

Lancaster Farming

Dairy of Distinction Supplement to Lancaster Farming, Saturday, August 5, 1989

1989 Pennsylvania Dairy Of Distinction Winners



This farm family is typical of the many outstanding Dairy of Distinction winners across the state of Pennsylvania. Attractive homesteads, personable people and fine dairy cattle seem to go together. And they are an encouragement to everyone to do everything possible to make milk and milk products appealing to the consumers who come from urban or city locations and know very little about farming.

In the photo at left is Paul and Pat Miller. Paul is a classifier for the National Holstein Association and was on assignment when the family got together for the photo above. (left to right): Sam Maclay, District 15 chairman; Pat Miller; the cow, Great-View Bell Maria VG88, 23,000m 4.3% 950f; Jeff Miller; Christine Locke; Linda and Mike Miller with children: Harrison, 4, Heidi, 7 (Dauphin Co. Little Miss Dairy Princess) and Holly 5; and Boyd Wolff, state ag secretary.

You'll find farm photos and some information about each winning farm throughout this section. Photo by Everett Newswanger.

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Each year, the Pennsylvania Dairy of Distinction Program undertakes the ambitious task of selecting the most attractive of the state's 13,700 dairy farms. Teams of judges working in 10 districts across the state survey several hundred farms entered in the competition. These judges rate each farm for neatness, maintenance and roadside appearance. In the Pennsylvania program, the sanitarian for the farm's milk handler or cooperative is included on the team of judges.

Eighty new farms were added to the winner's list this year, bringing the total to 267 farms selected since the

program was introduced three years ago. The program is run on a very low budget and involves persons who act as volunteers.

Funding for the program has come from both The American Dairy Association/Dairy Council and the Pennsylvania Milk Promotion Program at the state level and numerous business organizations at the district level. In addition, *Lancaster Farming* provides a color portrait enlargement of each farm from negatives supplied by each district.

As in previous years, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has obtained a proclamation from the governor that designates the week of Ag Progress Days as Dairy of Distinction Week. In his proclamation this year,

Gov. Robert P. Casey said that historically dairy farmers have taken pride in the operation and appearance of their dairy farms. And Casey credited farmer's long hours and hard work had contributed to the Commonwealth's continued ranking among the nation's five leading dairy states.

"The evidence is shown by the many beautiful dairy farms that grace our scenic, rural landscape," Casey said. "In recognition of the dedication that inspires our dairy farmers to support our economy and maintain these attractive farms, I, Robert P. Casey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the week of August 13-19 as Dairy of Distinction Week in Pennsylvania.

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