

Dairy Of Distinction Farm: A Nice Place To Raise A Family

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ELVERSON (Berks
Co.) — Please Use Caution. Our
Kids & Kats at PLAY.

You can't help but notice this sign, at the edge of the driveway, as you enter the beautifully maintained farm of Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus, just off Route 23 near Elverson. The farm was recently awarded the Dairy of Distinction honor, which means a great deal to a lot of people. And to a farm rec-

ognized here for its beautification efforts, it means a great place to raise a family.

Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus raise three daughters, Carrie, 4; Laura, 8; and Shell, 6, on their 165-acre dairy farm. The family rents another 400 acres to grow corn and alfalfa feed crops, in addition to cash crops, including soybeans, other small grain, and this year, peas (which need a good watering, mother nature permitting).

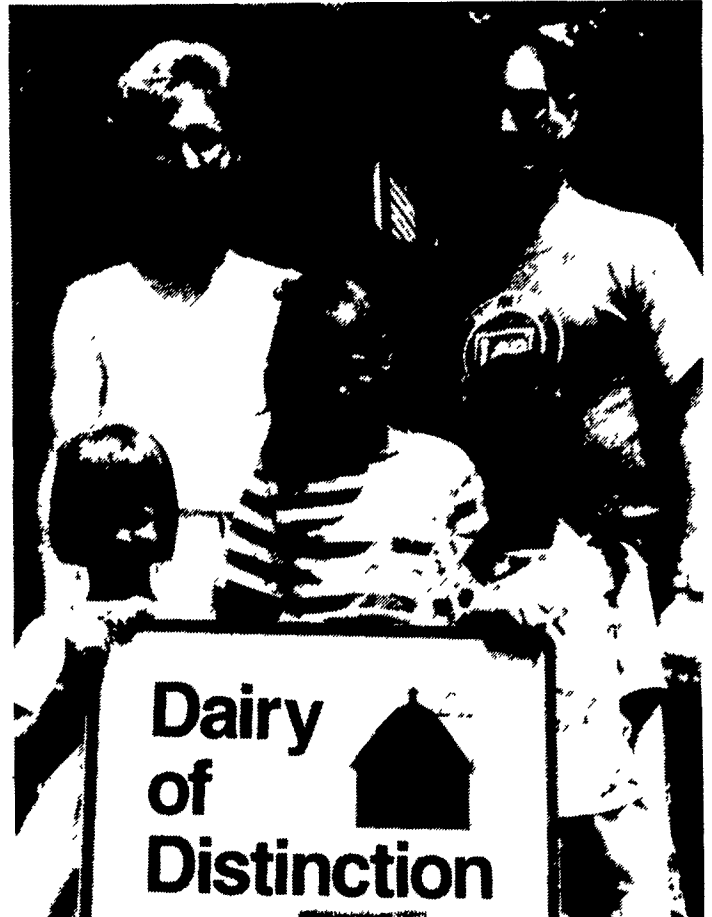
The dairy is 120-head of Hols-

teins strong, with an additional 100 head of young stock.

Beautification program

The Stoltzfus farm was chosen together with 82 other farms in the Pennsylvania's Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program. The program is designed to encourage dairy farm families to keep their farms looking good, so consumers of dairy products who pass by the

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The Stoltzfus family was recently honored with a Dairy of Distinction Award for their farm beautification efforts. Sharon and Gary Stoltzfus live with their children, from left, Carrie, 4; Laura, 8; and Shell, 6, near Elverson.

Cattle And Kids Hit The Jackpot

GAY N. BROWNLEE
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MEYERSDALE (Somerset
Co.) — Representing five states,
92 steers were brought to the

Somerset County fairgrounds in Meyersdale to be shown and judged by Lynn Holley, Bowling Green, OH.

