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## A Celebration Of Dairy

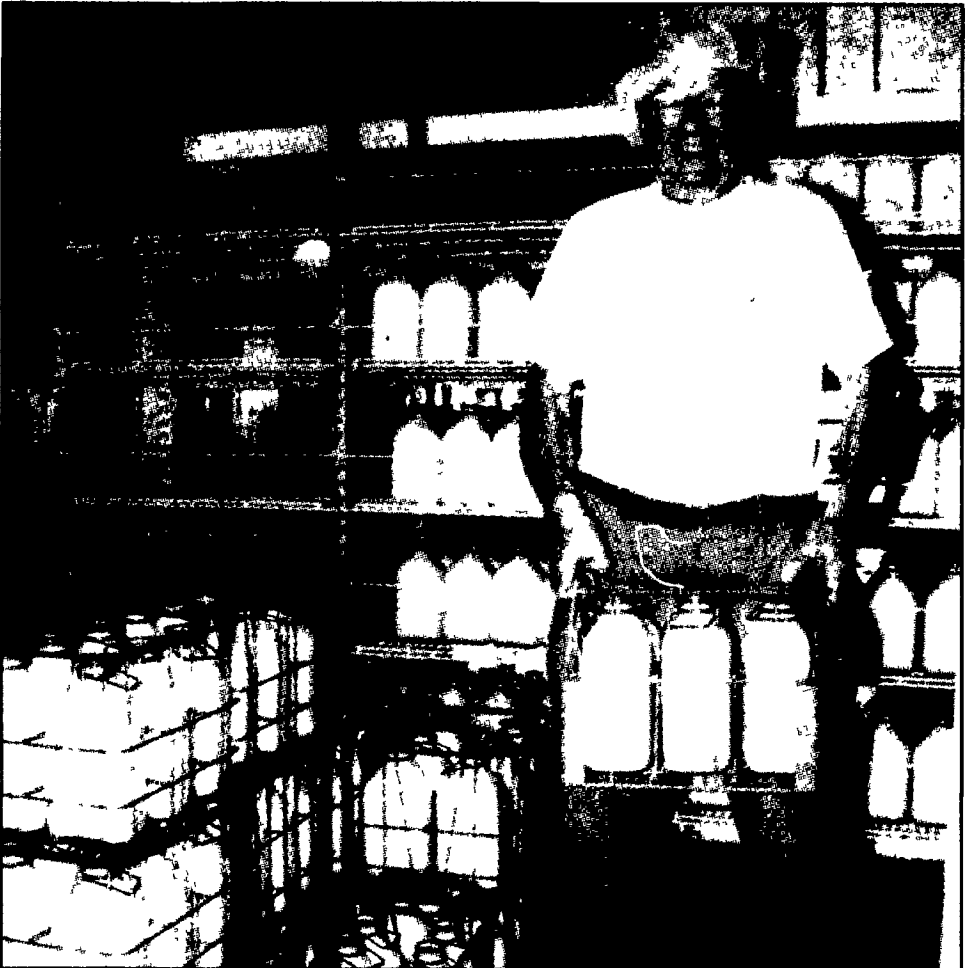
### Lancaster Farming Salutes Producers During June Dairy Month



Bob Thomson of Tor Tamarack Farm in Bradford County makes sure the calves are treated right. Individual pens and curtain sides keep the calves healthy. Thomson and his wife, Olive, first moved to Bradford County in the 1950s. Since then they have made steady improvements to the land and their 700-acre dairy farm, including turning a swamp into beautiful 60-acre lake. See story page A34. Photo by Carolyn Moyer



Developing a recipe for goats' milk ice cream was a yearlong undertaking for Rick and Deneise Goss of Palmyra. Besides operating their own goat dairy and marketing the milk, they have recently begun selling six flavors of ice cream. The couple — who calls their business "rewarding" and "gratifying" — considers goat's milk and ice cream production to be a labor of love and service to the community. Full report page A42. Photo by Michelle Ranck



Melvin Durrwachter shows off a cooler of fresh, glass-bottled milk at the Pure Country dairy store in Williamsport. Milk from 25 local farms is bottled and sold at the store as well as being distributed to other stores in the area. Durrwachter volunteers at the new bottling facility, keeping the dairy tradition in his family alive. His father and grandfather had dairies and milk routes in the Williamsport area from the early 1900s.

Pure Country offers its customers unhomogenized whole milk in addition to homogenized whole, 2%, skim and chocolate milks. All of the milk is pasteurized. Dave Duncan, president of the farmer's cooperative that supplies milk to Pure Country, said that the new cooperative and store were started out of a need for local dairy farmers to take their livelihood into their own hands. See story page A33. Photo by Dave Lefever



Steve and Jody Martin recently began farming this 96-acre dairy near Schaefferstown. Steve, son of Gene and Linda Martin, recently began to operate the farm purchased by his father. Gene and Linda, who operate Swamp Valley Beef and Blue Lake Builders in Denver, went out of their way to ensure a start on the farm for their children. The ideal herd size for Steve and Jody is about 112 cows milking. The herd average has been improved through the use of good feed supplied to the cows. See story page A39. Photo by Stan Hall