



Taking a break from household chores, Stacy Krall takes time to read over her dairy promotion handbook, 'Building Your Dairy Promotion.'



Stacy stands in one of her family's farm pastures with two friends — on the left is No. 18, one of the top producers in the herd with an average of 26,000 pounds, and Rayola A-mist Mars Shasta.

Dairy Princess Does More Than Talk About It

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CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Stacy Krall is the 1994-95 Lebanon County dairy princess, a position she fills after a year as the county dairy maid.

But she almost had to turn down the chance at doing dairy promotion this year.

Krall, 16, daughter of dairy farmers Glen and Linda Krall, of Cornwall, has a very busy schedule.

In addition to her farm chores and home responsibilities, she is involved with the county livestock club, dairy club, Cedar Crest FFA, is on the parliamentary procedure team, and is active with the Midway Church Senior High Class.

It is this last organization, her church, that is keeping her especially busy this year.

From July 9 to July 17, Stacy said she is planning to travel with her church group to Kentucky to do volunteer work building homes for people. She is scheduled to return to Lebanon County from home building on July 18.

July 19 and 20 is the Southeast FFA District Dairy Show, at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. And then, from July 26 to July 31, she is scheduled to be in Colorado attending her church's National Youth Conference.

This is where she said things started getting shaky with accepting the responsibility of being the Lebanon County dairy princess. Because she wasn't sure she could be home in time for the Lebanon County Fair, at which she intends to show two hogs and two registered Holstein heifers.

Being dairy princess means that she would have to be at the fair, which she doesn't want to miss.

But if she would have had to drive out to Colorado for the church's youth convention, as has been originally planned, she would not have been able to drive home in time for the fair.

And, if that would have been the case, she was prepared to have waited a year before presenting herself as a candidate for county dairy princess.

However, since the church group going to Colorado has decided to fly instead of drive, Stacy will be back in Lebanon in time for the fair.

In the meantime, she has been attending the state school for dairy princesses at Lycoming College, in Williamsport, for the program's several-day seminar on skills that can help promote the dairy industry.

Stacy lives on a small, but fertile dairy farm on the southern edge of a limestone belt which courses the length of the Lebanon Valley. The farm is in the shadow of the former Cornwall Iron Ore Mines and Glen and Linda unfortunately have found themselves at the mercy of local efforts to install community sewage and water.

While portions of their property have been taken through eminent domain and almost 4,000 feet of the farm's prime cropland is being bisected with a public sewage line to serve fewer than 10 homes, the Kralls have said they intend to continue to dairy farm.

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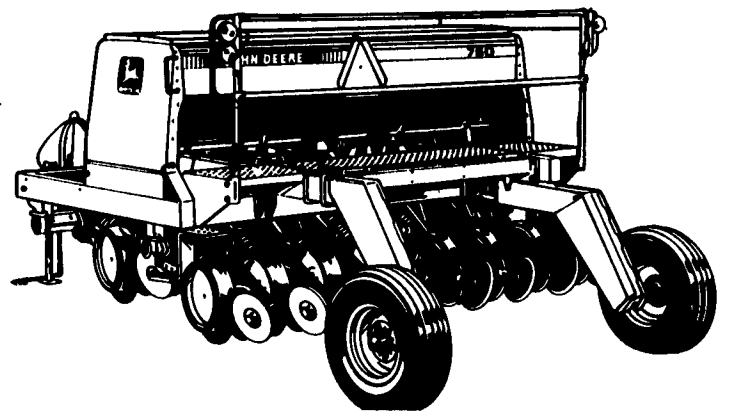
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