

Schraders Named Maryland's Outstanding Junior Breeders

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TIMONIUM, MD — The Outstanding Junior Breeders for 1988 were Bruce and Ann Schrader of Chestertown. Bruce and Ann are partners on the Schrader family farm just south of Chestertown, Md., where they have operated since 1971. As a youth in 4-H and FFA, Bruce was outstanding in dairy judging and highlighted his judging experience as a member of Maryland's State 4-H dairy judging team. This group narrowly missed being national champions by a few points at the Columbus contest.

The Schraders have three boys, Brian, Brad and Brett. Brian is active in 4-H and participates in judging and showing. The Schraders have been very active supporters of the 4-H program and the Holstein Club in Queen Anne's County, hosting barn meetings, picnics, judging practices and filling several offices in the local Holstein Club. In 1972, Bruce served as President of the Maryland and State FFA Chapter and is currently

serving as President of the Queen Anne's County Holstein Club.

Ann plays a very vital role in this organization by keeping all of the financial records. She also gives the vital back up support to Bruce in areas that need a woman's touch such as assembling information for meetings and activities that they become involved in. Their approach to their business is very much a team effort.

They milk 170 Registered Holsteins and last year's herd average, DHI, was 19,094 milk, 4.2%, 804 Fat. In 1983, their herd was first in the state for large herds with an average of 20,741 milk, 4.0%, 830 fat. This herd has been known for its high butterfat production and has consistently produced at a high level with 4.0% or higher fat.

Bruce credits this achievement to a strong background of Pawnee Farm Arlinda Chief blood and close attention to quality forage production. Their farm is cropped intensively with rye for silage followed by double crop corn and alfalfa for a hay crop.

The close management on their farm has earned the Schraders the Queen Anne's County Outstanding Herdsmen Award for four of the last five years. This award is based on several criteria including number of cows milked, herd average for production, cull rate, days open to first breeding, calving interval, age at first calving and services per conception.

Use of outstanding A.I. sires has been a part of the program for quite a while. Currently daughters of Cal

Clark Board Chairman, Harmony Corner Simon, and Glenafton Enhancer are the young stars of the herd; particularly an Enhancer two-year-old with a cow index of \$181. Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation is the sire of two of their six Excellents, one at 91 points, 2E and three 30,000 lbs. records, and the other at 92 points and 3E. They have completed records to 34,000 lbs. milk and a four-year-old has just completed a 1300 lb. fat record. A total of 36 cows currently

in the herd have produced records over 1000 lb. butterfat.

Bruce's approach to breeding cows is to mate the strengths of a sire to the needs of the cow. Animal Analysis is a breeding tool used successfully on this herd. Current sires in use are Coldsprings Levi, Dixiecrat, Count, Mandingo, and Gambler. Like many herds in Maryland, this herd switched from grades to registered Holsteins through the introduction of 4-H calves to the herd.



Anne and Bruce Schrader received the 1988 Outstanding Junior Breeder Award from Buddy and Charlotte Hill, Jr. With them are their children Brian, Bradley and Brett.

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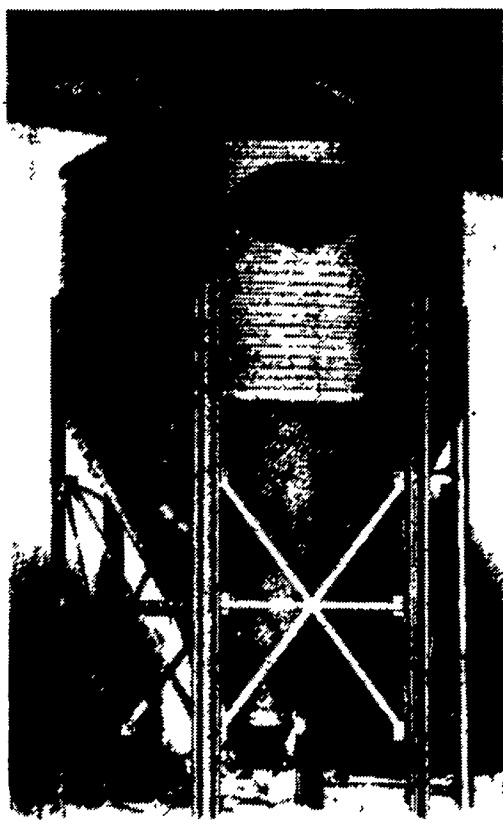


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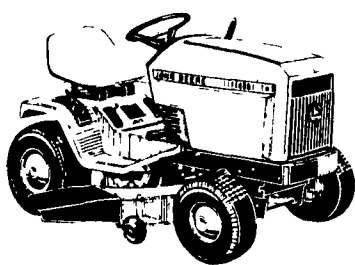


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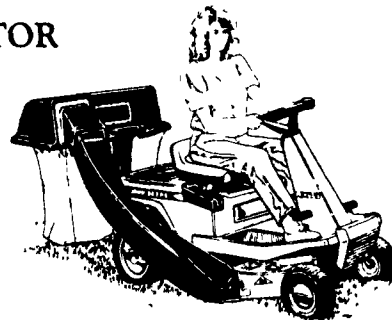


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