

Pastures Mean Profits

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mance in such a system can equal or better what you are doing now and feed cost savings average \$100.00/cow. For a 50-cow herd, that translates to \$5,000 per year!

The basics of laying out and using a system for Holstein cows are as follows:

- Initially size paddocks with 25-30 cows/acre.

- During the spring, plants grow fast so you will need 12-15 paddocks for proper rest periods.

- Summertime requires longer rest periods, thus plan on 30-45 paddocks here.

- Make a first cutting of hay on all paddocks not grazed in the spring.

- Keep water as close to the cows as possible. (In each paddock is best but as close to this as possible will work)

- A central lane should be used to allow cows access to the various paddocks and water sources. (See Fig. 1.)

- Paddock gates should be placed on the corner closest to the barn.

- A single wire of electric fence on temporary posts is the least expensive for pasture divisions. (Make sure there is a secure perimeter fence.)

- Properly balance the ration and don't be afraid to cut back on the grain.

- Talk to others currently using such a system. Additional help is available from your County Extension Office or Soil Conservation Office.

- Partial systems are better than no systems.

Certainly, not all farms in Pennsylvania may be able to take advantage of such a system. Other farms have already gone as far as converting existing crop ground into grazing ground. Don't be afraid to look at fresh green grass to cure those profit problems!

SHOEMAKERSVILLE (Berks Co.) — Keystone Farm Credit, ACA held its 1990 stockholders meeting in three localized, sectional meetings on April 3 in Reading, April 4 in Strasburg, and April 5 in Allentown.

Twenty four people were elected to serve on the Keystone board of directors. From Region 1 (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties), elected were Wallace G. Derstein, Charles E. Frederick, Isaac C. Geissinger, Wilmer L. Hostetter, Harold A. Knechel, William P. Moore, Thomas S. Pannell, and John M. Primus. Elected from Region 2 (Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon counties) were Melvin Beiler, Ezra H. Good, Marlin H. Hitz, Earl E. Keefer, Paul L. Kreider, Clarence G. Mase, Kenneth S. Meck and Mervin S. Sauder.

David C. Beck, William G. Howerter, Ellis R. Kunkel, Bertram D. Leiby, Ernest O. Miller, Hubert P. Sell, Kenneth L. Schlegel, and Rodger L. Wagner were elected to serve from Region 3 (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike, and Schuylkill counties). The twenty-fifth board member will continue to be Michael W. Brubaker of Lititz who serves in the capacity of an "outside" (non-borrower) director.

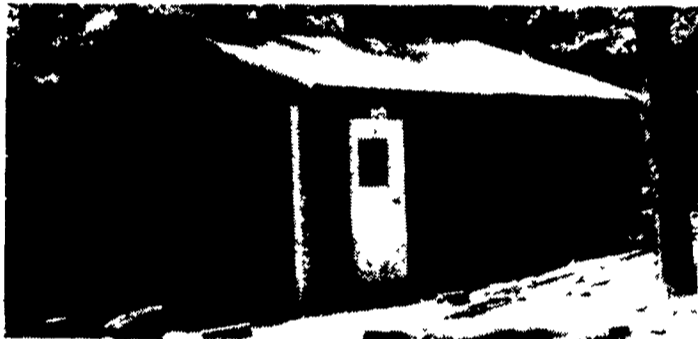
Elected from the same regions to serve on the 1991 nominating committee were Region 1: William L. Beam, Louis J. Caputo, Merrill G. Ruth, Lewis H. Wilkinson, and C. James Yeatman. From Region 2 will be David E. Bomberger, Dale E. Heistand, Alvin E. Kocher, Dudley G. Rohrer, and

Loren L. Zimmerman. David W. Lovett, Brian D. Ruch, Daniel J. Seiple, J. Merle Stutzman, and Paul L. Wisser will serve on the 1991 nominating committee from Region 3.

In addition to the elections, during the business portion of the meeting, Bernard C. Flory, CEO of Keystone, presented the president's report, a look at the first year of Keystone Farm Credit, ACA's operations since being formed through the merger of three Farm Credit associations. Featured speakers/entertainment were Scott McKain, a motivational humorist; "Farm Journal" editor and agricultural economist Dr. John Marten; and Re-Creation, a nationally renowned, Pennsylvania-based entertainment group.

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