

Haflinger Ponies

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The 50-acre farm, a converted dairy operation, usually has about 25 Haflingers at one time.

In his experience with the breed, Allebach has found them to be hardy, tough, durable, easy keepers, easy foaling and having vigorous foals, besides having "get up and drive," he said.

The term "horse" or "pony" is often used interchangeably by Haflinger owners. However technically they are a pony,

since most of the animals stand at 14.2 hands or under, the definition of a pony, said Allebach.

The ponies can be a variety of sizes, since the registry does not have a maximum or minimum standard for height to register foals.

"They're stout — even small and medium-size Haflingers can carry an adult well," he said.

"Haflingers are promoted and sold as an all-around family pony," he said.

"They're supposed to carry



Pictured at left and above are a few of Spring View Farm's Haflinger foals. The breed is promoted and sold as an all-around family pony.

kids to adults and then hook up to the wagon and drive," he said, citing examples of Haflingers hauling a full-size manure spreaders.

The Amish community has found that the ponies are the right temperament and have the desire and drive for work, are durable and yet easy keepers, and have been able to use the breed on their farms, according to Allebach.

Additionally, "in our society, people need recreation, and their ponies are a source of recreation and physical activity."

"The education of breeding ponies and raising foals is

priceless. It also gives people such a source of pride."

Pennsylvania has the largest numbers of Haflingers, but Ohio and Indiana also host many of the ponies, although they are marketed all over the U.S.

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"The most important part in a pony's conformation is its heart and its brain.

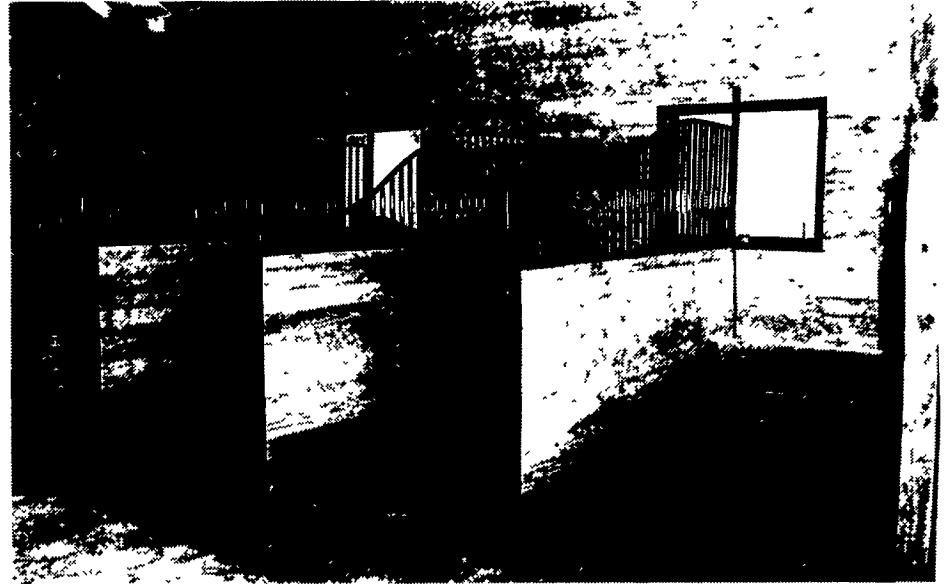
"It could be the most beautiful pony in the world, but it needs to be trainable," to be allowed to breed on Spring View Farm, he said.

"We're really careful about our crosses, to create good

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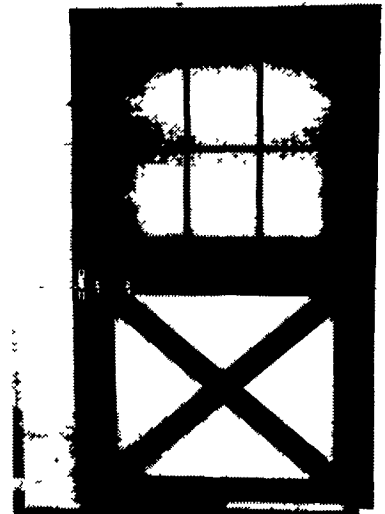
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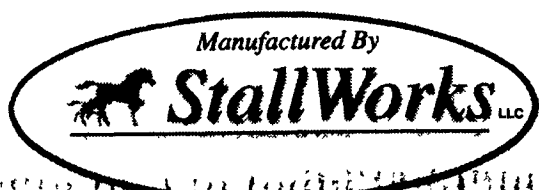


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