

Dairy of Distinction Supplement to Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 8, 1987

Congratulations PA Dairy of Distinction

Award-Winning Farms

*Here's
Lancaster Farming's
tribute to this grassroots milk
promotion and the
hundreds of
volunteers
who made it possible.*

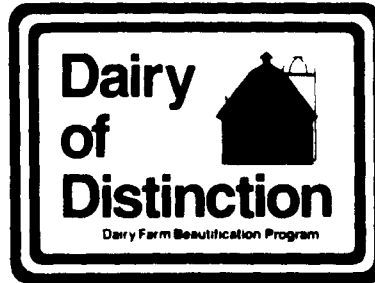


Governor Robert P. Casey signed a proclamation declaring August 16-22, 1987, as Pennsylvania Dairy of Distinction Week at ceremonies held in Harrisburg Wednesday.

The Pennsylvania dairy industry has joined with the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program to honor the most attractive dairy farms in the state. A national semi-finalist in the federal "Take Pride In America Campaign," the Dairy of Distinction program's goal is to encourage farms that add to the countryside's natural beauty.

Each year the program recognizes no more than 10 dairies from each of the ten designated districts in the state. To receive the honor a farm must apply and satisfy the scrutiny of a panel of judges making a roadside inspection. Each winner will be identified by a road sign at the entrance stating that the property is a "Pennsylvania Dairy of Distinction." In its first year in the state 339 farms have applied for the award.

In the photo (L to R seated) Naomi Spahr, state treasurer; Governor Casey and Everett Newswanger, state president. Standing: Kyle, Megan, Fred and Mrs. Epler, dairy farm family; Steve Spencer, PSU state advisor; Rep. Carmel Sirianni, Susquehanna Co., member of House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; Daniel Baker, state vice president and Steven Crawford, executive assistant to Ag Secretary.



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PROCLAMATION

PENNSYLVANIA DAIRY OF DISTINCTION WEEK
AUGUST 16 - 22, 1987

Pennsylvania's beautiful countryside is blessed with thousands of attractive dairy farms. Few sights are more picturesque than the view of a neat home, white barns and tall gleaming silos, complemented by a spacious herd grazing peacefully in an adjoining pasture. Such are the trademarks of a typical Pennsylvania dairy farm, but they are never attained without a great deal of effort.

The Commonwealth's 15,000 dairy farmers and their families share an uncommon pride in their industry. They work diligently and put in long hours. Together, they produce milk valued at \$1.3 billion annually, ranking Pennsylvania among the nation's leading dairy states.

Another measure of a Pennsylvania dairy farmer's pride is reflected in the appearance of his farm. The Pennsylvania dairy industry has joined the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program, to honor the most attractive dairy farms in the northeastern United States with the Dairy of Distinction Award. An exceptionally large group, 339 farms, have applied for recognition in this, the program's first year in Pennsylvania. No more than 10 dairies from each of the 10 designated districts in the state may be honored in a given year and all farms must satisfy the scrutiny of the judges panel making roadside inspections in each district. Each winner will be identified by a road sign at the entrance identifying the property as a "Pennsylvania Dairy of Distinction."

We all take pride in Pennsylvania's scenic countryside. Because the goal of this enterprising program is to add to that natural beauty, it is worthy of support from all Pennsylvanians. In recognition of the need for this support, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim August 16-22, 1987 as PENNSYLVANIA DAIRY OF DISTINCTION WEEK. I urge all citizens to take note of our beautiful dairy farms and to strengthen those bonds that unite all farmers and their urban neighbors as citizens of our great state.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and eleventh.

Robert P. Casey
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Governor

