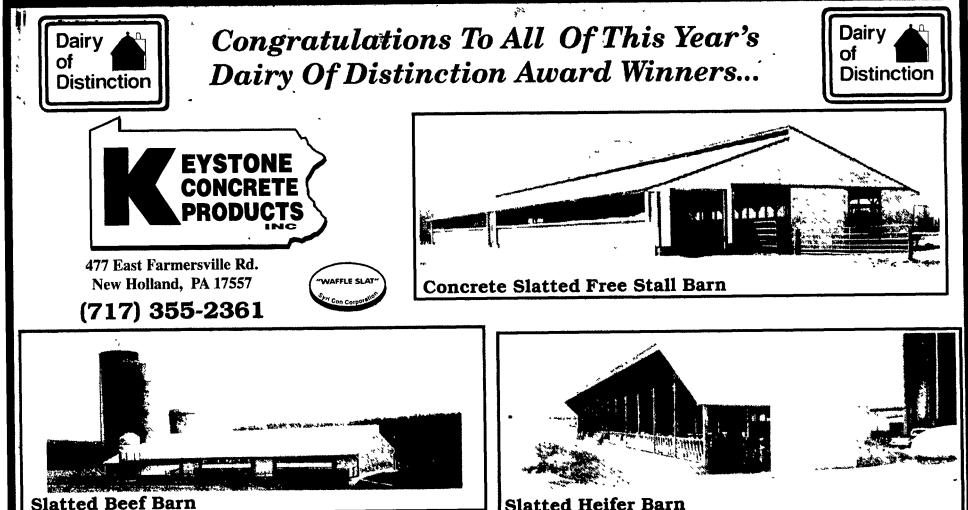
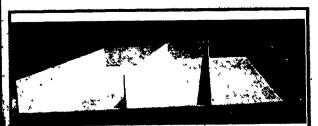


Located south of Atglen, off of Glen Run Road, the John and Elsie Smoker family operate the 76-acre Glen Run Way Farm, named for Glen Run, a stream that runs through the farm's road-edging pasture. The farmstead itself sits back off the road, and the 200-yard lane is a older municipal roadway that used to cut through the farm, but eventually was closed and reverted to farm ownership. John said he has about 60 acres tillable and milks about 40 grade Holsteins out of a 32-stall bank barn. Other buildings on the farm include an implement shed, and shed for pet goats. One 18-by-55 silo used for corn silage juts up from next to the barn. He and Elsie have seven sons

ages ranging from 15 to 30. Four are married and the Smokers have eight grandchildren, who love to come to visit. The Smokers' young son, Justin, 15, in high school, helps with field work and milking. John said he dairy farms pretty much the way he did, feeding hav bales and corn silage by hand, and top dressing with minerals and a supplement formulated by a mill. He has 15 acres of pasture and couple of acres of woodland as well. "We live in a valley," he said. "It's pretty and rolling with some hills," he said. Care of the landscaping and shrubbery around the house is done mostly by Elsie.



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