

# Don Robinson Reflects On 36-Year Career

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allenges are not along party lines, Robinson's expertise demands that he become a public spokesperson for agriculture with construction and farm preservation groups and with the Chamber of Commerce and county commissioners.

"There is an increasing focus

on environment and farmer responsibility," he said. "The concerns related to farming have magnified, and regulations are getting harder and harder."

He is concerned that small farmers — who do not have the finances to meet government regulations — may be phased out.

"Although I believe that conservation practices pay for themselves over a period of time, the costs cannot be recouped immediately."

He is concerned that farmers using bigger and bigger equipment find it inconvenient to use contour farming methods. And he is concerned that many male Amish are finding off-farm employment. How these issues affect the future of the county's agriculture remains to be seen.

"I'm afraid America's desire for cheap food and lack of respect for farmers will result in

United States being held hostage for food," Robinson said of his concern that the country is growing increasingly dependent on other countries for food sources.

While his career was bustling, Robinson and his wife also watched their family expand. The couple had six biological children before participating in the county's foster care program.

**Robinson was instrumental in helping develop the Leola Produce Auction, which has more than \$6 million annually in sales. Since then, the Leola Auction has been used as model for the development of two additional county auctions and at least six others in neighboring counties and states.**

After caring for several foster children, the Robinsons adopted two of them.

"My wife was an only child, and from the beginning she wanted a large family," Robinson said.

The children are grown and the Robinsons have 14 — soon to be 15 — grandchildren.

"That's one of the reasons I want to retire," Robinson said, "so that I can spend more time with the grandchildren."

He also envisions helping with church mission work projects in other countries, such as a recent Jamaican trip.

"I hope to use my skills and knowledge," Robinson said of the

possibility of providing input to the conservation district and other boards.

"If I have helped develop a conservation ethic and a love for agriculture, I feel like I have accomplished something, and have done what the Lord has put me here for," Robinson said.

"The opportunity to serve Lancaster County as the conservation

district administrator and as an ag teacher has been a richly rewarding experience. I feel blessed to have worked with so many fine people who share the values and appreciation for our county, its natural resources, and its people," Robinson said.

The numerous awards presented to Robinson acknowledge his sphere of influence. Some of those are the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Master Educator Award, U.S.D.A. Administrator's Award, Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives Hal Doran Service Award, and George Delp Ag Industry Award.

Robinson also serves on the state Nutrient Management advisory board and on the Lower Susquehanna Regional Water Basin Preservation Committee.

Don McNutt, Womelsdorf, has been selected to replace Robinson. McNutt has been employed as a LCCD erosion and sediment technician for three years. Before that McNutt, who grew up on a dairy farm in Indiana County, served as ag instructor at Lower Dauphin, Cornwall-Lebanon, and Conrad Weiser school districts.

# 2003 Wayne County Open Holstein Show Results Announced

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.)

— The "2003 Wayne County Holstein Show" was conducted in early August as part of the 2003 Wayne County Fair. A total of 114 head of Black and White and Red and White Holsteins were placed by David A. Costrogiovanni, Castlemont Farm, Montrose.

Clydes-Dale Farm, Pleasant Mount, exhibited the junior champion and grand champion Holstein bull.

Natasha Brown, Equinunk, exhibited the junior champion and reserve junior champion Holstein heifers and senior champion and grand champion Holstein cow.

Jericho Dairy, Lake Como, had the reserve senior and reserve grand champion Holstein female at this show.

Cold Spring Farm, Pleasant Mount, exhibited the junior champion, reserve senior champion, and the reserve grand champion Red and White Holstein female. Emily Lantzsch, Honesdale, exhibited the reserve junior champion. Chyle-Land Dairy, Pleasant Mount, exhibited the senior champion and grand champion.

Complete results of the Open Holstein Show are:

- BLACK AND WHITE HOLSTEIN**  
 Bull calf: 1. Clydes-Dale Farm.  
 Junior or spring heifer calf: 1. Natasha Brown. 2. Chyle-Land Dairy. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.  
 Intermediate or winter heifer calf: 1. Shelly Woodmansee. 2. Riverside Farms. 3. John Nebzydowski.  
 Senior or fall heifer calf: 1. Natasha Brown. 2. Nebz Kidz. 3. Adam Diehl.  
 Summer yearling heifer: 1. Cold Spring Farm. 2. Stephen Rickard. 3. Amanda Eroh.

