

Lancaster Holstein Club Announces Tour Plans

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Holstein Club has announced plans for its annual tour, set to be held March 9 to visit three farms, located in upstate Pennsylvania and in southern New York.

The tour bus is scheduled to leave the Lancaster Farm and Home Center promptly at 7:45 a.m., March 9, and return about 11 p.m.

The cost for the tour is \$30 per person for reservations made by Feb. 20. Reservations after Feb. 20 cost \$35 each.

Included in the cost of the tour is a turkey supper, although participants need to bring their own packed lunch.

The bus for the tour is to be equipped with a video player and a video of the 1998 Mid-East National Holstein Show at Madison, Wis., is to be shown during the trip.

The tour is open to all. Membership in the Lancaster Holstein Club is not necessary.

To make reservations, fill out a registration form and a check for the appropriate amount made out to: Lancaster County Holstein Club.

Send the completed registration form and check to: David R. Wenger, 532 Breneman Road, Manheim, PA 17545.

The tour is to visit three of the top BAA herds (by size) in the nation.

First on the tour is to be a visit to Gor-Wood-D Holsteins in Mansfield.

Operated by father Gordon, and sons Tim and Ron Wood, the homebred herd was started in 1948 and has a rolling herd average production of 23,831 pounds of milk, 852 pounds fat and 769 pounds of protein. The BAA is 110 percent for 225 cows. The farm has the top BAA in the nation for herd with more than 150 cows.

Included in the herd are 80 cows classified as Excellent.

In addition to quality Holsteins, the Woods have been involved in breed policy making. Ron Wood has been a member of the Holstein USA board of directors for the past five years.

Also to be visited is Lantland Farms, owned by the Lant family in a five-way partnership including four children, their families and the mother. The Lants milk in a 180-cow tiel stall barn. The herd has a rolling herd average of 21,500 pounds of milk.

Lantland Farms is an 800-acre Dairy of Distinction with a BAA of 109.2 percent on 176 cows, with 53 Excellents, including a 95-point cow and five 94-point cows.

Also to be visited is Mt. Glen Farm, owned by Ben and Dean Jackson. The milk 85 cows three times-per-day, and the herd has an average production of 29,000 pounds of milk, 1,100 pounds of fat and 900 pounds protein.

The Mt. Glen herd is fed a totally mixed ration (TMR) and has around-the-barn drop feeders and a liquid manure system.

The BAA on the herd is 106.9. The farm is home to Mt.

Glen Borker Lucy, EX-94, the first-place senior 3-year-old at the World Dairy Exposition show. In the herd are her dam, a Very Good daughter of Glen Drummond Delegate, and her sister, a Hanoverhill Raider daughter.

LANCASTER HOLSTEIN CLUB TOUR

NAME _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____
 NUMBER INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING _____
 X cost (\$30 each by Feb 30, \$35 after) _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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Maryland/Virginia Distribute 13th Check

RESTON, Va. — Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. distributed its traditional 13th check to members, totaling over \$3.5 million, or 19 cents per hundredweight. Issued on Monday, February 1, 1999, the money was generated as over-order premiums from the profits of raw milk sales in 1998. The payment was made on almost 1.9 billion pounds of milk marketed by the cooperative in 1998.

Class I sales in the Southeast, including Florida and the Carolinas, are the major contributor to the 13th check. Representing about 25 percent of the returns Maryland and Virginia generates for members over Federal Order prices, the 13th check has been allocated by the cooperative for 21 straight years, averaging 18.7 cents per hundredweight.

General Manager George Walgrove said, "Maryland and Virginia was pleased with the above average over-order premiums we were able to negotiate last year. The level of over-order price available from the market

varies according to the Federal Order prices. Generally, when Federal Order prices are high, over-order prices are low. With the low all-time high average basic formula price in 1998 at \$14.20, we found the 19 cents to be good news for members."

