faith and Carl A. Jetstream Farah both went excellent for their new owner. Another heifer, Carl A. Bootmaker Fobes is a Very Good - 87. Faith has several sons in A.I. and "they have all the contracts they can get," Snyder stated.

The dominant bloodlines in the Carl A. herd are Jetstream and Elevation.

"Jetstream is a good sire for

so much for type," Snyder stated.

He is currently milking eight Elevation daughters and said that they are all bred to Chairman.

"I like to have pluses all the way around," Snyder said about his breeding program. All animals are bred by artificial insemination by Snyder and he is currently using Columbus, Chairman, Spirit, and Tradition as service sires.

"I don't really go for size," he continued.

He looks for good udders and feet.

Cows are milked with Surge pipeline milkers. Calves are raised right in the barn and heifers are housed in a freestall barn and fed at a bunk. The dairy is not fancy, but shows a common sense approach to feeding and housing efficiency.

"I believe it's going to be pretty rough the next few years," he said.

Because it is usually just he and his wife doing the work, he was seriously considering the new milk diversion program. He also looks forward to protein pricing of milk.

"I thought it would hurt Holsteins," Alice Snyder stated, "but when we got our tests back from Penn State, they're looking pretty good."

"You got to take it into consideration when picking bulls," Snyder said.

When asked about their next production goals, Snyder stated it has been reached. He wanted to make a million pounds of milk a year and the past two years he has achieved this.

He said he looks forward to getting the children through school. "They can run it (the farm) and I'll work for them," he stated. He believes as he has always told his children, "there's nothing you can't do if you really want to."



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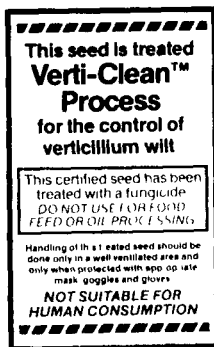
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