

# Waverly Farm - a family Jersey operation

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CLEARBROOK, Va. — Starting from the Southern border in the middle of Pennsylvania and heading straight down through parts of Maryland and West Virginia leads you to Waverly Farm, just off Rt. 81 at Clearbrook, Va. Almost one-third of the herd of 140 milking Jerseys are scored "excellent" and their production remains well above breed average in a commercial operation.

Jerseys that excel in the milk pail, as well as in the showing, and breeding stock to fit everyone's needs are the goals of the Robert Stiles family of Waverly Farm. They strive to prove that a balance of production and type can be profitable in any barn — that show winners can milk.

"W.F." prefixed animals not only command the blue ribbons at local, state, and national shows, but also the top prices in many sales for their excellent production.

To prove that tanbark champions are the cows bred to be the most functional and profitable in a commercial setup, the Stiles family has developed an invitational sale that has become one of the "elite" sales of the Jersey breed. On Monday at the Frederick County Fairgrounds in Clearbrook, Va., Waverly Farm will host its Fifth Annual Invitational Sale as Jersey breeders come from across the nation to bid on the best.

**Waverly trademark**  
The fact that production and type can go together has become a trademark for the sale as well as the farm.

"We just thought we could put together a sale and get that kind of quality," states Tracy Stiles.

Tracy and his brothers, Mike, Paul, and Kenneth, operate Waverly Farm and personally select consignments for the sale and for their own purchase. In addition to many of the consignments of Waverly Farm, the Stiles brothers visit many other top herds throughout the nation and seek the best in each herd to be consigned to their sale.

Many excellent cows, Hall of Fame cows, bull mothers, show winners, and young stock with much potential have passed through the Waverly Sale. Widely respected because of the reputation of their father, Robert, in furthering the Jersey breed, the Stiles brothers have been able to realize their dream of only selling "the best" at their sale. This selective consigning has made the sale one of the choice sales for purchasing prime breeding stock.

It is also obvious that the Stiles family uses these same concepts of selection for the Jerseys in its own herd. Waverly animals are currently pumping out an average of 12,200 pounds milk and 600 pounds fat with 140 milking animals.

They can also boast an appraisal average of 84.1% as they win grand

## Supreme Dairy Award winner



W.F. Justin Lanita, Ex.-94%, a Waverly-bred cow, wins the 1983 Supreme Dairy Award at the Montgomery County Show. That year, she also won the Pa. All-American and the National Show in Louisville, Ky. Left to right are Debra Stiles, Tracy Stiles, Billy King, Hazel Stiles, Kenny Stiles, Bucky Thrift, Blair Stiles, Paul Stiles, Mike Stiles and queens.

championships, premier breeder, and premier exhibitor many times over with their stock. Forty-one animals in the herd are currently appraised excellent and 102 are scored very good. The farm is also home to ten Hall of Fame cows whose records top 20,000 pounds milk or 1000 pounds fat in a lactation.

### Began in 1920's

The road to fame for the Stiles' Jerseys began back in the 1920's with their grandfather's Jersey farm in Montgomery County, Md. After his death, Robert and Hazel Stiles with their five sons and one daughter moved to Virginia in 1967. With the death of their father in 1974, Tracy, Mike, Paul, and Kenneth took over the operation of the family farm.

The distinction of fancy cows that milk well at Waverly Farm had been started by Robert Stiles. His sons were determined to further advance the concept.

"He knew how to look for a good cow," Tracy remembers about his father.

The most famous cow in the barn and one of the elite of the Jersey breed is Sybil Surville Jesse. An excellent - 96%, Jesse was purchased by Robert Stiles as a 91% four-year-old at the Kentucky National Sale.

An entire book could be written about this cow. Four times All American Aged cow, two times national grand champion, two times reserve grand champion, and many outstanding progeny to her credit, Jesse reigned supreme under the guidance of the Stiles. Currently 18-years-old, Jesse is still producing winning offspring. Her own records are over 15,000 pounds milk and 800 pounds fat.

"Everybody comes to see Jesse," states Janet, Tracy's wife.

### Grand old cow

With several of her progeny to sell in the upcoming sale, "Quicksilver Beulah" is another grand old cow worthy of attention in the Stiles' barn. Beulah was also purchased by the elder Stiles. An Excellent - 92% Quicksilver daughter, Beulah has records over 22,000 pounds milk and 1,000 pounds fat to her credit. A Favorite Generator bred heifer daughter of Beulah will sell in the 1984 sale and a Boss Man calf out of Beulah's Chocolate Soldier daughter will also sell.

Another fountainhead of the herd is Fair Weather Surville Charity, Very Good - 88%. With lifetime

## W.F. Chocolate Bits



W.F. Chocolate Bits has a sister in the upcoming Waverly sale. Their dam is an Ex.-92% Quicksilver with over 22,000 lbs. of milk and 1000 fat. A daughter of "Bits" will also be featured in sale.

## Grand Old Lady of herd



Grand Old Lady of Waverly Farm is Sybil Surville Jesse, and Ex.-96%. Many times a national champion, she is also renowned as a brood cow. Her most notable son, W.F. Generator Justin, was the Premier Sire at the 1983 All-American and continues to sire many excellent daughters.

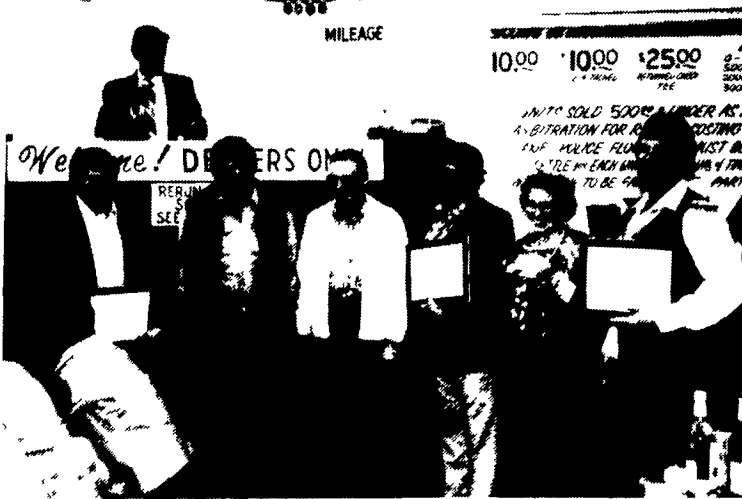
credits of over 9,000 pounds fat and one of her highest records at 11 years of age showing 365 days 17,135M 5.3% 910F, Charity's potential was also seen by Stiles when she was a young cow.

"She has to be a good cow, sound

all the way through," Tracy says referring to what they look for in their cows. "We get the opportunity though to see more cows."

The Stiles brothers travel throughout the eastern states

## Young Dairymen of Year



At the 1982 Waverly Invitational Sale, the Stiles brothers received plaques honoring them as the American Jersey Cattle Club Young Jersey Dairymen of the Year. Left to right are Tracy, Kenny, Harold Roller, Mike, Hazel Stiles, mother, and Paul Stiles.

## Welcome to Waverly



Sign at lane leading to Waverly Farm identifies it as the home of Sybil Surville Jesse.