

Little Acres

(Continued from Page A20)

This year provided the culmination of the production award with Michelle winning the coveted Brunges Award for high production in the youth division. In fact, this was the first year that all three Lusks won production awards, bringing home first, fourth and fifth places. Lisa also claimed second prize in the National Pot O' Gold Sale.

Production is not their only forte. This family has won many shows also. Their winnings include many District 4-H Champions. Both Lisa and Michelle have won the Championship of the Pennsylvania All-American Junior Show.

Type and production combine to identify the goals of this family for the future. They hope to continue to breed cattle that do well at the milk pail and on the tanbark. Their

immediate plans include coordination of their breeding program so more cattle freshen at the right time for specific shows and/or sales.

Another family goal is to finance college educations for these teenagers. Lisa will graduate from high school this year and plans to enter Penn State University majoring in Dairy Production/Pre-Veterinary Science. With Michael being very accomplished in the athletic field and Michelle involved in many school activities, one wonders how they find time to invest so much effort in a dairy operation.

Connie sums up this family's attitude. "Jerseys are worth it! We enjoy working with them and that makes the effort worthwhile." Lusk's Little Acres plans to continue in the "small but mighty" frame of mind.

Computer service to be available

NEWARK, Del. — Delaware farmers will soon be able to access Grassroots America, the new on-farm videotex service introduced to the nation earlier this year. Hailed as the country's newest farm management tool, Grassroots is a joint venture of three major farm cooperatives (Agway, Inc., Cenex and Southern States Cooperative, Inc.) and Videotex America. In turn, Videotex America is a joint venture of The Times Mirror Company and Infomart, a Canadian videotex system. The service was introduced Monday, March 12, to farm and agribusiness groups at a Washington, D.C., media conference.

According to University of Delaware extension farm management specialist Don Tilmon, Grassroots is scheduled to go on line in Delaware around July 1. A member of the system's data base advisory committee, he hails it as a valuable new tool for area farmers. Users will be able to access thousands of electronic pages of constantly updated news, weather, market and management information any time of day or night.

Bruno Leps, general manager of Grassroots America, describes the system as "the nation's first full-color, full-scale, two-way interactive videotex service, based on the new NAPLPS (North American Presentation Level Protocol Syntax) videotex standard."

The service can be accessed by way of a simple converter attached to a subscriber's television set, microcomputer or stand-alone terminal. However, if possible, Tilmon recommends the use of either an IBM PC or Commodore 64 computer because of their greater flexibility in handling data. Users can store market charts and information on discs for future study. The Delaware Cooperative Extension Service will use the system as a vehicle for disseminating information to farmers.

Besides providing instant access to market and production information, Grassroots offers interactive farm and financial management programs and electronic mail. It also has a full-scale on-farm banking and shopping capability.

With the service, farmers will have access to weather forecasts in the form of full-color maps for a 50-mile radius of their farms. They will also have access to continuously updated futures markets with charts and graphs, local elevator prices, market analyses, research reports, government bulletins, equipment reviews, plus chemical, seed and feed data, and more. All this information will be in one place, always up-to-date and

available when needed — right at home.

Grassroots farm management programs include a mortgage calculator, a sprayer cost calculator, farrowing returns calculator and dozens of others.

A unique feature of the service is that a major part of the cost of providing and maintaining its computerized farm management data base is borne by agribusiness who sponsor programs, generate content and provide constantly updated information on their products and services. The result, says its developers, is a competitively priced service for the farm user.

Grassroots America will be introduced in a three-state area — Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania — in midsummer. In 1985 it will be expanded to other agricultural areas of the U.S.

'Dutch' Lusk

(Continued from Page A20)

could get together more often and knew each other better." The result seemed to be a very high number of junior members.

Dutch has trucked many junior members and their animals to district and state shows. This role has spanned many years. In the recent past most of his time has been devoted to helping his grandchildren. He bought calves

for his grandchildren at the Pennsylvania Jersey Calf Sale in Bedford several years ago. This was the start of Jerseys for his son, Bob's family. Although walking and riding are painful due to arthritis, Dutch supervised his grandchildren showing at the state show was recently as two years ago.

Dutch thrives on Jerseys. He has kept up to date with Jersey activities and sees a bright future for the Jersey breeder.

"There used to be more Jerseys than Holsteins," he said. "I see Jerseys making a comeback. The value is there, and it's proven more with protein pricing. That, along with the fact that feed costs are decreased, makes the Jersey cow a valuable investment."

PMMB, Farm Show reviews

HARRISBURG — The Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 459, Main Capitol to formalize a plan for conducting the sunset review for the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission and the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, along with any other business to come before the committee.

On Wednesday, May 23, public hearings will be held by the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee to hear testimony as to whether or not the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission and the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board should continue.

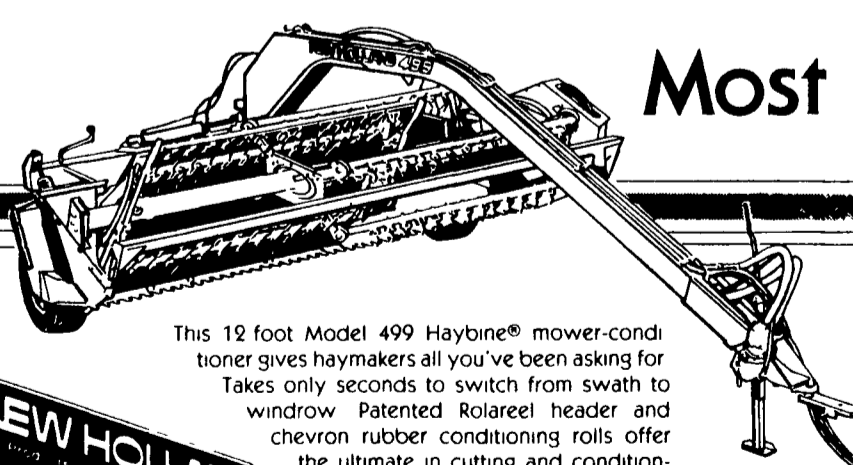
The public hearing for the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission will be held at 9:30 A.M. in Room 459. The public hearing for the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board will be held in the same room, beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Anyone wishing to testify at either or both of the public hearings must register by contacting Sen. Edward W. Helfrick's office at 717/787-8928, 185 Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Deadline for registration is 4:30 P.M., Monday, May 21. Prior to testifying, each person must submit ten written copies of their oral presentations.



This jersey calf represents the hope the Lusks have to continue breeding cattle which combine production and type for an outstanding herd prospect.

SWING AND SWAY
AND
MOW YOUR HAY
WITH THE NEW NH MODEL 499
PIVOT TONGUE HAYBINE



Most Wanted

This 12 foot Model 499 Haybine® mower-conditioner gives haymakers all you've been asking for. Takes only seconds to switch from swath to windrow. Patented Rolareel header and chevron rubber conditioning rolls offer the ultimate in cutting and conditioning. And dual sickles assure top capacity in tough conditions. This one's got it all!

Our 77th Year
Serving The
Community

YOUR SPERRY NEW HOLLAND DEALER
C.E. WILEY & SON INC.
101 S. LIME QUARRYVILLE, PA. PHONE (717) 786-2895