Crawford Holstein breeders tour Northeast dairy farms

MEADVILLE - Thirty-eight dairy farmers and their families enjoyed this year's Crawford County Holstein Tour to Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Crawford dairy producers recently visited three Holstein dairy farms and Sire Power, Inc., Tunkhannock.

First stop on the tour was at Yules Pride Farm, operated by Richard and Virginia Yule,

farm. The Yules own only 10 acres of land, buy all their feed, sell the manure and concentrate all their efforts on breeding good cattle and milking.

The Yules Pride herd averages 20,400 pounds milk and 722 pounds fat and has a BAA of 106.4. They do a lot of embryo transfer work and sell registered Holstein cattle.

The Pen-Col Farm, of Dennis and Lois Wolff and Family, was

pounds of milk and 700 pounds of fat.

The Pen-Col calves are raised in a separate calf nursery. The Wolff's also are heavily involved in embryo transfer work, flushing cows on a weekly basis.

The third stop on the tour was at Mun-Cre Farm, operated by Lester Poust and family, at Muncy. Pousts farm 200 acres and milk 60 registered Holstein cows with a herd average of 17,800 pounds milk at 4.0 percent test and 730 pounds fat.

The Pousts' BAA is 108. They have 120 head of young cattle and raise a number of bulls and also do some embryo transfer work.

Finally, the Crawford County dairymen stopped at Sire Power. Inc., Tunkhannock. The group had a chance to see the 340 bulls housed at Sire Power for A.I purposes.

A Sire Power member organization founded in 1938 was the first A.I. organization in the United States. The Sire Power goal is "to breed better, more profitable cattle, by offering a wide selection of genetically superior sires at the fairest prices possible."

This year's annual Crawford County Holstein Tour was organized by J. Howard Caldwell, of Saegertown.

