Northhampton County

Klein Farms, Easton



Red buildings, trimmed in white, against the backdrop of three silos, blue, blue-gray and white, with lots of trees and lots and lots of flowers earned the Klein Farms of Easton this distinction. Roy and Ruth Klein have been turning the soil here since 1935. Their son Layne and his wife Beth have joined the partnership. The 53-head herd of mostly registered Holsteins boasts a 21,400-pound average with 700 pounds of butterfat.

Schuylkill County Dennis Rex, Adreas

Albert Miller and Dennis Rex farm 300 acres at Andreas in Schuylkill County and milk 35 registered Holsteins. They also have 35 head of young stock. The herd average is 22,500 pounds of milk and 815 pounds of butterfat. The prefix is Den-Al and they represent the fifth generation on the farm. The Millers have two children, Allen, 18 and Jennifer, 16. The Rexes have two children, Neil, 14 and Amy, 10.

Perry County

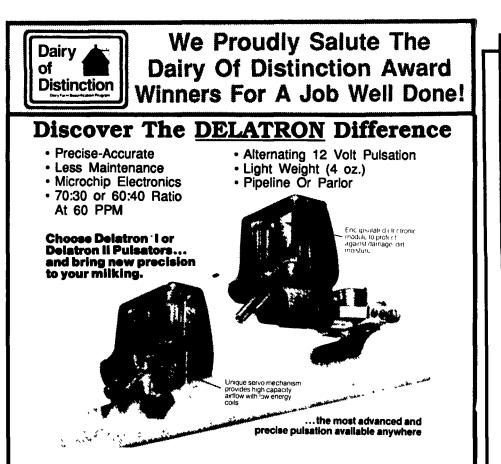
Keith & Edward Martin, Loysville

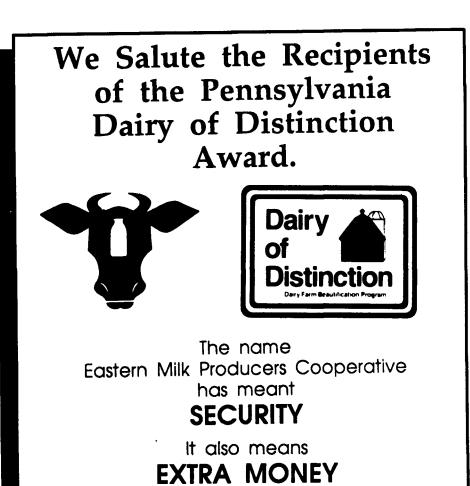


Keith and Edward Martin are a brother team who work in partnership on Merrimart Farms. The partnership began in 1973 with their father, William, and just last year the brothers began buying him out. Ed takes care of crop management, machinery maintenance and feeding, while Keith is the herdsman and finance man.

The operation consists of three farms, one of which is owned by William and houses the calves. The 170-head registered Holstein milking herd is on the main farm; older helfers and about 50 to 60 head of market steers are on the other.

The Martins farm 390 acres, rent another 200 acres, and have 110 acres in pasture and mostly woodland. Last summer, when they built onto a barn so they could expand the herd, they opened it for more ventilation. Curtains that unhook at the top and roll down were installed above hinged doors that open out for additional air flow.





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