

# PURINA DAIRY HERD PROFILE

 **QUALITY**

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For Gary and Jenny Bowman and their children Laura 6, Ellen 4, and Mark 1, dairy farming is their way of life. Since 1994 they have been on their own after buying the home herd from Gary's dad. For the last 3 years, they have lived and farmed on a rented place Southwest of Quarryville in Lancaster County.

But farming is also a business. And that's why they feed Purina feeds to produce lots of milk from their 62-cow registered Holstein dairy herd.

Of course, it helps that Purina is in their blood. From a boy growing up, Purina feeds has been part of Gary's life. Today working with their Country-Time prefix, they have a rolling herd average of 23,723 pounds of milk. On the most recent test, the average per cow was 85 pounds and 14 cows produced over 100 pounds. The most milk they ever got from a cow on test day was 140 pounds. They use no BST.

"There are three major reasons we feed Purina," Gary said. These reasons are not in any order of importance. But Purina is committed to quality. Their products show this quality and we do not need to worry about getting bad feed."

"And we are impressed with the research behind the feed," Jenny added. "We visited their research farm and it could not have been better."



On the Gary Bowman farm, Quarryville, with the Loyal cow that has produced 36,183m 1,332f 1,073p. From left, Anthony Johnson, Rick Hess, Purina representative from Hess Mills, and Ellen, Jenny, Mark, and Gary Bowman. At school when the photo was taken is Laura, age 6.

"Yes, the research was my second reason," Gary said. "And my third reason is the service from Hess Mills, and Rick Hess as their representative to our farm. More than one time they have gone out of their way, beyond the call of duty, to help us if we need feed or have a problem."

The Bowmans milk 3x and feed TMR balanced to 75 pounds of milk. Purina's Hi-O 36 is used to balance a corn, barley, corn silage and haylage mix. For the cows with higher production a top-dress of Super EXT 24 is used.

The Bowmans like the quality and performance that seems to run hand in hand with Purina feeds. They also want everyone to know that they have an abiding faith in the Lord's providence and protection in their family and farming life. They recommend Purina to other dairy farmers for the same reasons they are satisfied customers themselves.

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