

Goat Milk Bottling Plant Looking For Distributors

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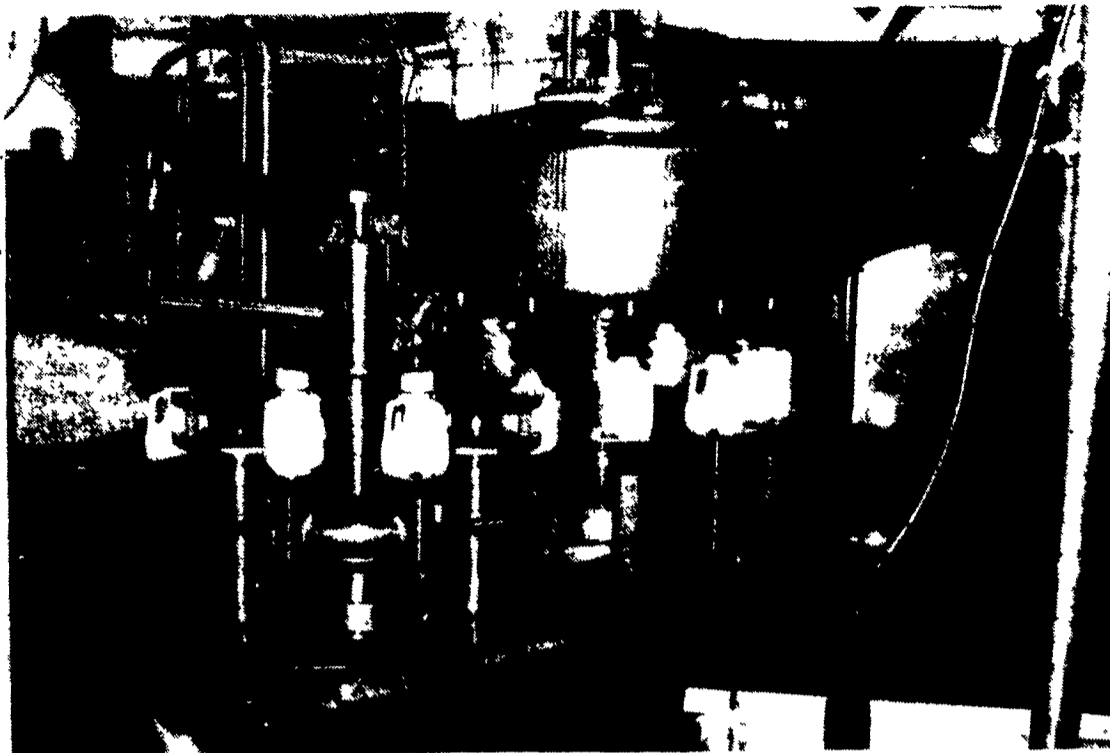
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REEDSVILLE (Mifflin Co.)
— The Central Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Co-op located near Reedsville, Mifflin County, became a grade A goat milk bot-

ling facility as of January.

The plant received 400 gallons of goat milk every day from 14 producers. One distributor, Peter Zumas of Bethlehem, purchases 500 - 600 gallons each week and plans to buy more. He



Peter Zumas of Bethlehem finds a demand for goats milk throughout Philadelphia and New Jersey



The Central Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Co-op bottles goats milk for a growing market.

distributes quarts of goats milk through Freshmade Company in Philadelphia and Alberts Organic in Bridgeport, New Jersey. Zumas also owns a goat dairy and feta cheese-making facility. He's been in the business for 18 years.

"Goat milk is easier to digest than cows milk," Zumas explains. "I think it's the drink of the future. There's a demand for it in big cities even though it's a bit more expensive."

The Central Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Co-op bottles

what Zumas needs then makes the rest into wholesale blocks of Cheddar, Jack, and Colby cheese. Board president David H. Yoder would like to see the co-op's goat milk distributed in the Baltimore and Washington areas.

Facilities for the co-op were built more than 30 years ago to serve as a milk collection site for farmers handling milk in milk cans. Currently, about 200 can

and 23 bulk tank dairy milk producers market their milk through the co-op along with the 14 goat milk producers.

In addition to Yoder as board president, Debra Rhodes serves as secretary/treasurer, and Larry Krepps inspects farms as fieldman.

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