

# Bill coping with today's dairy economy

leader of the Southern Indiana County Dairy Club has also helped Bill realize the importance of

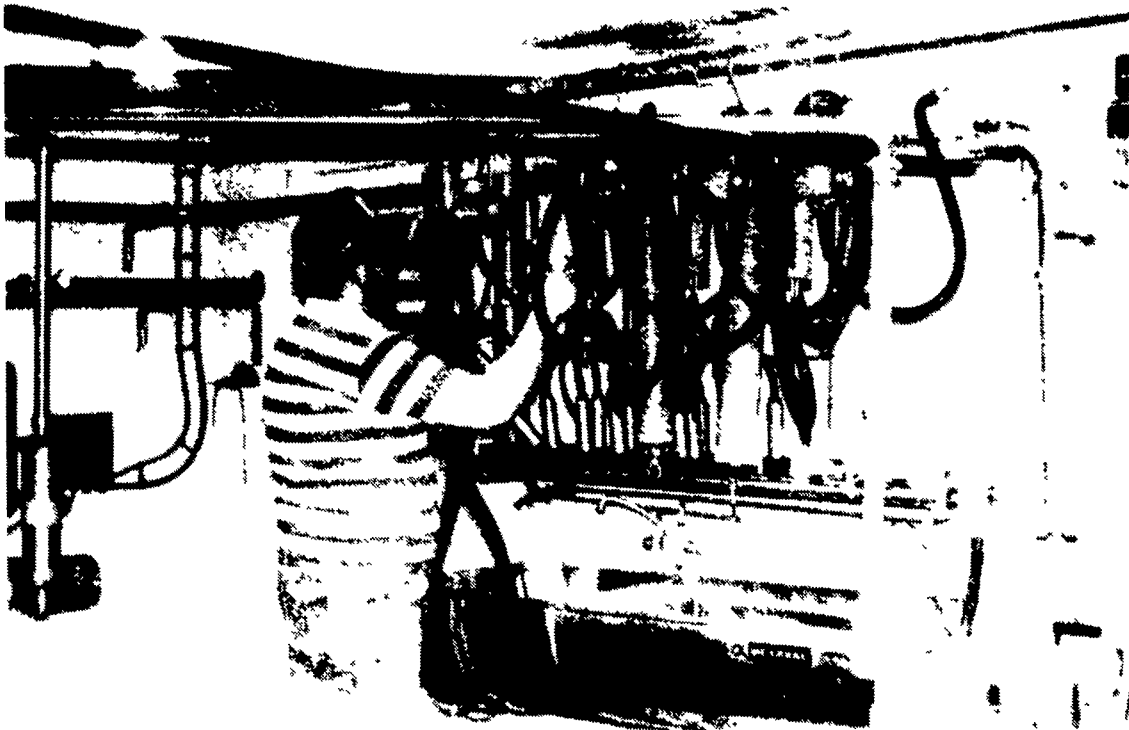
select breeding. Bill's breeding expertise has brought the Compton family great

results. One of the greatest satisfactions is a bull bred by the Comptons, Ja-Jo Ivan Chief Max-

Twin, which is contracted with select sires. This two-year-old, 85 point bull has daughters in their herd whose average milk production is 16,500 pounds and are

classifying at an average of 81.5 points.

When describing Max, Select Sires has said that;

