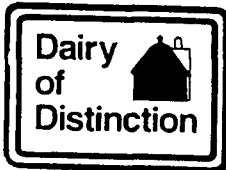


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Tri-Valley Farms, Port Trevorton

Bernard and Phyllis Shaffer farm 550 acres south of Port Trevorton in Snyder County. They have named the farm Tri-Valley and milk 70 Holsteins and raise corn, alfalfa, oats, wheat, and soybeans. They grind the grain on the farm and balance the feed with homegrown forages. Their children are the 5th generation on the farm. Son Kenneth and his wife Dawn work on the farm and daughter Sherry is married to Don Hess and they have six children, Jared 10, Jenette 8, Julianna 6, Josiah 4, Judith 3, and Junitta 5 mo. Bernard says he farms because he really enjoys it.



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Knepper Brothers Dairy, Markleton

The Knepper Brothers have a Dairy of Distinction located 14 miles south of Somerset. Actually, it's a second generation Dairy of Distinction because the brothers' parents had received the designation in the early 1980's when the program first started in Pennsylvania. Now Kerry and Keith and his wife Georgann and children Cassandra 13 and Hillary 12, took over the farm in January of this year and they applied for the designation as required by the program to keep the records up to date. They farm 450 acres and milk 110 cows that have just recorded the rolling herd average milestone of 20,000 lbs. of milk. The brothers have tried other jobs but they always came back to the farm because they just like the cows and they like the farm.



Laurel Highland Farm, Rockwood

The Laurel Highland Farm is now a Dairy of Distinction for the Taylor family. In the family since 1844, Larry and Joyce Taylor and son Drew do the farming of their 400 acres. Larry's parents, Kenneth and Ruth Taylor are also still active on the farm. They house 80 Holstein milk cows in a free stall barn and milk in a tie-stall barn. They believe farming is a good way to live because you get to live by our own decisions. They like to make quality feed and take good care of the cows. The farm is located east of Rockwood in Somerset County.

