

Somerset County



Hillcroft Farms is located about four miles south of Somerset, off Rt. 281. Brothers Roger and Jeff Ling run the farm through a partnership they formed to purchase the operation from their father, Hayes, making them the third generation on the farm. Roger said Hayes still helps out. The two currently milk about 60 grade Holsteins, that average about 19,000 pounds of milk, and the brothers keep about 30 replacement stock on hand. They also raise all their own feed on about 200 acres, 190 tillable acres of the 283-acres farm, and 11 rented. The barn is a 60-stall stanchion. Roger and his wife Ginger and Jeff and his wife Mary live on the farm.



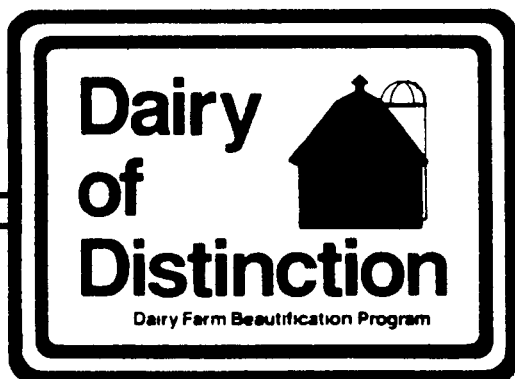
The farm of Harold and Loretta Saylor, Meyersdale RD1, is located 1 1/2 miles north of Meyersdale. The 150-acre farm has been in the Saylor family for more than 100 years and the husband and wife team milk 50 to 55 registered Holsteins. The couple strictly sell milk and currently keep 42 replacement stock.

Not too long ago, this farm was host to 1,000 people as part of the county June Day On The Farm program to promote farm education in the area. With 200 acres and another 50 rented guests got to see fields in barley, corn and alfalfa, a combination tie-stall and free-stall facility, a couple acres of apple orchard and small plot of potatoes for home sales and about 50 registered and grade Hoslteins that have been producing about 17,500 pounds of milk on average. There are also about 45 replacement animals. The farm has been in the family since 1923 and, though not an official partnership, now is run by the father-son team of Michael and Dennis Zimmerman. Son Dennis is married to Jane, a registered nurse and the two have a son, Scott, and Brenda, 9 who help out with chores. The farm is located 9 miles north of Somerset, just off Rt. 985 near the village of Sipesville and has a Boswell RD2 address.



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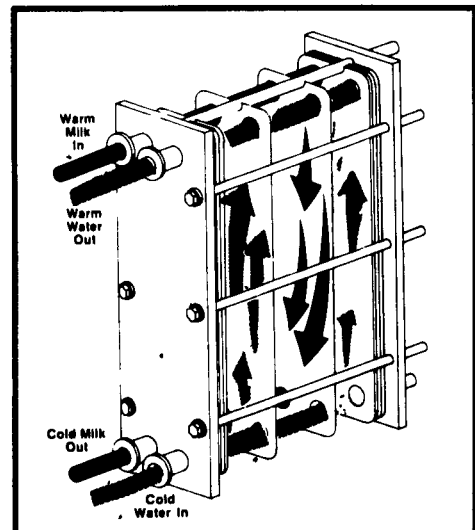
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