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Lynncrest Holsteins, a Lebanon County dairy operation that also specializes in breeding registered Holsteins, has been named the winner of the 1998 Holstein USA Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder Award. Owned by Kirby and Sheryl Horst, Lynncrest Holsteins is the fourth Pennsylvania breeding operation to receive the relatively new award. Kirby holds the

halter of the queen of the donor cows of their merchandising operation, 6-year-old Lynncrest Converse Happy-ET, an Excellent-91 homebred animal that has 15 sons sold for artificial insemination, and 60 embryos exported. From the left, the rest of the family is Sheryl, Chad, 6, Chanelle, 13, and Chelsea, 10.

Lynncrest Farm To Receive National Holstein Young Breeder Award

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NEWMANSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — In about two weeks, Kirby and Sheryl Horst are expected to be asked to come forward from their seats at the national Holstein convention in Boise, Idaho, and receive the organization's national Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder award.

The couple, owners of Lynncrest Holsteins located in the rural Newmanstown area of Lebanon County, and their three children, are to be flown by Holstein USA to the convention to receive the award.

In front of hundreds of fellow, devoted Holstein breeders, they are to stand, be recognized, and applauded for a job well done.

According to Holstein USA officials, the Horsts are also to receive a monetary award, an engraved plaque commemorating the honor, and to have their names added to a permanent roster of award recipients on display at the Holstein USA national headquarters in Brattleboro, Vermont.

The selection of the national winner was only made recently,

and last week, the Horsts still seemed a little stunned at the news, as though it hadn't quite sunk in yet.

What it means is that they are recognized as national leaders among young couples who breed desirable registered Holsteins.

Yet, they said they didn't want

people to get the wrong idea.

Winning the award is the highest honor for them as breeders of registered Holsteins, marking perhaps the highlight of their career, according to Kirby.

But they said they realize what the award means and

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Farmers Find Success, Fellowship Through Cooperative Purchasing

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GROVE CITY (Mercer Co.) — Typically, a farmer's day is spent on the farm.

This often means that, unlike other industries where

professionals gather to work and talk shop, farmers work independently - often missing out on face-to-face input from peers.

A group in Erie and Crawford counties, however, has learned that the old adage about "strength in numbers" can apply to dairy

farmers, just as it can to a herd of Holsteins.

And, just as many farmers strive to keep their breeding cycles in sync, this group has learned that bringing operators into sync can boost morale, cut

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Here's Your June Dairy Month Issue

June is dairy month and it's time again to honor the dairy industry for efforts made to supply the nation with the fine products made from milk. The milk mustache and the "got milk?" slogan have become national symbols of quality and excellence. But with most people in our country now two, three, or more generations removed from the farm, it becomes increasingly important for farmers to promote their products and educate people about the contributions agriculture makes to keep an adequate food supply coming to the nation's tables. In this special issue of *Lancaster Farming*, we join in this promotional effort. Many of the features, columns, news reports, and advertising messages carry the theme of milk. Read and enjoy.



Farming is from the heart, though that also means that everyone in the Ernie and Wanda Derr family has responsibilities on Heavens Blessin's Farm. That includes their youngest child, 7-year-old Ashley Derr, who stands here between two Jersey calves that she is in charge of feeding. See story on page C 2.