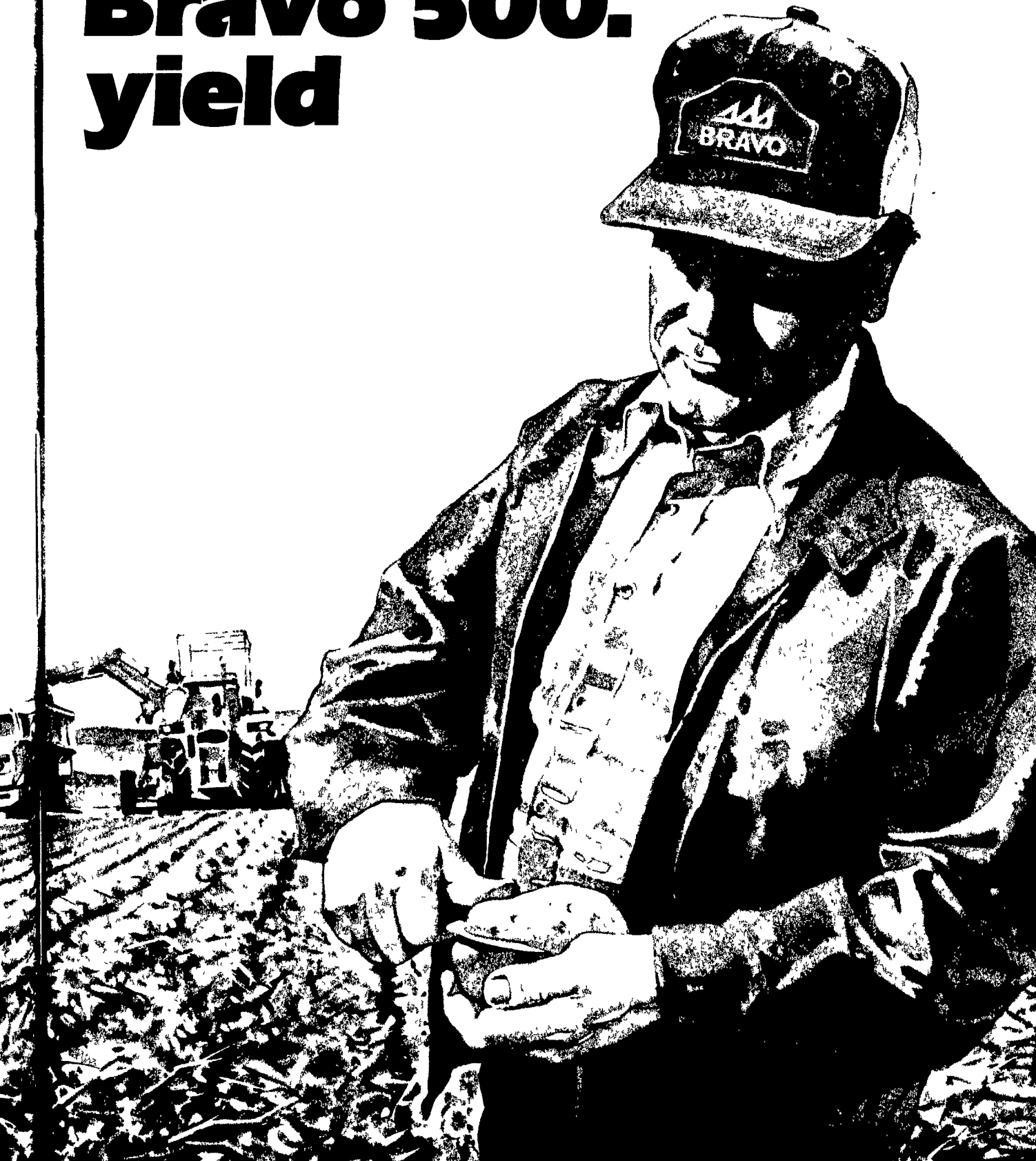


Bill attributes their increased production to the new automatic takeoff milkers as well as solving health problems.



Bill, left, and Jim Compton stand with their favorite cow, Ja-Jo Orbiting Terry who classified Excellent-90.

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"Max is a good blend of the strength of his sire and the outstanding dairyness of his dam. He has a deep pedigree for production and he should sire improved stature and style with adequate strength."

Max's dam, Schreck Ivanhoe Star Maxine, VG 87, has an impressive milk record of 2 9,143 pounds of milk, and 1135 pounds of fat with a lifetime milk projection of 178,000 pounds and a fat projection of 6000 pounds. This explains why Max is said to have a deep pedigree for production.

He is not the only bull contracted by the Comptons to a breeding service. Two other bulls are also in stud, one bull is with Select Sires and another with Minnesota Valley.

Bill's time is primarily spent on the farm in the minute-by-minute management tasks. Jim's involvement is both on the farm and in dairy leadership positions. A director of Milk Marketing Inc., Jim must travel to Cleveland, Oh. two days a month. He must also attend any special meetings when they occur. He is also a director of the Order 36 Advertising Council. As director in both organizations, Jim's main responsibility is to set policies for the co-op.

Other dairy organizations in which Jim is an active member include the Holstein Association, Dairy Shrine, Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. Even though much of Jim's time is consumed preparing for and attending meetings, farming is still a vital part of his life.

This father and son team are not the only Comptons active in the dairy industry. The entire family is involved with dairy cattle one way or another. Son, Barry lives nearby which is very convenient when additional help is needed on the farm.

Cheryl, the youngest child and only daughter, was a state 4-H Dairy Winner and attended the National 4-H Congress in 1982. Jim's wife, Mary Jo, is the backbone of the Compton family. Even though she does not help with the farm chores, Mary Jo makes sure meals are ready for her busy family, delivers the needed machinery parts to her husband or son, as well as making time to be a full time grandmother.

At the present time there are many farmers who deal with a variety of risks in production. Jim

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