



LYTTLE-HYLL MAGNA JODY

6-7y proj. 42,718M 1318F 1247P
Fourth generation homebred Excellent.



LITTLE HILL LADYSMAN MINDA

1-8y 278d 20,209M 4.1% 830F 3.2% 652P
Minda scored VG-88 at 2-11.



LYTTLE-HYLL FORBIDDEN JO

5-1y 365d 40,574M 3.4% 1379F 3.2% 1285P
A Gold Medal Dam with numerous offspring.

With help from professionals and profit team

Faith-based management rewarded

By **DIETER KRIEG**
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MOUNT ZION, Pa. -- There are varied and numerous reasons for top production. At Little Hill Farm, near here, where an 11-year old Brown Swiss recently set a new national lifetime butterfat record, the multitude of reasons is topped by a spiritual commitment that underpins the entire management philosophy.

"We have been given the awesome responsibility to care for the cows that God has provided to us," declares Teresa (Terry) Shuey, who runs the Little Hill Farm operation along with her husband, Kevin, brother, Rich and his wife, Gale. "We try our best to take care of His creatures."

While all members of the family, including the children and Terry and Rich's Dad, share in

the faith and commitment, there's more to tell about their success.

"We also feel our success has come by surrounding ourselves with experts we trust and rely on heavily," Terry explains. "We are willing to listen and learn from other breeders. Being open and honest in all of our business deals is also a priority.

With a strong faith and Golden Rule-style ethics at the forefront, other reasons for top production fall into place. They range from up close and personal involvement to bringing professionals to their management team and growing their own feeds to adopting new technologies. And, for sure, there are also a lot of "basics" to their style.

Speaking on behalf of the family partnership, Terry observes: "With 3x milking, we are around the cows more often and can respond to

their needs quicker. Everyone involved in the day-to-day operation is an owner and we all feel that the cows are our number one priority and if we take care of the cows, they will take care of us."

Located about 10 miles northeast of Lebanon, Little Hill Farm is nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The 120-acre property was originally purchased by Terry's and Rich's grandparents, Alice Little and George Hill, in 1938. The siblings and their spouses purchased the real estate from their parents in 1994. In addition to their own 80 acres of cropland, the Shuey and Hill families rent 120 acres to raise corn, soybeans, alfalfa, barley, grass hay for their dairy herd. Rich is the crop manager.

Several people add a professional touch to the feeding and herd health programs. They

include scheduled monthly herd checks by a veterinarian and bi-weekly visits by not just one, but three nutritionists.

"For three and a half years now, we've had quarterly profit team meetings with Kirk Sattazahn serving as our facilitator," Terry pointed out. Additional team member include their accountant, Fred Weaver; veterinarian Dr. Brian Reed from Ag Vet Associates; and milking herd nutritionist, Rick Stehr from R & J Consulting.

Duane Nolt from K & K Feeds balances the calf and heifer rations. "We feed our calves three times a day with a 28% protein milk replacer," Terry revealed. "They are also fed a 22% protein starter until they are three months old. Using this accelerated feeding program for our calves helps us freshen our heifers at an

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