

# PURINA DAIRY HERD PROFILE

## PROTEUS™

**"...Never Had Production Like This Before."**

Nestled in the Cumberland Valley midway between Chambersburg and Waynesboro in Franklin County, the Mark Gayman family farm 400 acres to produce the grain and forages for their high producing herd. Under the prefix of Gaymere, these 188 Registered Holsteins post a 21,539 lb. rolling herd average. On the latest weigh in, the 162 cows that were in milk averaged 80.4 pounds per day. **The most recent String Performance Analysis lists 28 cows milking more than 100 lbs.,** two of which are at 167.5 lbs. and 161.1 lbs.

"We have never had production like this before," Mark said. "The highest daily average before was only 65 lbs. I don't think our forages are anything great because it was hard to harvest the crops this summer.



The Gaymere registered Holsteins are fed a TMR mix that is based on Purina's new Proteus feed.

**28 COWS MILKING MORE THAN 100 LBS.**



Mark Gayman keeps good records to help determine dairy herd profitability

So, you got to give credit to Purina's new Proteus feed."

The Gaymere herd was part of the on-farm trials for Proteus in 1995. At the time it was estimated milk production would increase by five pounds per cow per day. And Mark saw an immediate increase in production.

"I was so pleased with what I saw in the trials, that I couldn't wait until they began commercial production of Proteus."

Now the herd has been on Proteus nearly a full year. And the cows now freshening on the

program are really proving the claims of increased production. In addition, Proteus is designed to decrease the nitrogen that is passed through the cow. So, the new feed has captured the notice of those who look for a more safe environment.

The Gaymans have been feeding Purina for more than 35 years and they recommend the company and products to everyone. "For us, it's a matter of trust. We trust Purina, and we trust their people.

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