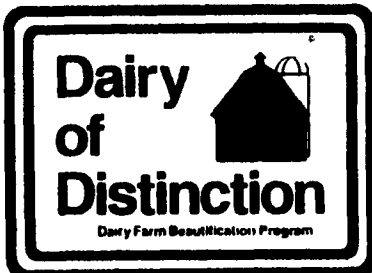


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Although you can never know what it will bring, said Kevin Plummer, you must build gradually for the future. Plummer, together with wife, Holly and sons Kevin, Jr., 9 and Bryan, 6, as well as daughter Sherry, 8, rent this dairy of distinction farm. The 350 tillable acres is home to 53 milking registered and grade Holsteins and 35 replacement stock. Milking is twice a day from trestall to pipeline. DHIA averages for the farm, according to Kevin, are about 18,470 lbs., 3.9%*f* (720*f*) and 3.3%*p* (603*p*). The farm, leased by Jean Hetrick, Summerville, maintains about 105 acres of corn, 30 acres of oats (for hay-making), 80 acres of alfalfa, and 125 acres of mixed hay (all baled).



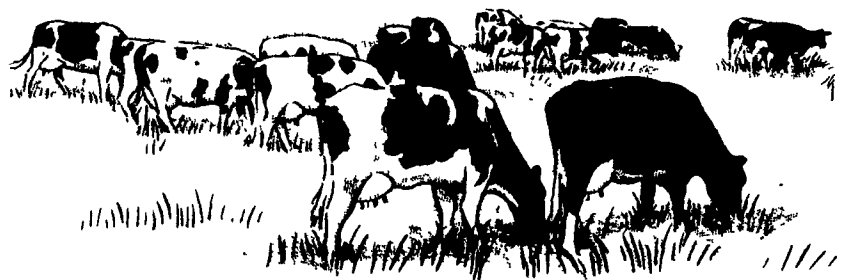
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Betsy Long believes that Stephen, her son, is a lucky man, ever since his complete recovery from a 4-wheeler accident that gave him a broken neck. "The doctor said his life was spared," she said. The accident, though traumatic, has not impaired the operation of Marion Farm. In 1989, Stephen's father, Darwin, died, and his mother said she is proud of her son for taking over the farm operation. "Stephen's an exceptional boy," she said. "His ambition and his go-for-it attitude keep us going." Stephen, 23, together with fiancée Cindy Gray, farm 92 out of 208 acres in Mifflin and rent an additional 50 acres. Milking for the 55 registered and grade Holstein is twice a day from trestall to pipeline, and the herd includes an additional 30 young stock. The farm, about 50 years old, has been a beef cattle operation and switched to all dairy in 1972. The Longs also are assisted by Ronald Stover, who works full time.



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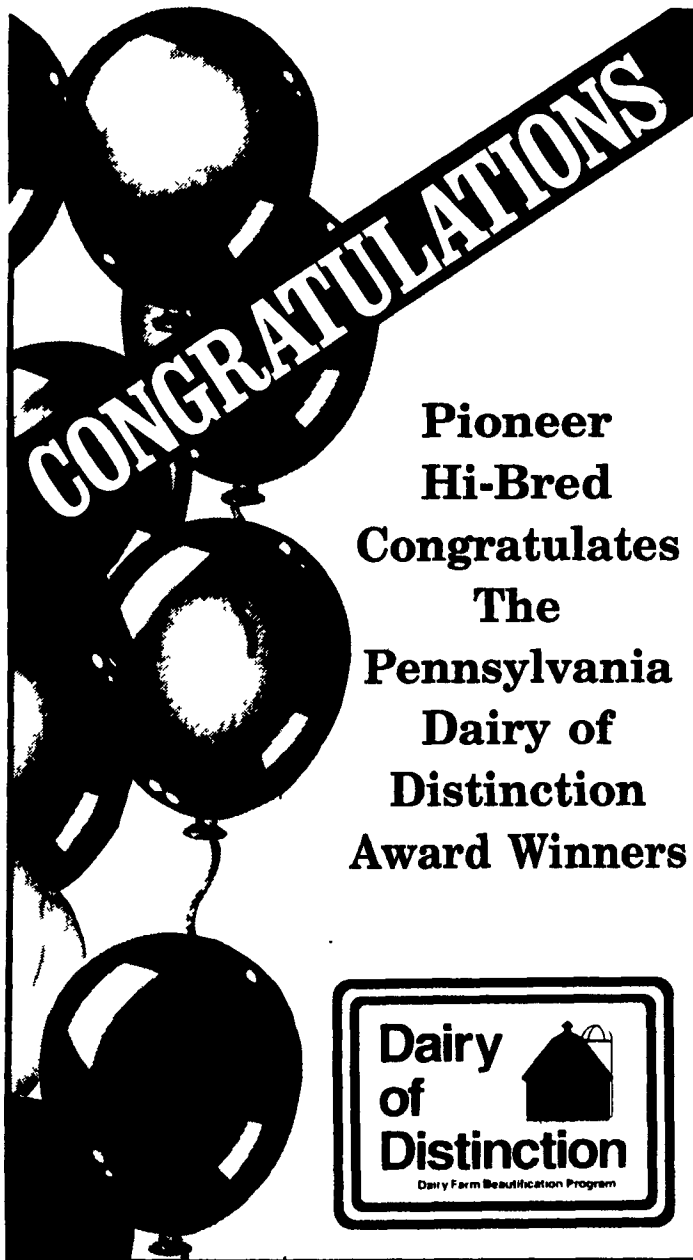
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