

The Brown Cow

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About 65 milk cows make up the herd, including 15 registered Brown Swiss cows. With young stock, the farm hosts 30 Brown Swiss animals. Terry, Kevin and Rich each take a shift to milk three times a day.

A genetic honor herd, Little Hill's Brown Swiss cows average over 24,000 pounds. The farm has also been recognized as having the highest Brown Swiss production in the state in the small herd category.

Rich cites disposition and lower upkeep as traits of the breed. "They're easier maintenance than Holsteins. They're just healthier cows in general, with better feet and legs, and you have less twisted stomach."

Wind Mill Farm
Wm. Ronald Dauber, of Pine

Grove, not only hosted a tour of his dairy but also helped to coordinate the convention, which he sees as an opportunity for both renewing acquaintances with friends and gathering ideas to take back to the home farm.

"Every time you go to a different farm there's something you can learn," said Dauber, who has 150 Swiss milk cows and 150 Swiss young stock. Ten Holsteins are used as recipients for Brown Swiss stock.

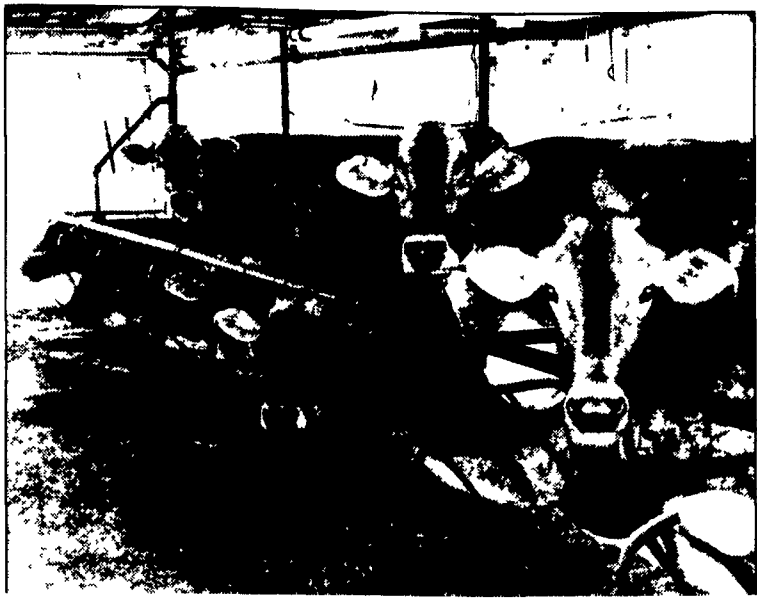
Dauber's family includes his wife, Rhoda, and children Rhonda, Dean, Dennis, Ronald Ray, Anne and Allen. Besides the cattle Wind Mill Farms raises 400 acres of corn, pasture, and alfalfa.

The Dauberts have a worldwide impact on Brown Swiss genetics, as they have exported cattle and embryos to Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico.

Born and raised on the home farm, Dauber began in 1950 with about 10 Brown Swiss. Dauber's extended experience has helped him identify the strengths of the breed.

"Brown Swiss carries a high-protein milk which most cows don't carry. Cheese makers like it. They get the most amount of cheese out of 100 pounds of milk from Brown Swiss milk."

"They can milk with the others and have excellent feet and legs," said Dauber. "They're the strongest breed of any dairy cattle. They're long-lived and very docile."



"The Swiss have personality," said Laura Hellinger. "They're calmer and more easy-going. I don't have to worry about Emily (their daughter, 2) around them, that's why we put mostly Swiss on the ends."

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Willow Street, PA

& August 4 Wiand Farm 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

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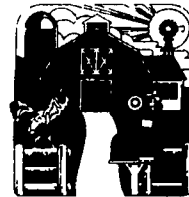
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