

Dairy Of Distinction Winners Named

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co) - Everyone traveling in Pennsylvania, both consumers and farmers, will have beautiful dairy farms to observe as they drive through our countryside. At this time each year the new Dairy of Distinction signs go up at the end

of winning farm lanes to show everyone they have been judged to be clean, well kept farmsteads.

This year 33 new farms have been added to the 666 farms that had been recognized up to this time since the program began in

Pennsylvania in 1987.

The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification program sponsors these awards to recognize those dairy farmers who pay particular attention to the appearance of their land and buildings. Most people who drive by the farm don't realize that in addition to a lot of work to produce milk, it also takes a lot of effort to keep the farmstead looking nice too. But whenever a consumer sees a nice looking dairy farm, the association with good wholesome milk is easy. And milk gets good publicity from this visual association.

Russ Rooks, president of the Pennsylvania program said that dairymen want the sign at their farm to provide advertising for milk. Others use the designation to help find good employees for the farm.

Created in 1983, the Dairy of Distinction Program is designed to highlight those farms that help to create a positive image for milk. Applicants for the award are judged by committees who evaluate the farms' roadside appearance, as well as the cleanliness of the

grounds and buildings.

Winners receive official 18x24 "Dairy of Distinction" signs which are mounted at the roadside for all to see. Award-winning farms are also visited annually by the judging committee to ensure that they continue to meet the standards of excellence set by the program.

Pennsylvania has 10 districts that are run by local committees with area coordinators. These coordinators are:

District 11, George Wilcox, Erie; District 12, Brett Brumbaugh, Brockway; District 13, Susan Alexander, Brockville; District 14, David & Janet Hileman, Tyrone; District 16, Norman Coons; District 16, Robert Hockenbrock, Richfield; District 17, Craig Williams, Wellsboro; District 18, Allen Roszel, Montrose; District 19, Southampton; and District 20, Russell Rooks, Allentown.

The list of Dairy of Distinction farm winners for 1998 are as follows:

District 11:
Melvin R. Rogers, Jr.
42306 State Rt. 77
Spartansburg, Pa 16734

District 12
John Hildreth,
RD 1, Box 181,
Sycamore, Pa. 15364

District 13
Penn State
Mark Amsler,
Dairy Administration,
University Park, Pa. 16802

Sugar Hill Dairy
John Engel,
151 Sugar Hill Rd.,
St. Marys, Pa 15857

District 14
May Hill Farm
Harry and Virginia Rhoads,
722 Round Hill Rd.,
Berlin, Pa. 15530

David M. Moyer,
RD 1, Box 77,
Woodbury, Pa., 16695

Andy-Bar Farm
Anthony and Barbara Wertz,
5138 Milligans Cove Rd,
Manns Choice, Pa 15550

Cove-Acres Farm
Ellis Sollenberger,
Box 64,
Curryville, Pa. 16631

Grandview Farm
Harold and Ella Troutman,
444 Grandview Dr,
Hyndman, Pa., 15545

Gar-Mar Acres
LeRoy and Janet Garman,
248 Wild Cherry Tree Dr.,
Martinsburg, Pa 1666

District 15
H. E. Heindel & Sons
Box 146,
Brogue, Pa. 17309

District 16
Orchard Dew Farm
Ray & Dan Geissinger,
RD 2, Box 236,
Mifflintown, Pa. 17059

Middle Creek Farms
Tanya & Karl Hertzler,
RD 4, Box 36,
Middleburg, Pa. 17842

Millbrook Farm
Charles & Doreen Pent,
7599 Ferguson Valley Rd.
McVeytown, Pa 17051

District 17
Black Creek Farms
David, Gloria, & Paul Zeafra,
RD1, Box 173,
Liberty, Pa 16930

Button Hill Farms
Oliver & Virginia Button,
RD 1, Box 51a,
Millerton, Pa. 16936

Ken Heyler,
RD1, Box 182,
Morris, Pa 16938

Leisure Acre Farm
George & Dave Ulrich,
RD1, Box 196,
Allenwood, Pa. 17810

Charles & Bonnie Ulmer,
3923 Rt 973 East,
Cogan Station, Pa 17728

District 18
Dunns-Pride Farm
James Dunn,
RD 1, Box 160m,
New Ringgold, Pa. 17960

John & Diane Rickard,
RD 2, Box 795,
Honesdale, Pa. 18431

R. M. Shipy & Sons,
RD 1, Box 105,
Forest City, Pa. 18421

Rick Stevens,
RD 1, Box 224,
Mehoopany, Pa 18629

District 19
Bodendale Farm
Glenn & Brenda Book,
655 Strasburg Pike,
Lancaster, Pa 17602

District 20
Conebella Farm
Donald C Gable,
337 Chestnut Tree Rd.,
Elverson, Pa 19520

Mark & Melody Stoltzfus,
413 September Rd,
Honeybrook, Pa 19344

Glen Run Way Farm
John S Smoker,
301 Glen Run Rd.,
Atglen, Pa 19310

Evergreen Farm
Richard G. Lloyd Family,
Box 235,
Chatham, Pa 19318

Marshck Dairy Farm
University of PA Vet School,
New Bolton Center,
382 West Street Rd.,
Kennets Square, Pa 18041

Edn Shaynah Kee Farm
Noel Schlegel,
506 North Main St.,
Topton, Pa 19562

Kieffer Farms, Inc
Robert Kieffer,
420 Strausser Rd.,
Hamburg, Pa 19526

Maulfair Acres
Dale Maulfair,
RD 4, Box 5665,
Jonestown, Pa 17038

Reid & Diane Hoover
RD 4, Box 805,
Lebanon, Pa. 17042

Edward Shuhler & Daughters
7700 Kraussdale Rd.
East Greenville, Pa 18041

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