

President Baker's Message

Since the Dairy of Distinction program began in Pennsylvania in 1987, hundreds of dairy farmers have applied to have their farms recognized as a "Dairy of Distinction."

Those attractive farms that were honored to receive the colorful farm sign are truly an advertisement for their industry, not only to their neighbors, but to those who pass their farms. This is the purpose of the program: to be a point of pride in promoting the source of the state beverage—milk.

However the executive committee recognizes there are many more farms that would merit the designation if only they would submit an application to the program. Also, there are those farms that entered in the past that have truly improved the appearance of their farms and would now qualify. But no one else can enter for you. Mr., Mrs., or Ms. Dairy Farmer, this is a self nominating program. Only you can take the initiative to complete the application and send it in. We encourage you to participate in 1996.

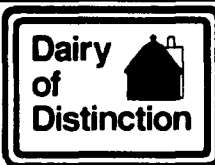
It will make us all proud to see more farms strive to become a "Dairy of Distinction."

Thank you again to all our hard-working volunteers on the committees for making the program successful the past eight years.

Dan Baker
President, Pennsylvania
Dairy of Distinction Program

Editor's Note: 1996 application forms for Dairy of Distinction will be available after January 1, 1996. Forms are distributed by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., Tower Business Building, 239 Schuyler Ave., Box 5, Kingston, PA 1874-3378.

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