

# Sam Minor

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The Minors strive to raise all the roughages on their home farm and nearby rented acreage. All concentrates and wet brewer grains are purchased. The Springhouse business is participating in the dairy diversion program with quite a bit of milk sold wholesale at Class 3 prices. During the past year, Sam said, it seemed economically advisable to cut back in line with this program.

"I believe we, as a dairy industry, are facing some very critical years," Sam said. "Realistically, we cannot expect that we can continue to increase milk production for a market that

does not exist and expect the government to pay for the cost of purchase and storage of this surplus."

Somehow, Sam added, a greater balance between supply and demand is needed. A base surplus program that has been suggested has some definite merits, he said, but he's not sure it will be possible for this type of program to be approved, considering the industry nationwide and the basic thinking of the present administration and Congress.

"It's more likely that we'll continue to see a reduction in the support price and subsequently the price that we receive at our farms," he continued. "Unfortunately this translates into the

fact that there will be a reduction in the number of dairy farms."

Sam said he agreed that dairymen and registered Holstein breeders "must do everything we can to positively contribute to the economic viability of our industry and individual Holstein operations." He is confident that the Pa. Holstein Association and the National Holstein Association can and will do this.

Before his election as the state's Holstein Association president, Sam served on the executive committee for the past six years. He was a state director, served as treasurer and was chairman of the finance committee and also was vice president. Sam noted that the Keystone State ranks first



Cows on the Minor's farm are housed in a free-stall barn.

nationally in the number of state members and second in national membership.

Sam said the future looks bright for the Holstein Association. New committees will be appointed soon, and the board of directors will have considerable input in evaluating past programs and determining new directions. The export market has been strong in recent months, he added, and expectations are that it will continue to do well.

"This has and will contribute to the success of individual breeders and to the financial status of the Association," he said

In addition to his involvement with the Pa. Holstein Association, Sam belongs to a number of agriculture associations and has been a lay speaker on the church administrative board. He has served on the school board, the county extension executive committee and has been a past chairman of the dairy promotion committee in the county.

Sam is currently serving as an Agway committeeman, is a DHIA board member and is on the West Central Production Credit board as well as the Pa. Holstein Association.



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OAKRYN — Lancaster County Pomona Grange No. 71 will hold its spring meeting at Fulton Grange Hall in Oakryn next Saturday at 8 p.m. The Master, Clifford W. Holloway Jr. will conduct the business session.

Lecturer Dorothy Berry will present the program on Grange Week. Grange Week will be observed nationally April 22-28. Six

members will spell out Grange and there will be a roll call "What The Grange Means to Me." Of special interest will be an Easter bonnet contest in which all the ladies are asked to participate by making their bonnets from something found in the kitchen. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, most original and the funniest. There will be special music and a game.

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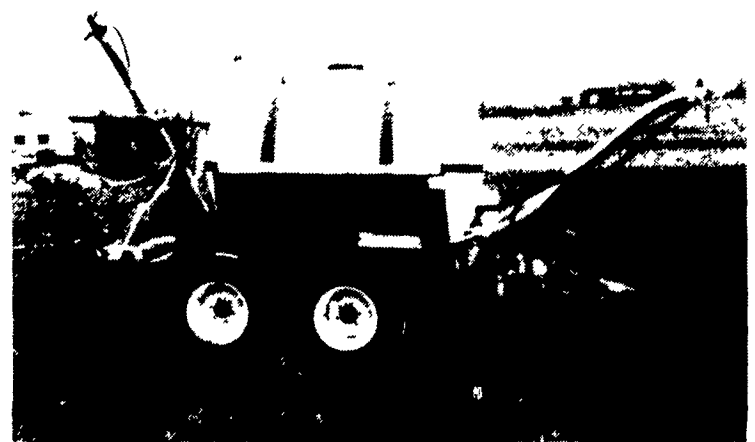
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