


# Dairy Pipeline

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their homes and farms and for the land they till. They also observed how the life of many of our local families is deeply rooted in religious convictions.

As I look back on this experience, I become more aware of all that we have in this part of the country, much of which we often take for granted and don't fully appreciate. We are well blessed. And we have much to be thankful for! Not the least of these is the great people we have to live and work with. Without all their help and support, we would not have been able to "show off" Pennsylvania in the fashion that we did. For all of this, I thank you!

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A Registered Holstein cow owned by Joseph C Wivell R #1 Columbia completed the highest 305 day lactation Angela produced 30 172 lbs of milk 1 130 lbs of butterfat with a 3.7% test Second high lactation was completed by a Registered Holstein cow owned by Nelson W Nolt 140A Pilotown Road, Peach Bottom 44 produced 25,232 lbs of milk, 1 119 lbs of butterfat with a 4.4% test in 305 days

**First 305 Days of Lactation  
With 780 or More Lbs of Butterfat**

Owner	Brd	Age	No Cows	Days In Milk	Lbs Milk	Lbs Fat
Joseph C Wivell						
Angela	RH	5 7	305	30 172	3 7	1130
Nancy	RH	4 10	305	26,610	3 6	965
Fan	RH	5 11	305	25,925	3 6	929
Irene	RH	3 2	305	24,100	3 7	896
Delta	RH	7 7	305	19 639	4 2	831
Expo	RH	7 2	305	19 164	4 3	830
Lonna	RH	3 3	305	18,055	4 4	796
Penny	RH	6-9	305	21 921	3 6	794
Nelson W Nolt						
44	RH	8 2	305	25 232	4 4	1119

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### Pennsylvania Agriculture on Display

This month I am deviating from my usual emphasis on dairy to reflect on another topic which has taken a considerable amount of my time this past month or so. I am referring to the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

This is an event I take great pleasure in attending. It is an opportunity to talk with agents from other parts of the country, to exchange ideas about doing Extension work and to learn about agricultural issues and concerns in other parts of the nation. There are plenty of opportunities to attend professional improvement workshops and to hear inspirational talks.

One day is devoted to professional tours. This is usually one of the highlights of the week, one that affords you the opportunity to get a first-hand observation of the agriculture, the industry and the cultural background of the host state.

It's been 20 years since Pennsylvania hosted the annual meeting. Pennsylvania agents felt we had a lot to show, and four years ago we extended an invitation to host the annual meeting at Hershey, September 29 to October 3.

Most Pennsylvania agents are deeply involved, one way or another, in planning and conducting the annual meeting. I've had the pleasure--and the challenge--of chairing the tours and transportation committee. Fortunately, I've had a good committee to work with. One of our responsibilities was to organize 24 different tours for a total of 48 to 50 buses. Even with that many different tours, one of our problems was deciding what ideas had to be cut from the tour schedule. We had so much to show that we simply could not include everything.

The other challenge we wrestled with is transportation. Of the 2100 registrants, about 1100 had to stay in 5 other outlying motels - 1100 people that had to go in a dozen different directions and at varying times. And you thought moving cows was a problem! Until the week was over, I had nightmares of being tarred and feathered for

making people wait too long for a shuttle bus, making people late for scheduled events, or exceeding our budget because of having excess transportation scheduled.

As tours chairman, my one regret is that I've been unable to participate in all of the tours. And many other agents probably had that same frustration. There were probably a dozen different tours they wanted to go on.

In our tours, we attempted to expose the agents and their families to the diversity of our agriculture and industry, to our local culture and to our heritage. They got a first-hand look at the intensity of our agriculture and the competition for land. They observed many supportive industries such as feed mills, machinery assembly plants, lime production, A.I. and E.T. in addition to seeing a variety of good processing operations, they also visited several marketing establishments.

They saw small farms and large farms, young farmers and established farmers, farms with electricity and farms without. They learned about production practices as they visited livestock, poultry and dairy operations plus fruit, vegetables, mushroom and greenhouse growers. Our number one cash crop, tobacco, was new to many.

Nutrient management, sludge application, conservation and land use were discussed on several tours. They also get a look at beautiful gardens, nuclear energy production, hydroponics, methane production, coal and limestone mining, game bird and Christmas tree production, organic farming, medical research and farm tourism.

The tours also afforded the many guides an opportunity to discuss such things as: land prices, soils, growing seasons and rainfall. Some of them shared our experience with avian influenza, water quality, rabies, etc.

Hopefully, this was an experience our visiting agents will long remember. We hope they received a better understanding of Pennsylvania, and that Pennsylvania will also be remembered.


Those who were on the tours also witnessed first-hand, the pride and respect our local people have in

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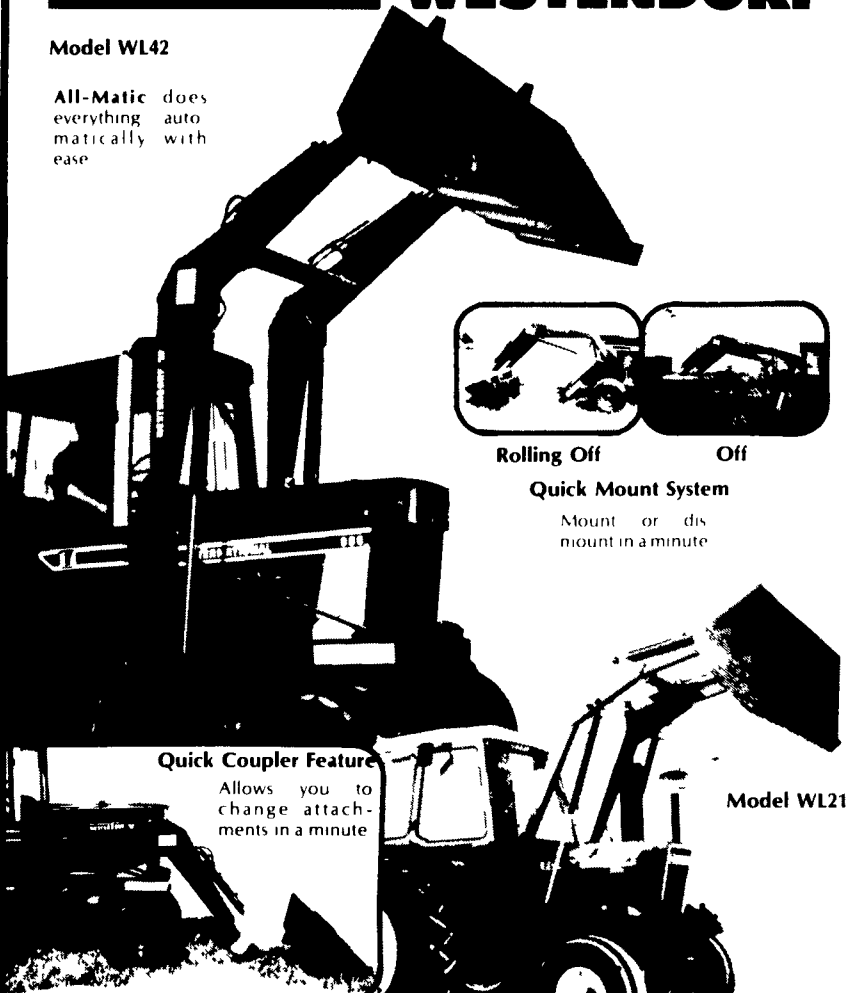
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