

PURINA DAIRY HERD PROFILE

MAXI-TECH EXT GETS THE CREDIT

For the Ernest and Jennie Wolfe family, Milton, their E&J Meadows farm located along Rt. 147 at the Lewisburg exit in Northumberland County has become a way of life. Ernest's parents purchased the farm in 1941. The current family members took over the place in 1967.

Along the way, a new barn was built after a fire in the 1960s and also new silos came along later. Today, along with children Ray and Dawn, Dean, Kathy, and grandchildren Randy and Deanna, the Wolfes farm 400 acres and milk 74 cows with a



One of the favorite cows at E&J Meadows farm is the Judy cow that has an individual record of 33,938m 1,076f 1,006p. At the halter is Ray Wolfe, with Kathy Wolfe, Ernest Wolfe, and Stan McKee, Purina dairy specialist representing Ritters Feeds at Paxtonville.

rolling herd average of more than 25,000 pounds of milk. They also have 50 head of replacements.

The Wolfe family practices good herd management by keeping the cows comfortable with tunnel ventilation and rubber mats on the stalls. But Purina's Maxi-Tech EXT still gets the credit for the large increase in production over the last several years.

Since the new high protein Maxi-Tech EXT feed has been introduced to the herd, DHIA records show the production levels going up from 19,000 pounds just two years ago. Individual records go up to 40,000 pounds of milk per lactation and 159 pounds of milk per day. This summer, a large group of first calf heifers came fresh and 80 percent of them milked more than 100 pounds of milk per day.

"I have never seen first-calf heifers milk like this," Ray said. "Purina is the only feed that works for us. We also have less breeding problems and better herd health. Purina provides the feed ration formulas and does a lot of free forage testing as part of their service. And their representatives really know what farming is all about. We can certainly recommend Purina to other farmers because it works for us."



Ernest and Ray Wolfe check records in the milk house.



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