

Family Is Paramount At Tri-Day Farm

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children.

Last summer, Ann used an old bridesmaid's dress to make a Cinderella costume for Matthew's cow, Luscious. Matthew dressed as Prince Charming, and the pair was named overall champions at the Maryland State Fair. Their photo appeared in the July 1989 issue of "National Geographic World," with the slogan, "Milk's the One" prominently displayed on the cow's side.

The family recently hosted the fourth grade class from Corpus Christi, a Catholic school in Chambersburg. All three Day children attend the school, and are the only students who live on a working farm. David showed his

classmates the chickens he raises, and Curtis explained the various stages of a cow's life, showing them the calves, heifers, dry cows and milk cows. He milked a cow for the children and showed them the feeders and other aspects of the operation. "We put in a plug for dairy products, too," Curtis said. "We fed them ice cream!"

The family was surprised to discover, upon reading thank-you notes from the children, that the item that most fascinated the students was the magnet given to cows for hardware.

Curtis serves as advisor to the Cumberland County Junior Dairy Bowl Team, of which David and Matthew are members. The team won a recent contest at Pennsylva-

nia State University, with Matthew, a sixth grader, placing first in reasons and David ninth. The team also took third place at the Pennsylvania State Junior Holstein Convention in February.

Curtis brought excellent credentials to his position as advisor. In 1960 he won the national 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Waterloo, Iowa. The next year, he earned the Highest Individual Scorer designation in the International Competition in Cambridge, England. The engraved, silver milk can trophy he won was presented to him by the Queen Mother of England.

He is no stranger to the show ring, either. "I'll judge any chance I get," he said. In April, he judged

the 234 head of cattle entered in the Maryland Spring Show, and has been invited to judge the Franklin County 4-H Round-Up in August. His early mentors were John Morris and the late Dorothy Emerson.

The boys have inherited their father's love of show cattle. Both have show animals which they ready for the ring themselves. They also help select the sires for their show calves. "They are very involved and interested," Ann said. Curtis added, "If they're going to work, they will have a say, too."

The family showed at the Eastern Show in Harrisburg in September. Their three-year-old, Lynchholm Valor Pixie, took third place in her class and was named Total Performance Winner of the show. Pixie, an All-Pennsylvania three-year-old, also won the three-year-old class at the Southcentral Championship Show in August. The Days own this Sir C Valor daughter, who is classified 90 points, in partnership with Kingstead Farms. She is pictured on the cover the the Spring 1990 Holstein Directory of 21st Century Genetics.

At the Shippensburg Fair last July, the Days showed six heifers, and brought home top honors in the Junior Yearling, Senior Yearling and Junior Best Three Female classes.

At the Day's February 1990 classification their BAA was 105.6. They had three Excellent cows, one of which is a homebred animal, and 14 Very Goods.

In 1988 Tri-Day Farm received the Progressive Breeder Award



Ann does all the record keeping for the farm.



David takes full care of his poultry flock, collecting the eggs every day after school. He reports that he gets 9-11 eggs a day from his 13 hens.

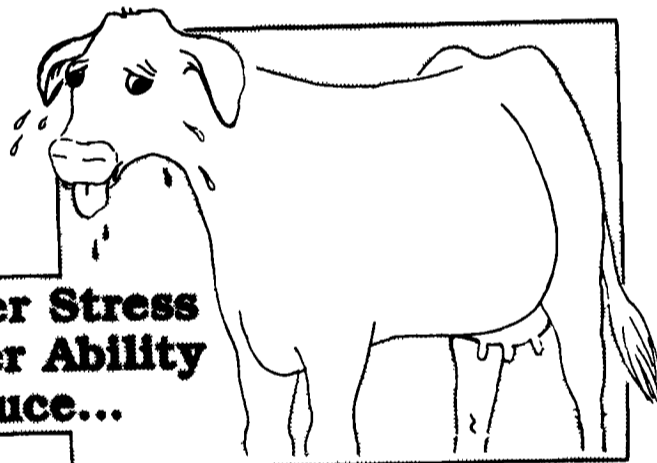
from the Holstein Association.

The Days have not been given an RHA yet because DHIA requirements stipulate that they must be on test in Pennsylvania for one year before the RHA can be calculated.

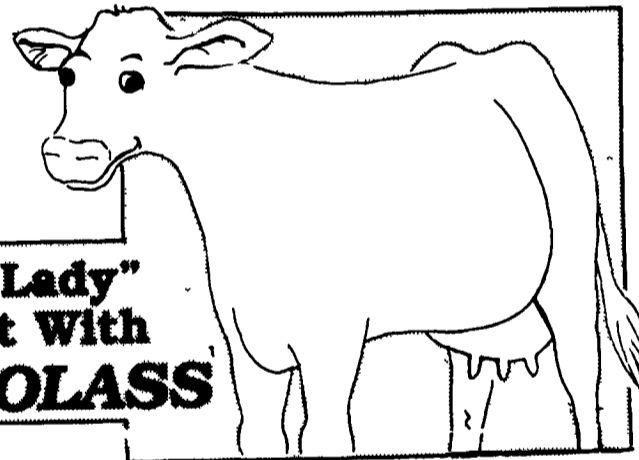
Tri-Day farm bred the popular sire, Tri-Day Valiant Gold. They have two full sisters to Gold in their herd, one of which made over 1,000 pounds of fat as a two-year-old.

Their breeding plan for the herd is to concentrate on mating for show cows. "We have three kids who like to show cows," Curtis said. "We'll use bulls that sire show calves, and use milk bulls other times. You can't have the best of both worlds."

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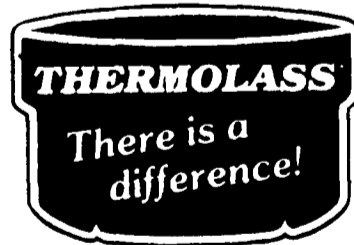
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