

Master Farmers

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Farmer John J. Park. He has a herd of 80 registered milk cows and an equal number of replacements. Park is known for his breeding program, which has given him a number of show and production winners. The most notable winner is Parkacres Sun Ivy EX95 with nearly 40,000 pounds of milk. She was the Pennsylvania grand champion in 1981 and 1982 at the Pennsylvania State Championship shows. His breeding program also has allowed him to sell replacement animals world-wide.

Park has continued to make progressive changes to keep the farm profitable. No-till and minimum tillage have reduced energy and labor costs and soybeans have reduced costs of protein purchases, he says. He also maintains corn test plots to find the best varieties for local conditions. His cattle have received awards at county, district and state Holstein sows, and he is a county 5-Acre Corn Club Champion. Park is president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association in Jefferson

County. He is a member of the Masons, served on the Eldred Township Board of Supervisors, and was a Brookville Area School Board Director for two years.

"John Park is a former Extension Association Board member and has continued to support extension and other agricultural programs in the county. I've enjoyed working with him on the Master Farmer program," says Susan DuFour, agricultural extension agent in Jefferson County.

Fred and Dale Rice

Master Farmer partners Fred and Dale Rice are owners of Ricecrest Farms near Chambersburg in Franklin County. Their model dairy farm has been a feature for farm tours, builders groups, field days and even the Franklin County Extension Dairyman's Open House. Fred began farming with his father in the 1970s after having worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the Beltsville Research Center in Maryland. He takes care of the management and Dale, a Penn State graduate in animal science, is the herdsman.

Since going into partnership in 1980, the brothers have been working toward "cost-efficiency, time-efficiency and labor efficiency" through a number of production, conservation and management innovations. The farm has received several individual cow production awards. Fred has served as grade-school basketball coach and is a member of the New Guilford Church Board. Dale is also active in the New Guilford Brethren Church.

"They are top folks and have been tremendous cooperators. We have worked closely with them in developing their operations and they have been generous with their time supporting extension program and the community. Fred has been president of our extension Association Board," says extension dairy agent in Franklin County.

Larry Weaver

New Holland Master Farmer, Larry R. Weaver, is a fourth-generation farmer who concentrates on diversification. In 20 years he has transformed 45 acres and rented equipment into a 200-acre farm with an additional 150 acres of rented land. Having bought his uncle's neighboring farm and then the family farm from his father, Weaver has a 150 sow, farrow-to-finish operation and feeds 160 head of cattle. He began with 40 steers, 2500 laying hens and eight acres of tobacco. Hailstorms wiped out the tobacco early on.

Several years later he switched from poultry to swine in order to keep his independence and in increase his profitability. In the late 1970s, he increased his feeder cattle operation. Farming at the urban fringe, flexibility has worked for him. His goals for the next

few years are to have a century farm and to maintain his diversification. Weaver received a 20-year service award as a 4-H leader in Lancaster County, an Outstanding Farmer award from the U.S. and New Holland Jaycees and was named honorary chapter farmer by the Grassland chapter of FFA. He

also serves on the Agricultural Committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

"Larry got his start in 4-H and has maintained his interest and support ever since. He's very deserving of this award," says Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension director.



After nearly 40 years as a farmer, George E. Moyer of Berks County has built up a 128-acre farm into 450 acres with a remodeled house and bank barn, three new silos, a new milk house, and a new milking system. Next to come will be a helper barn and a partnership with his sons.



Brothers Fred and Dale Rice of Chambersburg have dairy farm that has been featured on farm tours, in field days and the Franklin County Extension Dairyman's Open House.

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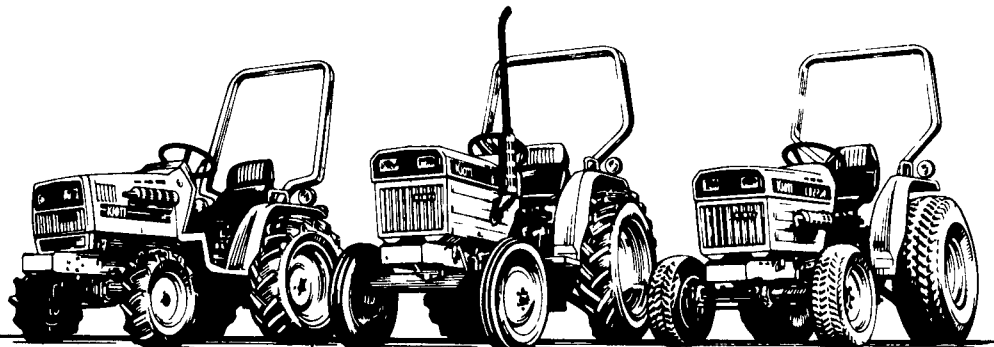
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