

PFB Selects Finalists

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40 cows and farms 245 acres. Operating with the goal of getting the highest possible output from each cow, since taking over the farm he has increased production from 21,600 pounds of milk per cow per year, to 25,500 pounds per cow, with 3.7 percent butterfat and 3.4 percent protein.

He also does embryo transfer work on his Bonzo One-O-One Farm, and has had one bull accepted for artificial insemination work, and one contracted.

The recipient of the Holstein Association USA Progressive Breeder and Progressive Genetics awards, he also received the herd management award from the Pa. Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Three of his cows are listed among the top 5,000 dairy cows in the nation. (There are almost

650,000 cows just in Pennsylvania.)

He has had the highest producing dairy herd (on a rolling herd basis) in the county for several years, and the dairy to which he markets his milk — Taylor Dairy — has named him a quality milk producer.

His farm is also a Dairy of Distinction, a recognition by a statewide farm beautification program.

Other production achievements include being second in the state in the annual Five-Acre Corn Club competition.

Some improvements made to the farm include a Virginia-style heifer barn, a 40-foot by 45-foot machinery/commodity barn, a new forage harvester with a metal detector, self-unloading wagons, a center-drive silo unloader with remote control, new split-rail fencing

around the farm, and a flex-auger feeding system.

He has attended PFB public speaking training and the Young Farmers and Ranchers leadership conference. He also has assisted with membership drives and is helping to start a Farm Bureau advisory council.

He is president of the Beaver County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, as well as the Beaver/Lawrence Holstein Club.

In other activities, he and his wife are currently serving as chairpersons of the Special Activities Committee for the 1998 Pennsylvania Holstein Association Convention (Feb. 25-27 in Greensburg).

They also serve as hosts for tours by school and church groups, and they have allowed their farm to be used in a Farm Bureau tour for legislators.



Patrick Greaser

Farm Bureau Prepares For Convention

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has made plans and members are gearing up for its 47th annual meeting to be held Nov. 17-19 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

The purpose of the annual meeting, of course is to attend to business — deciding policy.

And in that matter, the PFB expects its 171-member body of delegates to discuss and vote upon about 120 policy recommendations. Last week the PFB State Policy Development Committee met for two days to prepare those policy recommendations.

The PFB's 54 county bureaus submitted 375 policy suggestions for review by the committee, which condenses them from similar intent into concise, specifically worded policies that can be addressed by the delegates.

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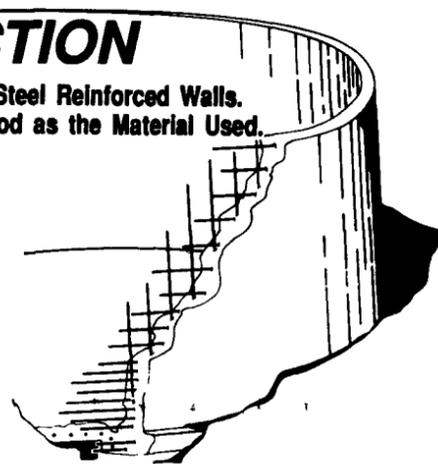
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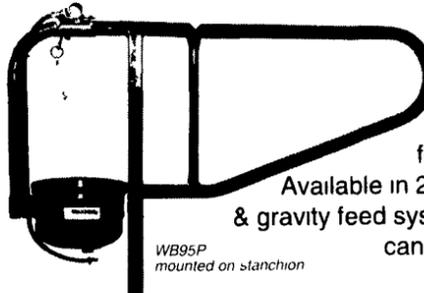
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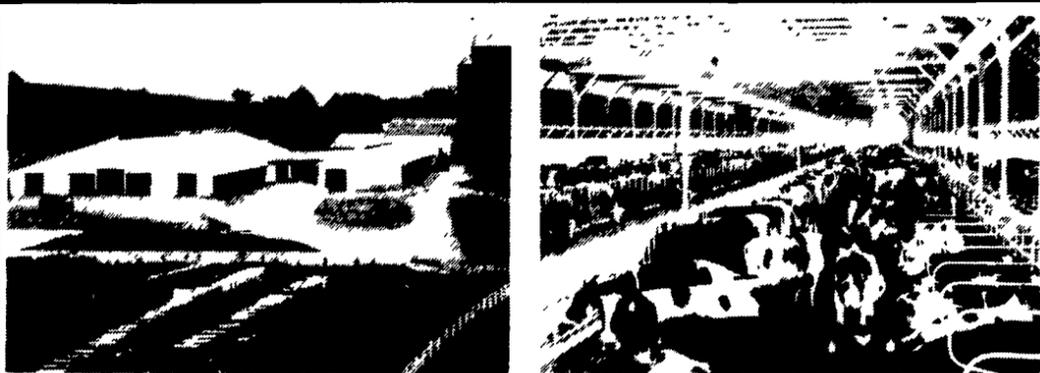


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