

Dairyman Sees Joy In Family Partnership

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ume, it is a significant. In California, because of the El Nino-produced rains, milk production is down.

While many farmers in the Adams County area send their milk south, the Wilkinsons sent theirs to a processing plant in Mount Holly.

Pennsylvania Farmer has designated the farm a Dairy of Distinction.

Hay production, another major part of the operation, helps to feed the animals on Getty Acres. It is also sold as feed. Two tractor-trailers travel many months of the year between the farm and the mushroom industry in Kenet Square, where it is used as mulch.

Larry explained that they usually have a window of one week for good hay-making. But by July 1 the hay is too mature for good feed, and this is what is produced

for mulch.

The Wilkinsons were pleased to hear of their selection for the Clean Water Farm Award given by the Adams County Conservation District.

David Kann, Jr., Chesapeake Bay nutrient management technician, said the award was initiated in 1986 to recognize farm operators who are protecting local water quality, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, by implementing exemplary farm management practices. Every conservation district in the bay watershed is encouraged to submit an application identifying one farmer in their county who meets criteria regarding soil testing, manure testing, nutrient management, pesticide management, and conservation

practices.

Larry first contacted the district for conservation assistance in 1977 and all of the 2,800 acres farmed have conservation plans.

On the tracts owned by Wilkinsons there are 885 feet of diversions, 2,187 feet of terraces planted and maintained in grass, 8,700 feet of subsurface drainage (tile), two water control structures, 1,300 feet of underground outlet, 2,480 feet of waterways, and three manure storages.

On the rented acres, Kann said, there are a large number in hay, two water control structures, and 1,050 feet of underground outlet.

On the land, all drainage ways are maintained in grass.

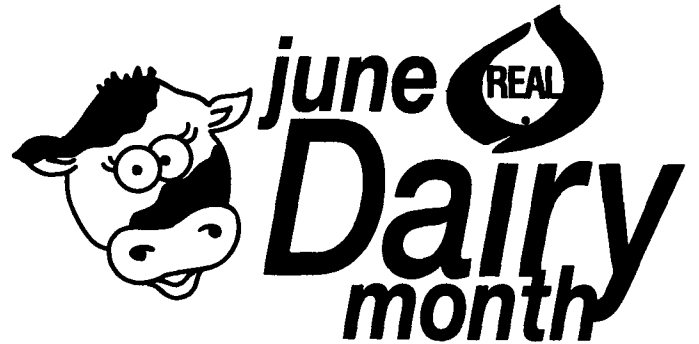
Kann said Larry "has also encouraged others to implement

conservation practices on farms."

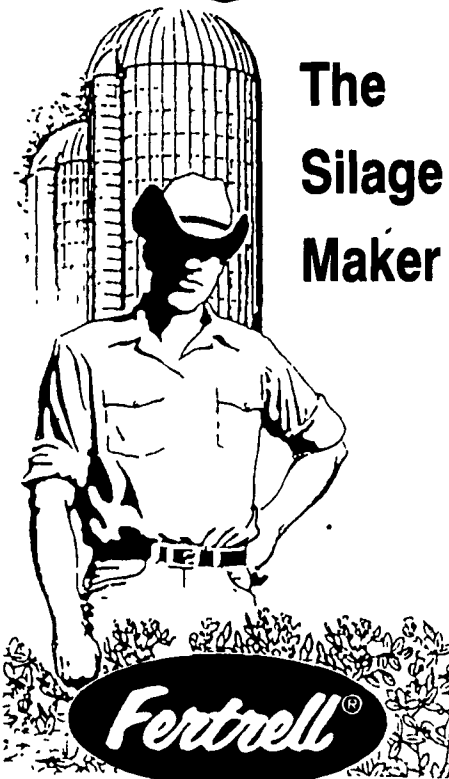
But should you not want to buy milk, beef, or hay from Getty Acres, you might book a cruise. Doris owns and operates Ocean Holiday, a worldwide cruise-oriented agency located in the farm office. She has been booking

and selling cruise vacations for the past 12 years. Early on she worked for an agency in West Chester, but has since taken on her own business.

Son Earl works on the farm, but also is employed off the farm as a pretzel maker.



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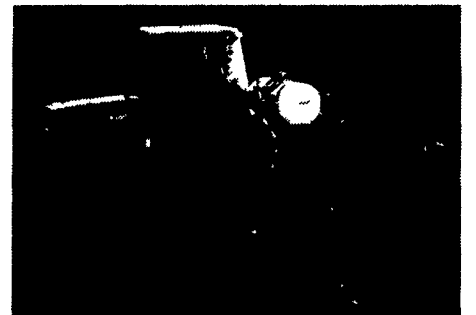
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