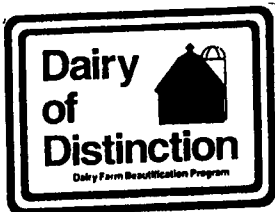
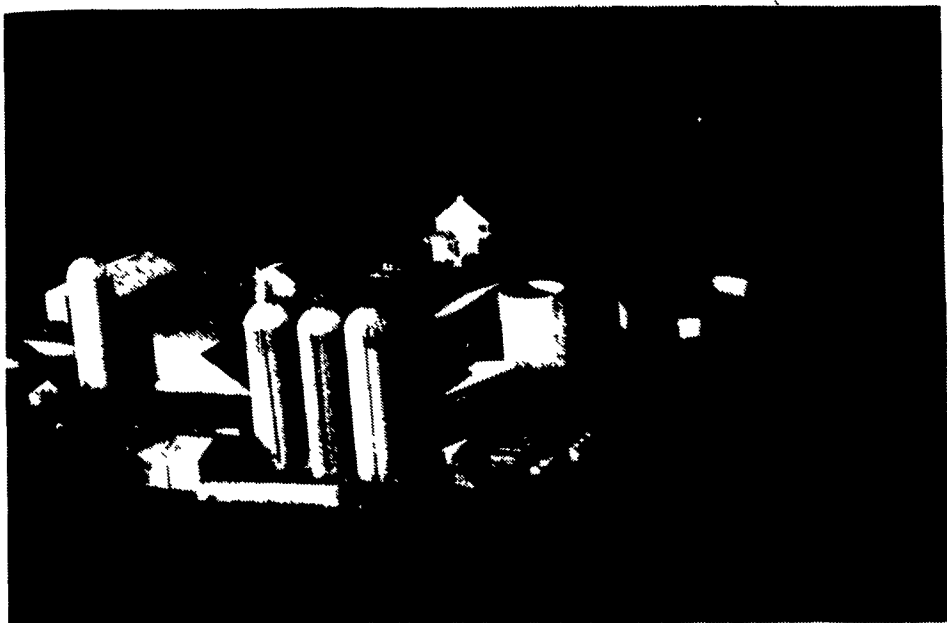


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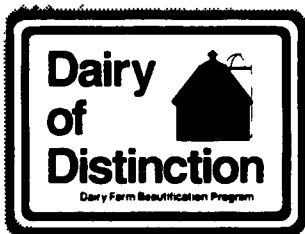
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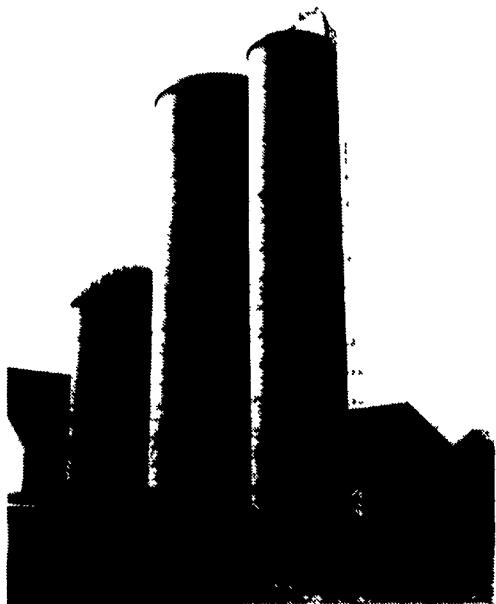
Spring Lawn Farms, near Lancaster, is a safety conscious farm, in addition to being an attractive representative of the dairy production industry. The 128-acre Century farm had been run by a three-way partnership of brothers since 1980: Dave, Joe and Fred Garber, until Fred's death in 1990, a year after he received the national award for farm safety. Joe said Fred "was very active in farm safety and worked at trying to teach children," and he said that, at the farm, they continue to keep such practices a high priority, such as making sure the pesticide storage area is always locked. The beauty of the farm is a reflection of the people and the Garber farm got a good start in combining esthetics with functionality when grandfather Clarence Garber became one of the first in Lancaster County to put in terracing and a conservation plan, following the lead of a cousin in Quarryville who first put terraces on his farm. Located along Stony Lane, the pond is sited at the bottom of a hill and has a small pond. A farm lane that run about two-tenths of a mile is edged in mowed grass and leads to the freestall barn and a double-5, automatic take-off, milking parlor, where the families and a hired family milk 145 registered Holsteins on test, and keep about 100 young stock. The house was built in the early 1700s and a huge Ginkgo tree sits behind it. Grass is cut and the weeds kept down along the buildings and off the hardtop areas. A fair amount of landscaping also adds to the general visual appeal. There are five silos — a 20- by 72-foot, two 20- by 70-footers, an 18- by 84-foot structure, and a 20-foot by 40-foot Harvester for high moisture corn. In addition the farm has two silo-type structures for manure storage. The Garbers feed a TMR, mostly haylage, corn silage, and double-cropped rylage. A few square bales are also made. The herd averages about 20,700 pounds of milk, 770 pounds of fat and 670 pounds of protein. On the farm are Joe's wife Yvonne and their children Josiah, 7, Charise, 4, and Kristen, 1; Dave and wife Shirley and their children Jennifer, 7, and Kendall, 4; and the hired couple, Mark and Tammy Dietrick, and their children Jamie Lee, 11, Marco, 8, and Lacy, 6. The brother's parents are Jay C. Garber and Lois Garber.



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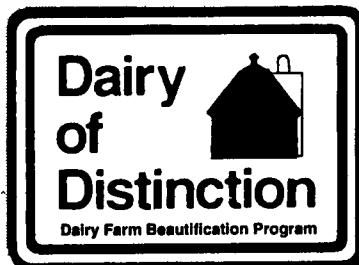
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