

# Lancaster Announces Holstein Tour Program

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Holstein Club has announced the itinerary for its 1995 farm tour, set for March 9.

Reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis, until the bus is full. The price per person for the day-long bus tour, which includes a full meal at the West Fallowfield Christian School, is \$25.

The deadline for mailing reservations is March 1, in order to take advantage of a \$5-per-person early reservation discount.

Call-in reservations will be taken until March 4. Call Larry Kennel at (717) 653-4825.

This year's farm tour program is to visit five Holstein operations in Berks and Chester counties, and the New Bolton Center in Kennet Square.

The bus is scheduled to leave from the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, in Lancaster, promptly at 8:15 a.m. Participants should arrive no later than 8 a.m.

The bus is expected to return to the Farm and Home Center about

8:15 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to: Lancaster County Holstein Club. The envelope should be addressed to: Larry Kennel, 1489 Grandview Road, Mt. Joy, PA. 17552.

Of special note, participants should bring a packed lunch for the noon meal. Drinks are to be provided by Dunwood Farms.

## Caernarvon Farm

The farms to be visited include Caernarvon Farm, located in Morgantown, Berks County.

Owned by Andy Stoltzfus, Caernarvon Farm has an 84-cow, tie-stall barn, and keeps a herd of about 120 cows, 49 of which are on the Holstein locator list. A large portion of the herd is used as recipients for the farm embryo transfer program.

With a herd BAA of 105.5, the farm has two, well-known cow families — Spirit Stacey, and Jodee.

At Caernarvon, the tour group will get to see a calf nursery which houses 50 calves in individual and

small group pens; a new heifer facility with sloped floors and slats; and the tour will also be shown the farm house, which was rebuilt this past year following a fire on Feb. 10, 1994.

The farmhouse, originally built in 1845, has been rebuilt to reflect the same-era style. The Stoltzfus family will be on hand to share their experience with the rebuilding process.

## Glen-Valley Farm

Also on the list of farms is Glen-Valley Farm, in Atglen, Chester County.

Owned and operated by the family of Ken and Marilyn, Brandon, Jordon and Scott Umble, Glen-Valley Farm was started by Ken's parents, Harold and Lena Umble in 1952.

Currently, the 175-acre farm operation including additional rented land, produces alfalfa, corn, soybeans, and barley to feed its 90-cow Holstein herd and about 35 replacement animals.

In 1993, the barn was expanded and upgraded with 30 additional

## Lancaster County Holstein Club 1995 Farm Tour Program Registration Form

(Deadline for registration is March 1)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

There are \_\_\_\_\_ people attending through this registration, at a cost of \$25 each (\$20 if registration is postmarked by March 1).

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

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tie-stalls, a manure pit, and a tunnel ventilation system. The herd BAA is 106.2, and the rolling herd average (RHA) is about 21,000 pounds of milk, 792 pounds of fat and 680 pounds of protein.

More than half of this herd's lineage traces back to an Excellent cow that Harold had purchased in Canada. She produced many Very Good and Excellent offspring.

Sires currently being used by the Umbles include Mascot, Mandel, and Emory.

Some of the cows expected to be seen at Glen-Valley include:

- 10th generation Very Good, GV Blackstar Posh, a VG 87 with 31,000 pounds milk as a 3-year-old and a Leadman son at Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; GV Enhancer Pixie, VG 89 with 31,000 pounds milk for three generations;
- and 86-point Aerostar daughter on the elite list with a son going to AI, embryos to France, and other AI contracts;
- and an 88-point Blackstar daughter that is a third generation Very Good with more than 31,000 pounds milk, and a son going to AI.

## Dunwood Farms

Most people are aware of Dunwood Farms, owned by Alvin Stoltzfus, of Oxford, in Chester County, because of the 1979 herd dispersal that featured Dunwood Chief Carmel.

This dispersal also contained 60 animals in the Golden family. This family was started with a cow purchased in 1953 by Alvin's father.

An invitational sale at the farm in 1988 also featured 60 members of the Golden family. Presently, there are about 40 members in the herd, representing the 13th generation at the farm. Of those 40, one is a 3-year-old Southwind daughter that freshened February and is milking about 100 pounds of milk per day. As a 2-year-old, this cow made 27,000 pounds of milk and scored 88 with an Excellent mammary during classification.

The Umbles farm about 150 acres. The 58-head herd has a BAA of 107.6 and an RHA of 25,743 pounds milk, 1,008 pounds fat, and 853 pounds protein. There are nine Leadman daughter and nine Blackstar daughters in the milking string.

## Melwood Holsteins

Another well-known dairy in Chester County is the Melwood Holsteins operation owned by Melvin Stoltzfus.

This dairy farm also has its roots in the Dunwood herd. The herd was dispersed in the 1988 Dunwood invitational sale. Then the herd was started again in 1991, in the present 40 tie-stall barn.

The 45-cow herd averages 26,278 pounds of milk, 1,038 pounds of fat, and 861 pounds of protein, with a BAA of 106. In the milking string are five Blackstar daughters, and five Leadman daughters, including a Leadman (Turn to Page A22)

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