

Lancaster Holstein Club Travels To Mifflin County Farms

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BELLEVILLE (Mifflin Co.) — Lancaster County Holstein Club members spent a day viewing great cows and scenery in the area around Belleville Tuesday. The tour bus with some 20 Holstein breeders and enthusiasts first stopped at Ammon Farms

near Lewistown before heading over the mountain into the Big Valley. Mike Ammon is the fifth generation on Ammon Farms, owned by his parents Bill and Helen. The Ammons send eight to 10 bulls a year to A.I. studs from their 80-cow lineup. The herd is housed in freestalls



Bill, Helen, and Mike Ammon with two of their top young cows, Ammon Farms Aaron Dori, left, and Ammon Farms Addison Dora.



Mel Peachey of Tran-Acres discusses his breeding program with tour guests.

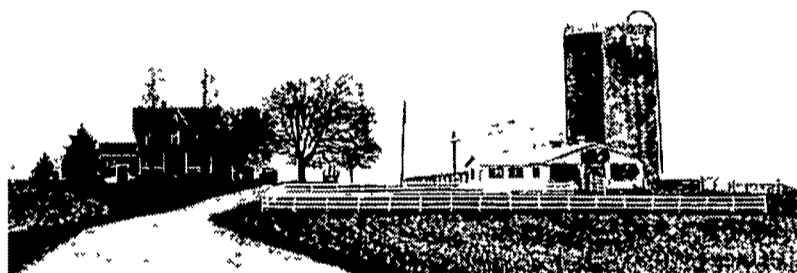
and milked in a tiestall barn. The focus of the breeding program is on productive animals that can thrive in modern dairy facilities. "The cows are there in the freestalls, and if they are good they'll rise to the top," said Mike Ammon, who manages the herd and handles sire selection and bull marketing. "(Freestalls) are where most cows are. We don't

baby cows. "We don't breed for show," he said. "The goal is to provide functional, profitable cows." The group also visited the herds of Paul Neer, Mel Peachey, Keith and Kent Spicher, and Vernon Yoder, all in the Belleville area. Paul Neer is a full-time hoof trimmer who recently began

building a purebred herd, Pencroft Holsteins, housed in a rented dairy barn near Belleville. At this point he keeps about 20 cows in the tiestall setup. Neer is part owner of Carmell Linjet Sunshine, an Excellent-93 cow who was named Reserve All-American and Reserve All-Can-

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