Junior or spring yearling heifer: 1. Natasha Brown. 2. Brian Merring. 3. Cold Spring Farm.

Intermediate or winter yearling heifer: 1. Natasha Brown. 2. Donna Mead. 3. Cold Spring Farm.

Senior or fall yearling heifer — not in milk: 1. Cold Spring Farm. 2. Chyle-Land Dairy. 3. Christine Wagner.

Junior best three females: 1. Cold Spring Farm. 2. Chyle-Land Dairy. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

Junior get-of-sire: 1. Christine Wagner. 2. Riverside Farm. 3. Brian Merring.

Dry cow 3- and 4-year-old: 1. Riverside Farm. 2. Clydes-Dale Farm.

Dry cow 5 years and over: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Cold Spring Farm.

125,000 pound production: 1. Jericho Dairy. 2. Clydes-Dale Farm.

Junior two-year-old cow: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Edward Howell. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

Senior two-year-old cow: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

Junior 3-year-old cow: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Christine Wagner. 3. Cold Spring Farm.

Senior 3-year-old cow: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Clydes-Dale Farm.

4-year-old cow: 1. Natasha Brown. 2. Chyle-Land Dairy. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

5-year-old cow: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Cold Spring Farm.

6 years and older cows: 1. Jericho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Clydes-Dale Farm.

Senior best three females: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Riverside Farms.

Senior get-of-sire: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Clydes-Dale Farm. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

Dairy herd: 1. Jericho Dairy. 2. Cold Spring Farm. 3. Golden-Willow Holsteins.

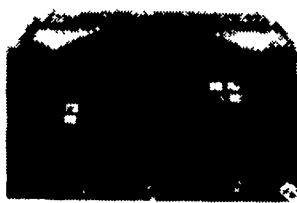
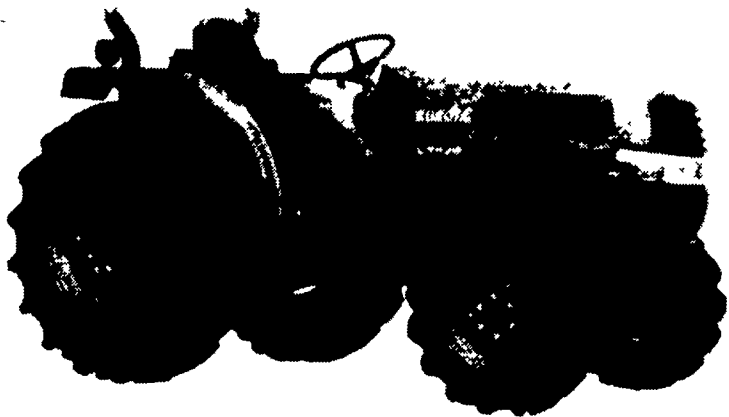
Produce of dam: 1. Cold Spring Farm. 2. Jencho Dairy. 3. Riverside Farm.

Dam and daughter: 1. Jencho Dairy. 2. Clydes-Dale Farm. 3. Natasha Brown.

**RED AND WHITE HOLSTEIN**  
 Junior or spring heifer calf: 1. Emily Lantzsch.  
 Intermediate or winter heifer calf: 1. Jami Hardler.  
 Intermediate or winter yearling heifer: 1. Cold Spring Farm.  
 Junior 2-year-old cow: 1. Chyle-Land Dairy.  
 4-year-old cow: 1. Cold Spring Farm.

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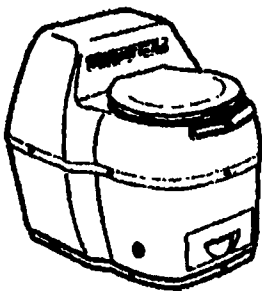
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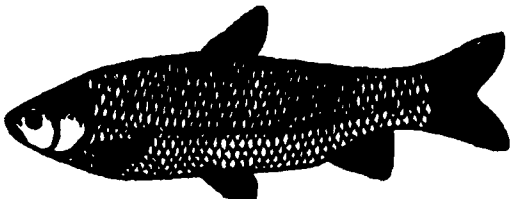
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