

Rutters Celebrate

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Business boomed, and in 1927 the brothers invited brother-in-law Lehman Crist to join the growing venture. Crist's responsibility was to handle deliveries in his 1927 two-door Chevrolet coach.

By 1940, daily volume had reached 4,000 quarts of pasteurized, homogenized milk delivered to York residents via door-to-door truck routes. With the decade of the 50's came the addition of tanker trucks to haul milk from Rutter's farm producers, the opening of the first ice-cream store, and remodeling of processing facilities.

A new era began in 1968, when the first farm store opened, responding to changing customer lifestyles. The 50 stores now serving York and surrounding

counties offer Rutter's dairy products, bakery goods from the former Barton's bakery — acquired in 1983, deli and grocery items, even gasoline.

Three restaurants, including banquet facilities, offer another outlet for Rutter's dairy products.

Today's ultra-modern processing at Rutter's includes flash pasteurization equipment, cooling of milk to 34 degrees for improved keeping quality, and complete automation for packaging of milk and ice cream products.

The maze of stainless piping and humming equipment can package 75 half-pints or quarts, 33 half gallons, and 50 gallon containers per minute. Three ice cream machines produce 750 gallons per hour in a range of flavors,

providing a steady supply on hand in the 25,000-gallon freezer unit.

A 1.5-billion byte computer keeps both consumer and producer data current, and dispatches vital information to the 77 terminals at Rutter offices, farm stores, and restaurants.

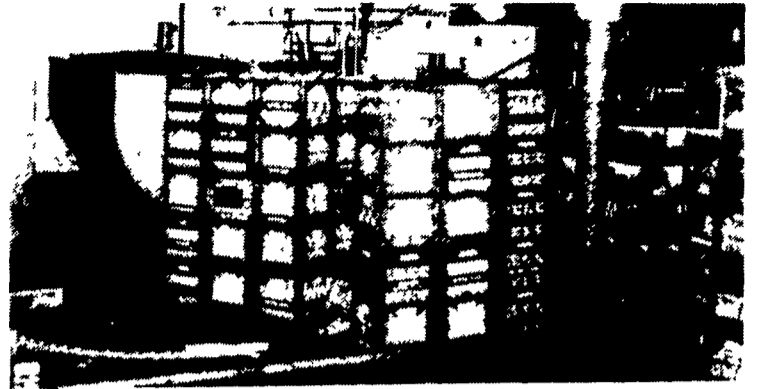
Rutter's continues to be locally unique, one of the few dairies in the state still delivering milk door-to-door and maintaining a herd of cows. Milk is also supplied to Rutter's by 35 dairy farm producers in York and Adams counties.

The farm has become known over the years for its well-bred registered Guernseys, with 170 head of milking and replacement stock. Champion honors at both the Farm Show and the York Fair frequently go to Rutter entries, and animals shown by the third generation of Rutters have received state and national

awards.

Operations of the family corporation continue under the management of Lehman Crist and several second generation members of the family. Brothers

Mike and Leo Rutter, Dale and Jay Crist, and Stuart Hartman Jr., actively supervise the diverse and growing divisions of this family business, which began with a 13-quart milk sale.



Milk cases are automatically stacked to the desired storage height, then moved by chain-track to the 300,000-gallon capacity refrigerated storage.

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