

# Holloways Strive To Capture Expanding Markets

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The Holloways manage 250 acres in corn, 100 acres in soybeans, 30 acres in wheat, 30 acres in barley, and 250 acres in hay. They round and square bale their hay, mostly for local horse markets.

Wrapped haylage is marketed mainly to Amish customers in southeastern Pennsylvania and is also fed to the cow herd in the winter.

Corn is raised for silage, used to feed the cattle, and the rest is sold to a grain dealer and to The Mill of Bel Air. Soybeans are sold to a grain dealer.

A big problem has been deer control at the farm. The deer are harvested when possible. They pose a huge threat to the soybeans, the "number one crop for deer," said Richard, and other crops.

Richard said he has seen 30-40 deer at a time in fields. The deer graze the heavily wooded areas at the farm's outskirts, bordering the Susquehanna

River, and are protected at the local state park.

The cow/calf herd includes registered Angus and Angus crossbreds. Though most of the feeder cattle are homebred, the Holloways buy a few feeder cattle locally and in Lancaster.

The Angus are bred using AI and Roseda bulls, which are all registered.

Roseda Farm, noted Richard's son, Rick, looks closely at EPDs and other breed characteristics to determine how to improve carcasses, and thus the end product. Roseda is slowly trying to build a brand name based on these traits and is attempting to market a consistent quality, premium beef product.

The Holloways are using rotational grazing more every year for the cow/calf herd. The herd grazes 20-acre lots and are rotated about every 2-3 weeks. The feeder cattle are fed a TMR, of sorts, consisting of corn silage, barley, ground corn, protein, and minerals — all mixed at the farm.

Henry's son, Henry, owns a herd of hogs for 4-H and FFA feeder pigs. They also supply "human health research pigs," said Henry. "They're hospital pigs, of different sizes and weights, for human medical research."

Henry does the feeding for the 15-20 sows that produce about 400 head per year. Henry has four Yorkshire boars on test at Penn State. The feeder pigs are crossbred York/Hampshires.

The farm is maintained by the family, including Richard and Harriett with son Rick, 33. Jeff, 30, works on the farm on weekends and each day after his full-time, off-farm job as an auto mechanic. The Holloways have a daughter, Karen, 37, who is manager and ag consultant at The Mill of Bel Air. She also helps on the farm whenever possible.

Henry S. (Scarborough) and Barbara's son, Henry S. (Smith), 41, is owner/operator of The Mill of Bel Air. Another son, Andrew, 28, is a large animal

veterinarian. Daughter Teresa, 37, works in the microbiology department at Johns Hopkins. Judy, 35, is an optometrist.

The Holloways noted that Darlington boasts the "biggest pocket of preserved land in Har-

ford County," noted Henry. About 4,000-5,000 adjoining acres from a variety of farms have been preserved under either the state or county preservation program.

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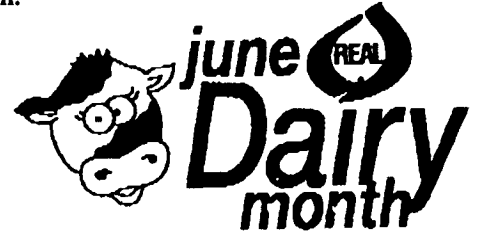
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