

Lancaster Dairymen Tour Franklin County Farms

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pump their manure uphill to a storage pit big enough to hold about seven to eight months' worth of waste.

He said the no-till planting has cost just as much as regular tilling, but with the decreased soil erosion, there has been considerable benefits. He said they rotate their corn about every three years and add no additional nitrogen, other than manure, which gets a spring application.

The Gaymans also said they are "max-ed out" with cows.

It takes them four hours to milk, and they milk twice a day.

The Gaymans do their breeding through the ABS GMC program and Youg Sire and have about 20 Very Goods and one Excellent cow and about 70 Good plus.

Their one fulltime, and one part time hired help work regularly, but do the milking every other week. According to Grant, it seems to work out better, switching weeks that way, instead of splitting morning and evening shifts.

The last farm on the tour belonged to Harold Crider, who also is in partnership with two sons, Roger and Rodney, to run Antrim Spring Farm.

A smaller, older-looking opera-

tion, quite different from the open gable, well ventilated buildings at the other dairy farms, the Criders have apparently hung onto older ways for most of the more than 30 years of business.

It wasn't until about 1981 that Harold switched from bucket-hauling to the milk cooling tank to having a portable system. And then, nine days before the tour, he made the big switch to a pipeline system that he said is "just great."

According to Rodney, it cuts about an hour of milking time.

But much of the Crider's dairy business is tied up in breeding. He got into breeding Holsteins in 1946, while still in high school and still has animals that are 11th generation, and Excellents, from that first animal that was a school project.

He has had 25 Excellents and currently has 14 in the herd with production in the low to mid-20,000 pound range.

The farm contains 161 acres and the Criders rent another 75, with which they grow hay and silage corn. Harold said he buys all the grain for their 68 milking cows.

Harold said he's had his herd on testing since 1957 and classified since 1963. He said he had been

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These men are slipping on disposable plastic booties to prevent possibly spreading disease or parasites from one farm to another. Biosecurity was observed at all farms during a recent tour by Lancaster dairymen to Franklin County Farms.



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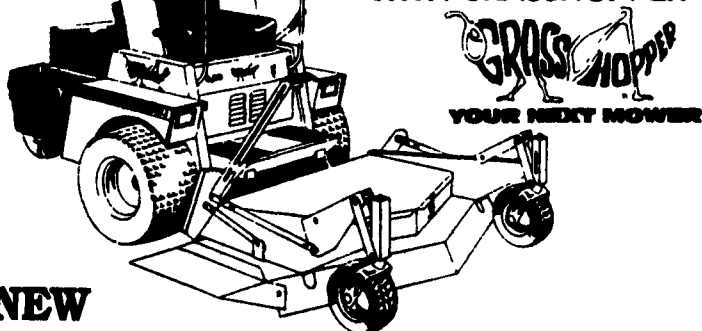
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