

Lancaster Farming

Dairy of Distinction Supplement to Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 6, 1988



This Dairy of Distinction with attractive fields, buildings and lawn represents the 94 dairy farms across Pennsylvania that have qualified for the recognition this year. The program rewards farm families who have farmsteads that look nice and provides encouragement for others to beautify their farms. In so doing, it gives consumers a favorable impression of the source of dairy products as they drive past the farm. Here the Kopp family at Stoney Lawn Farm, Dauphin County, get together to receive their Dairy of Distinction sign from Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Boyd Wolff. (At right) Wolff presents the farm sign to Howard

and Mary Kopp. (In center) Jay and Ann Kopp with children Jayanna, age 14, and Adam, age 9, hold Jayanna's 4-H project-- two-year-old Stoney Lawn Columbia Raindrop. Raindrop represents the middle of three generations of helpers that started when Jayanna joined the 4-H dairy club five years ago. Raindrop is just finishing her first record of over 18,000 pounds of milk and is quite stylish. (At left) Ronald and Barbara Kopp and son Brandon, age 6, and Rachelle, age 2. Another son, Galen, works in the pesticide division of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Galen and his wife, Lilli Ann, have three children, Ryan, age 14, Sean, age 11, and Mitchell, age 9.

State Dairy Of Distinction Winners Named

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LITITZ — Another successful year for the Dairy of Distinction program has been completed with 311 applications across the state of Pennsylvania. Judges in all ten districts evaluated each applicant's farm from the roadside. In addition, dairy sanitarians for each farm were asked to indicate that the quality of milk from each farm was acceptable.

When the judging was completed, 94 new Dairy of Distinction awards were given. These awards were presented as an incentive to keep farms beautiful and to help consumers have a favorable impression of the source of their dairy products. In addition, the awards provide incentive for farmers to tidy up their homesteads to meet the Dairy of Distinction standards.

Each Dairy of Distinction receives a farm sign, and a certificate from the Pennsylvania

state program. Lancaster Farming provides an 11x14 color farm portrait print to each farm or district that provides a suitable negative.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

Robert P. Casey, Pennsylvania's Governor, proclaimed August 14-20 as Dairy of Distinction Week. And in his proclamation he said the hard work of dairy farmers "placed our Commonwealth in the top five dairy states in the nation."

In 1987 Pennsylvania's commercial dairy farms produced a record 10.18 billion pounds of milk, and contributed 1.3 billion dollars to our state's economy. Dairy farming has been one of the key factors in agriculture's emergence as Pennsylvania's number one industry.

"In addition to their efficiency and productivity, however, Pennsylvania's dairy farmers also take great pride in the appearance of their farms," Casey said. "I urge all citizens to join in

saluting our dairymen, who richly deserve the recognition and encouragement afforded by the Dairy of Distinction program."

AG PROGRESS EVENT

A special place for all state Dairy of Distinction farm families to meet has been planned during Ag Progress Days at Rock Springs. The time for this event is August 17 at 2 p.m. in the Special Events Building.

As in the past, ten district committees comprised of volunteer members ran the program in the local areas. This year the district chairmen are as follows: District 11, George Wilcox; District 12, Wally Jackson; District 13, Jack Erway; District 14, David Myers; District 15, Sam McClay-Charles Rohrbaugh; District 16, Bernice Gable; District 17, Kevin Barrett; District 18, Alan Roszel; District 19, Naomi Spahr; District 20, Russ Rooks.

Here's *Lancaster Farming's* tribute
to this year's Dairy of Distinction winners in Pennsylvania