

## Lancaster Dairy Tour Visits Farms With Harvestore Structures



The Harvestore dairy group on tour in Lancaster County sees a demonstration of the new forage unloader. The scene was photographed at Glenn Good's new dairy facility with the three newly erected structures (one in progress) in the background.

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)—On a hot day, Thursday, 100 or more farmers were on tour of four good Lancaster County dairy farms to see how they used their Harvestore structures. The tour was sponsored by Penn Jersey Products, Inc., New Holland.

The first stop was in Paradise, at Neffdale Farm, where Roy, with sons Rick, Ken, and Charles Neff milk 85 Holsteins that produce 21,500m 698p 779f. Their Slurrystore system with a ram pump was installed in 1982. They use chopped newspaper for bedding and use no commercial fertilizer on corn ground where slurry is applied. They feed high moisture corn and alfalfa haylage in a TMR mix from their 20' x 42' and 25' x 60' Harvestore structures.

Over lunch the farmers on the tour visited Glenn Good's family farm located southwest of Strasburg where they are erecting a new dairy barn and three Harvestore structures. The workmen were building the one structure. In addition, the new bottom unloader that lubricates the chains with vegetable oil was demonstrated by Penn Jersey officials.

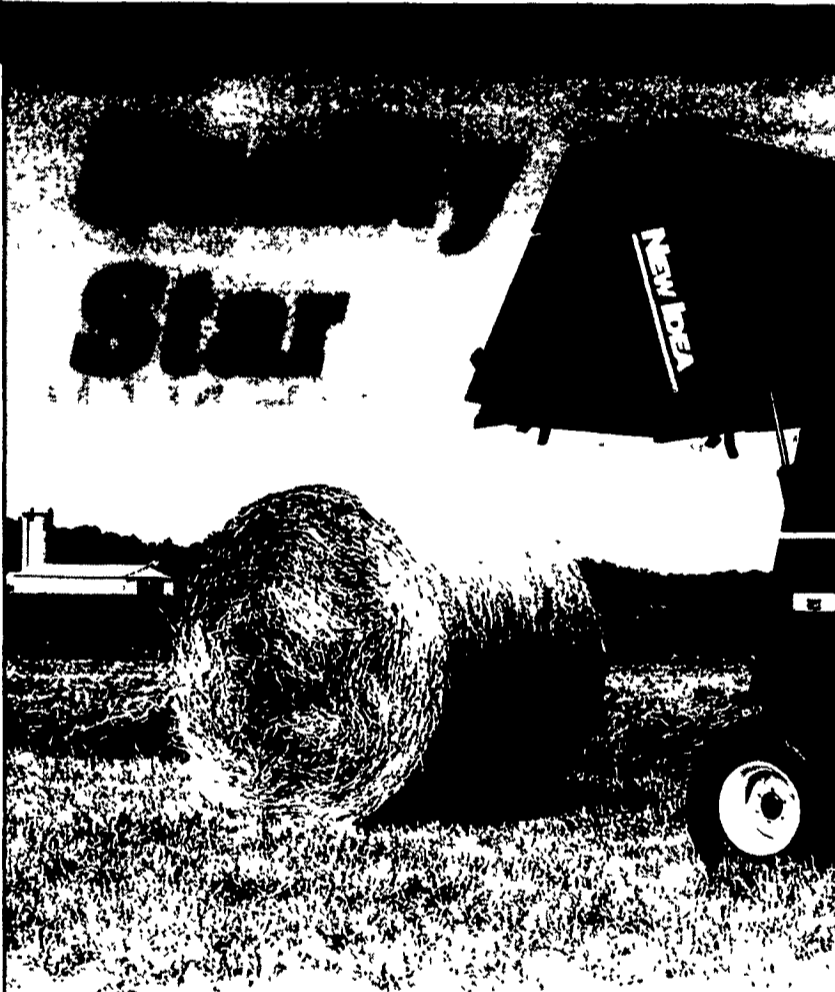
In the afternoon, two farms were visited: Singing Maple Farm, owned by Dale and Ruth Ann Stoner, Lancaster, and Landis View Dairy, owned by David and Lois Landis, Lancaster.

At Singing Maple, they have 68 Holsteins that milk 20,400m 658p 765f. Three Harvestore structures on this farm date back to 1970 when the original 20' x 30' was built for high moisture corn. Last year this structure was extended to become a 20' x 50'. In 1971 the 20' x 60' was built to process 50 acres of rye, rained-on haylage, and cornlage. The other 20' x 80' erected in 1993 is used for haylage. The belt feeder installed in 1974 is still feeding cows after 20 years of service.

At Landis View, Dave has been farming with Harvestores since 1970 when he built a 20' x 60' for haylage and a 20' x 30' for high moisture corn. This structure was increased to 60' last year. Another 20' x 60' was erected in 1989 for ryelage and haylage. They milk 100 cows in a double-four parlor, and they recently installed cow mattresses in their free-stall barn.

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