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Local breeder one of nation's finest

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DAIRY TROPHIES — Arie Breedyk, right and his son Arie Jr., hold trophies won by the elder Mr Breedyk's purebred Holstein herd. The trophies, for 1984's high-producing herd and high-producing cow in Southern

California, are only two of the honors won by Breedyk dairy cattle. The Chino dairy herd was recently listed 10th best in the nation and fourth best in the state by a dairy magazine.

Staff photo by Brenda Alberson-Dunkle

One could say Arie Breedyk's dairy contains the "cadillac of cows." His dairy herd was named the 10th best in the nation this month by Holstein World Magazine, based on DHIR (Dairy Herd Improvement Registered cattle) tests.

Mr Breedyk's herd of 250 purebred Holsteins was also listed as first in herd size and fourth best in the state in the magazine's top honor list of United States herds.

The Chino dairyman's dairy cattle are known for their milk-producing abilities and their offspring are prized around the world.

Mr Breedyk and son Arie Jr., recently sent one of the first United States bred bulls to China. Breedyk bulls were recently sent to France and Japanese farmers visited the Chino dairy in May, looking at the stock. Hundreds of frozen embryos, frozen sperm and stock from the Breedyk Dairy have been sent to Holland, Japan, France, Canada, Columbia, and Mexico in efforts to increase milk production in those countries.

Mr Breedyk's herd was named high milk-producing herd in

Southern California for 1984. He also had the highest producing cow in this area, five year old Lomita, who produced 28,279 pounds of milk and 1,182 pounds of butterfat in one lactation (milking cycle).

Another cow, owned by Mr Breedyk, Melody, produced 37,800 pounds of milk and 1,287 pounds of butterfat in one lactation.

Mr Breedyk is probably proudest of a cow named Genie, who produced 51 embryos in 12 years. He said most cows usually only produce about eight calves in the same time period.

Not only do Breedyk cows bring in lots of milk and calves, they also bring in a good price. The dairyman recently sold a calf in Texas for \$51,000, and expected to sell a prize cow for an equally high price tag.

Mr Breedyk, who owns three dairies in this area, has been in the business 30 years. He and wife Jessie came to Chino in 1956 from Duarte.

He said he started breeding dairy cattle 15 years ago as a hobby and finds it amusing that the hobby has led to worldwide recognition.



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