

1993 Dairy Of Distinction Farm Photographs

SUSQUEHANNA



Swetter Farm

James and Patricia Swetter, Sr., farm 560 acres that have been in the family for 50 years. They milk 61 Holsteins that average over 20,000 lbs. of milk and have an additional 70 head of young stock. They also raise buffalo and horses. The farm is located in Susquehanna County at the base of Elk Mountain ski center. Their children are Stephanie, 21; James Jr., 18; Bradley, 11, and Brentt, 10.



Lauer Farm

David and Lorraine Lauer Sr., and David, Jr., farm 208 acres in Susquehanna County. They milk 60 Holstein cows that average between 50 and 60 lbs. of milk per day but keep no young stock. They buy close springing cows and milk them until they are dry and then replace them with other fresh cows. They milk in a comfort stall barn with a pipeline milker and use rotational grazing of pasture for summer feed. David said this use of pasture saves energy and time for harvesting crops, but you need to fertilize, clip and take good care of the pasture. The farm has been in the family 25 years.



Harvatine Farm

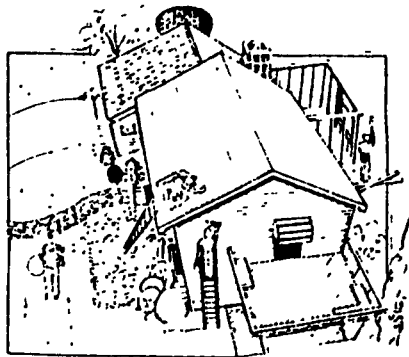
Brothers Carl and Paul Harvatine, along with another brother, Anthony, who works part-time on the farm, have 150 head of Holsteins with 80 to 90 milk cows that average nearly 22,000 lbs. of milk. They live near Elk Mountain Ski Center so the family has been active in a 4-H ski club. Carl and his wife Nancy have three children: Laura, graduating from Penn State; Dana, a freshman at Cornell, and David, a sophomore in high school. Paul and Susan also have three children: Joshua, a freshman at Penn State; Will, a senior in high school and Kevin in ninth grade. The farm has been in the family since 1940.

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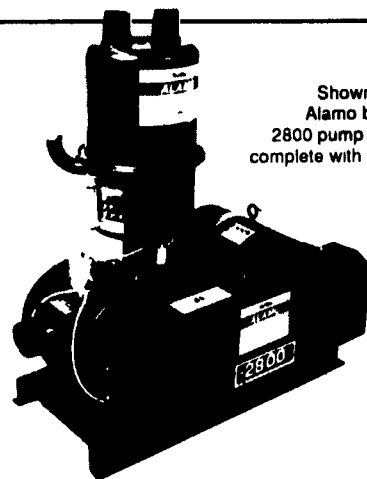
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