"The two greatest things going

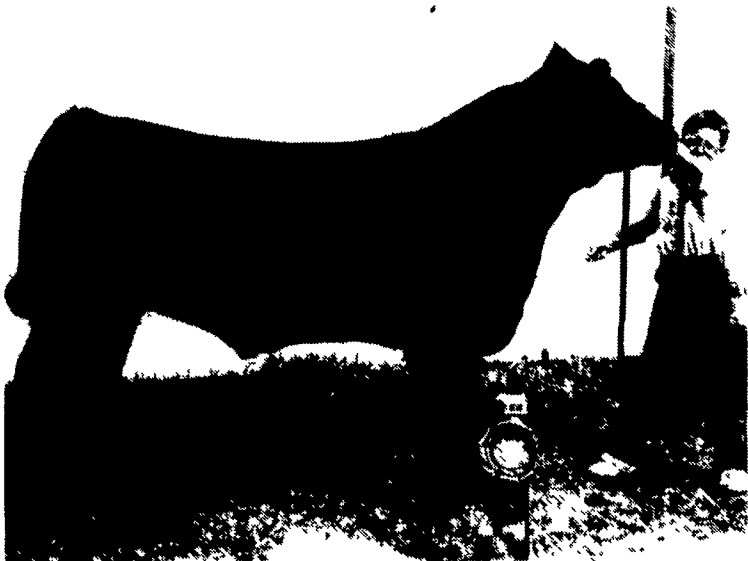
on in the country are cattle and kids," said Holley at the conclusion of the Jackpot Show where the youths from 4-H and the FFA got some good experience prior to showing at their county fair.

Nathan Claycomb, 12, of Alum Bank, Bedford Co., showed the grand champion steer. Reserve champion honors were taken by Brad Lutz of Mount Jackson, VA.

A Chestnut Ridge Middle School student, Nathan has been showing animals for three years. He says he is anticipating the Bedford Co. Fair coming up in early August. His experience includes showing in the Keystone National Show and the Farm Show.

Asked how he felt about his future chances of winning, Nathan replied, "It depends on the judge and it depends how you show." His steer, named "Boss," was purchased last November from Kerry Lawrence, Newark, OH. Nathan's parents are Jeff and Cindy Clay-

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Young Nathan Claycomb, Alum Bank, showed the grand champion steer at the Somerset Co. Jackpot Show last Sunday at the county fairgrounds in Meyersdale.

Young Leaders Attend Cooperative Program

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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STATE COLLEGE (Centre
Co.) — Each year, outstanding
young cooperative leaders come
together at The Pennsylvania
Association of Farmer Cooperatives'
program of education.

PAFC cooperative members and co-op councils sponsor participants to the three day conference. President Jay Rush told the 60 young people at the Toftrees Resort Wednesday that the real message of the conference is to get

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Meet The New FFA Officers From Pennsylvania

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre
Co.) — Eleven new state officers
were elected at the annual FFA
Activities Week last month. The
announcement was made at the
last general session to more than
1,100 Pennsylvania FFA

PSU Names New Dairy, Animal Science Head

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre
Co.) — Dr. Stanley Evan Curtis
has been named head of the
department of dairy and animal
science in Penn State's College of
Agriculture, effective September
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Curtis, currently a professor of animal sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was chosen after a year-long search process.

"Dr. Curtis is a devoted animal scientist who will bring a lot of talent and focus to this department," said interim department head Dr. William Heald, who will

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members.

The new members were presented with two gifts from the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation — a state officer's jacket, sponsored by Richard Waybright of Mason Dixon Farms, Gettysburg, and a briefcase, sponsored by Dennis Grumbine of Evergreen Tractors, Lebanon County.

The new president is Keith E. Hay from Berlin-Brothersvalley High School, Somerset County. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hay and his chapter advisor is Doyle Paul. Keith will major in agriculture mechanization at Penn State.

The new vice president is Gregory L. Harnish from Manheim Central High School, Lancaster County. Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harnish and his chapter advisors are Deb Seibert and Dominic Centonze. Greg will major in agriculture economics at Penn State.

The new eastern vice president is Jason Franke from Tri-Valley

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New Pennsylvania FFA officers elected at the FFA Activities Week in University Park last month are, front, left to right, Larry Smeltz, southern vice president; Nevin Hersch, western vice president; Larry Feeser, Jr., chaplain; and John Rishel, sentinel. Back row, left to right, Jason Franke, eastern vice president; Greg Harnish, vice president; Jenny Brown, north central vice president; Antoinette Gomez, secretary; Matthew Zerby, reporter; Eric Marshall, treasurer; and Keith Hay, president. For the story on FFA Activities Week and a list of winners, turn to pages A-27-29.