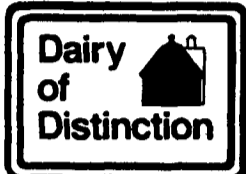


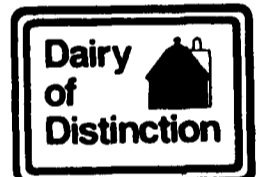
King Brothers

The King brothers, along with their families, farm 430 acres two miles north of Sandy Lake. They have 125 Holstein cows that average 20,000 pounds of milk and another 125 head of replacement stock. They milk in a parlor and feed TMR from four silos. At present 12 or 13 cows are milking over 120 pound per day. Myron and his wife Shelley have three children, Jessica, 5; Brittany, 4, and Cortney, 2 weeks. Jonathan and his wife Karen have one son Adam, who is 11. Myron says that to be a successful farmer you need to watch everything to get the most out of your acres and out of your cows. You need high quality crops to feed the cows.



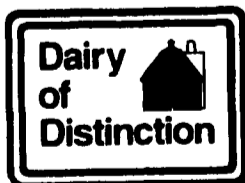
Farview Farmstead

"We definitely have room for improvement," commented Clarence Fehnel about his Farview Farmstead Dairy of Distinction. The 360-acre farm, located in Easton, Northampton County, was named after the "far view" provided by the unique sight of the Delaware water gap. For Clarence, keeping costs down work in such a way to boost farm profitability. "Sometimes I believe that good records cost money," he said, relying instead on cost efficiency to make the most of what they can do. They care for 30 milking registered and grade Holsteins, in addition to 25 young stock. Latest DHIA averages are 16,850 pounds milk, 635f, and 547p, from tlestall to pipeline. They feed a mixed ration, including corn cob meal, oats, soybean meal, molasses, and minerals. The Century Farm, in the family since 1894, wasn't taken over by Clarence and Carol until 1978.



Rebuck Farm

Luke and Mary Lou Rebuck and their family farm 250 acres south of Dornsife. They use minimum and no-till practices to raise alfalfa, corn, and small grains. Their 45 Holstein milk cows have a 20,000 pound herd average and are housed in a freestall barn with milking parlor. They have been using a modified rotational grazing program for their herd for many years. Luke said farming is a way of life, but you must like to farm to stay in it, because it is hard work. The Rebucks have four children, Thomas, Kimberly, Angela, and Gall.



Moo-Echo Farm

Duane and June Hertzler and their family own Moo-Echo Farm in Perry County located west of Loysville. They moved to this new Dairy of Distinction 17 years ago from Cumberland County. They farm over 800 acres that include 200 acres divided into paddocks for rotational grazing of their 175 milk cows and 150 replacement helpers. They also raise their bull calves into steers for beef. The herd average is right at 20,000 pounds, and Duane thinks they have not lost any production since they went to rotational grazing two years ago. And the feed cost is substantially less. The cows are rotated every 12 hours. Duane balances the philosophy of "Where there is a will, there is a way" with the recognition that "The Lord helps when we face tough situations." Duane and June have four children: Joel, 21; Neil, 19; Becky, 18, and Heather, 15. They got into the Dairy of Distinction program as an incentive for employees.

