

# Judging Soon For Northeast Dairy Of Distinction Program

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Recognition, encouragement, pride, gratitude — ask any of the Northeast's 778 Dairy of Distinction Winners what the farm beautification program means to them and these are the words you will hear.

Officials with the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program want to remind all dairy farmers in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey that it is time to be thinking about sprucing up those barns and fences and applying for the Dairy of Distinction Award.

The Dairy of Distinction Program is based on the concept that attractive farmsteads enhance

consumer confidence in the dairy industry. The award also recognizes hard work and efforts of Northeast dairy farmers.

"This grassroots recognition has been the key to the program," said Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program President William Underwood, a dairy farmer from Tully, NY. "This is one way dairy farmers can directly promote their industry. Honoring these farmers says 'thank you,' and by promoting this program we can encourage other farmers to do the same," he said.

Dairy farmers interested in winning the attractive, multi-colored 18-inch by 24-inch Dairy of Dis-

tinction sign will be judged on roadside appearance of buildings, grounds and surroundings in May.

Winning farms also are re-judged every year to ensure they maintain

the excellent standards required for the award.

Applications must be submitted by April 15. In New York, apply to Evelyn Lightfoote, 3053 Depew Road, Stanley, NY 14561;

in Pennsylvania, Paul Nichols, ADADC, 1853 E. Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701; in New Jersey, August Knispel, RD 1, Box 325, Pittstown, NJ 08867.

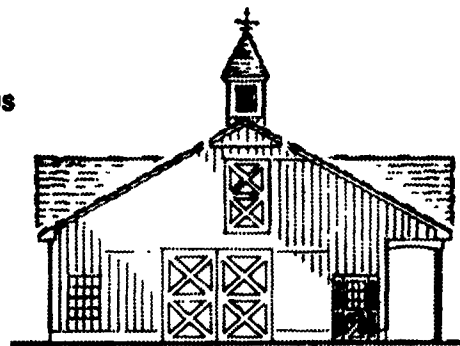
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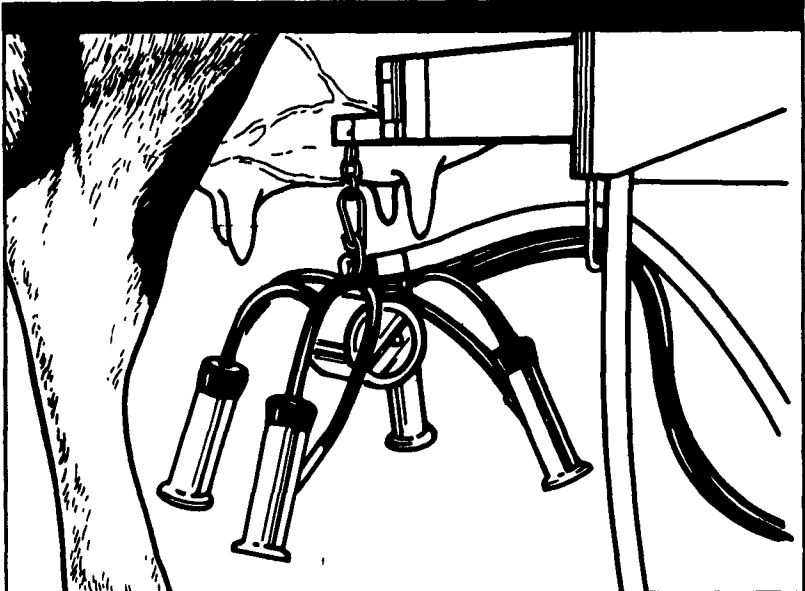
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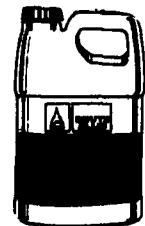
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