

## **AMETHYST HOLSTEINS**

At John Rishel's Dairy of Distinction located near Mifflinburg in Union County they do things differently. John owns the farm, takes care of the dairy, but rents out the ground. The cash rent lease is openended so that John can purchase the crops or not depending on what is the best. This gives the dairyman a lot of options. John purchased the farm two years ago from a non-farm background although he learned to love the farm from his grandparents. He has a degree in business. His 33 Holstein cows under the Amethyst prefix average 23,831 ibs. of milk and are milked in a tie stall barn with pipeline. For anyone who likes cows, John would recommend the dairy farm life to anyone.





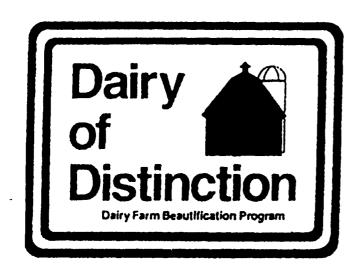
## WITMAN FARM

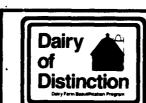
Randy Witman, owner of this new Dairy of Distinction in Venango County near Cochranton, didn't grow up on a farm. But he worked on farms when he was in high school and this gave him the interest. After assembling one herd of cows and selling them to a Pittsburgh businessman, Randy came to this farm four years ago and now milks 100 registered Holsteins and the corresponding replacement heifers. He has a freestall barn, milks in a parlor and feeds TMR. At present Randy and his dad do the work on 150 acres. The DHIA records are unpublished.





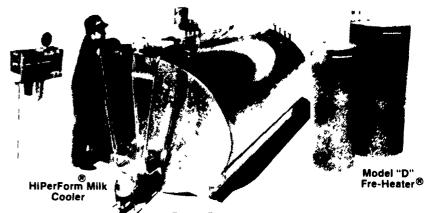






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