

Young Holstein Breeder

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Farms.

"We're excited at the opportunity to have our genetics in other herds and hope they prove helpful to other breeders," says Steve of the bull that is presently the second-high-ranked Blackstar son at Landmark.

Some embryo transfer work continues at Penn Gate herd, though the Woods agree that sometimes records, such as the herd calving interval, suffers as a result. They do believe in selling animals in which other breeders have an interest and are extremely pleased when an individual performs well for their buyers.

"We love to milk our cows," smiles Chris, as Steve quips, "It's our payback for all the other things we do for them every day."

Since 1987, Penn Gate has received 48 All-Pennsylvania awards. The Woods were named Premier Breeder at the 1994 and 1993 Eastern National Holstein shows and were Premier Breeder and Exhibitor honor recipients at the 1994 Pennsylvania Fall Championship show. Both Steve and Chris are in demand for show judging and have judged dairy shows in states throughout the region.

Steve and Chris are involved

with numerous state and local Holstein activities and served as chaircouple of the 1994 state convention hosted at nearby Gettysburg. Steve has been Adams County's director to the state Holstein board, chaired the State Show committee and served on Program Development and Evaluation committees. Chris has served on the state Holstein's Youth Committee, along with holding various offices and committee chair positions at the local level.

As the 1995 Pennsylvania Holstein Distinguished Young Breeder winners, they will compete for the national award in June. That selection will be announced during the annual National Holstein Convention, which the Pennsylvania Holstein Association will host at Pittsburgh in late June.

The Woods are member-producers of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and members of the Farm Bureau and Dairy Shrine. Both are actively involved members of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

While they hope their sons will be interested in the family farm, the Woods want Clayton and Corbin to have the opportunity to participate in school and sports activities if they so choose. Chris is appreciative of having had the opportunity while growing up,

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Growers interested in expanding their far-

along with maintaining her interest in the herd and her 4-H dairy activities.

Though their herd escaped unscathed from the fire's deadly potential, Chris and Steve emerged from the terrifying experience with renewed appreciation for family, friends and neighbors. They hope to install an alarm system of some type and encourage all farmers to have their electrical systems and wiring inspected and upgraded regularly.

Scott and Larissa Doody will soon move from their home at Penn Gate to begin their own dairy farming operation near Woodsboro, Maryland. As part of their new herd, the Doody's will take with them a December registered Holstein calf bearing the Penn Gate prefix, a gift of gratitude for their courage and quick action from Steve and Chris.

The Woods also express thanks to the dozens of firefighters from nearby communities who turned out to help. Participating fire companies included Littlestown, Kingsdale, Harnoy, Bonneauville, Barlow and Gettysburg.

Two New Farmers' Markets To Open

farmers' market sales will have two new markets to consider in Harford County this season.

According to Bill Amoss of the Harford County Economic Development office, new markets are set up to go on Thursdays at the big Aberdeen Proving Grounds Complex and another new market for Saturday mornings at the Abingdon Wal-Mart.

Amoss is working with Tony Evans of the Maryland Department of Agriculture to organize the new markets, which will see the number of farmers' markets in Harford County go from one (at Bel Air) to three in 1995. The Bel Air market is sponsored by the Bel Air Jaycees and has proven to be a real success. It operates two days each week.

Preference for participants in the new Aberdeen and Abingdon

markets will be given to farmers and producers in Harford, Baltimore, and Cecil counties. However, all interested producers wishing to take part in "producer's only" markets are invited to apply. Amoss may be contacted at (410) 638-3059.

The two new markets will be affiliated with the "Pride of the Chesapeake Marketing Association (PCMA)." Application forms for PCMA may be obtained by contacting Evans at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 841-5770.

Planning and organizing meetings for the new markets will be announced later. Tentative plans call for opening the Aberdeen Proving Ground Farmers' Market on June 22. The Abingdon Wal-Mart market will also open in June.

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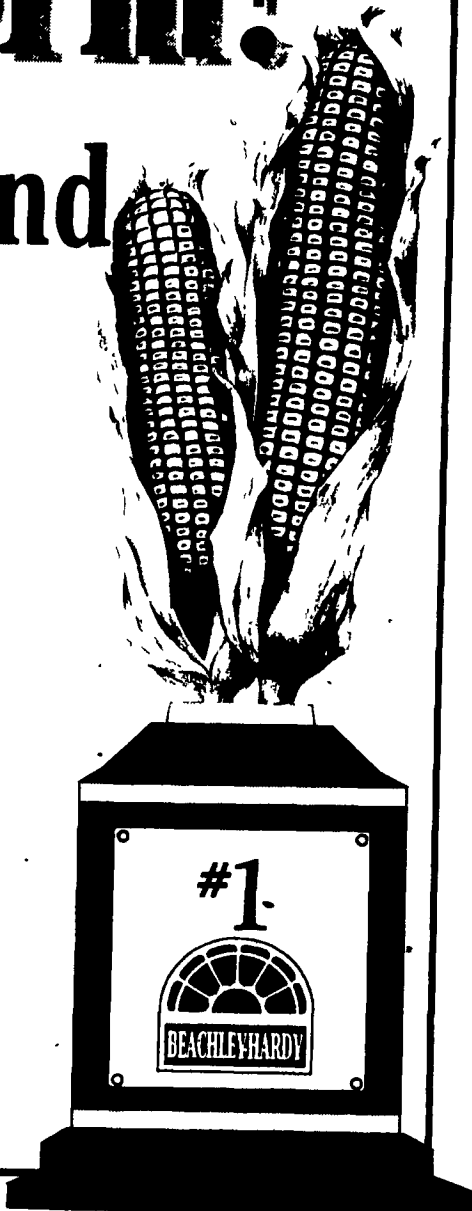
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