President Jack Hardesty, a milk producer from Berryville, Va. said, "The board was pleased to approve the 13th check allocation, and are happy Maryland and Virginia had a good year for raw milk sale profits. As we anticipate a seasonal decline in milk prices, we hope this extra cooperative distribution comes at a good time."

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, headquartered in Reston, Va., is a milk marketing and processing cooperative that markets milk for about 1150 dairy farmers throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Delaware. The cooperative includes Marva Maid, a milk processing division in Newport News, Va., a manufacturing division in Laurel, Md., and an equipment division in Frederick, Md.

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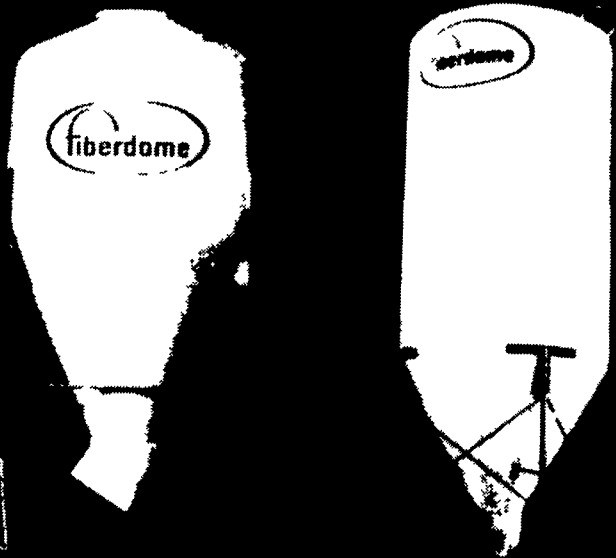
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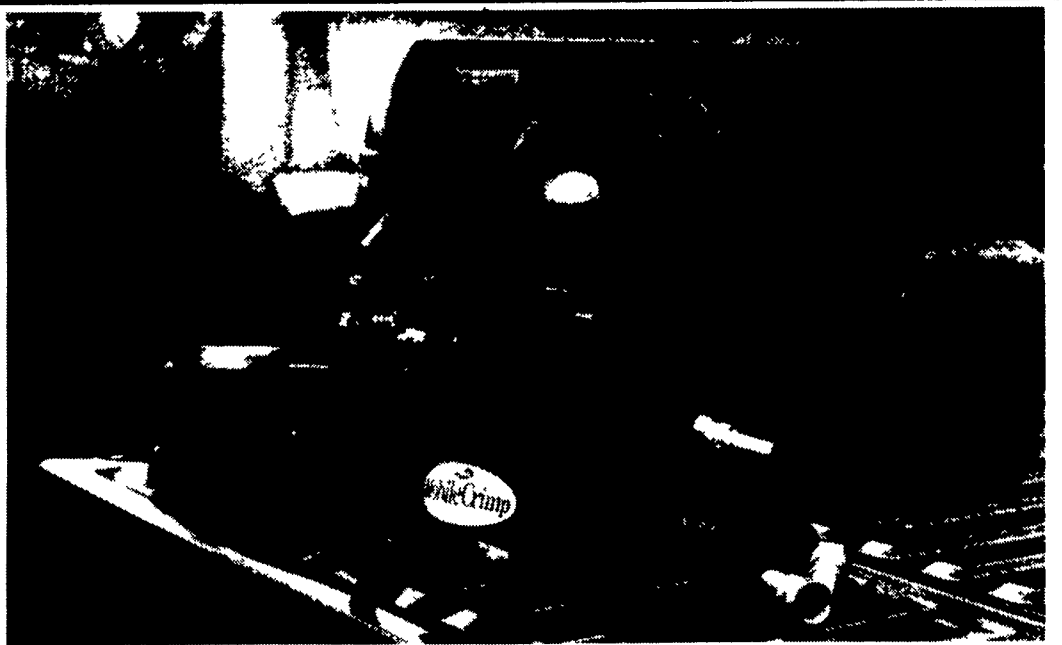
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