

## Pennsylvania Dairy Cow Herds Prove To Be Highly Productive

Milk production on Pennsylvania farms last year totalled a little less than 7 billion pounds. Average daily production would fill a row of quart bottles extending from Erie to Philadelphia and half way back to Lancaster.

The foregoing are illustrated of comments found in "Pennsylvania Dairy Statistics—1962" a booklet recently released by W. L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture. This publication was prepared under the direction of Dewey O. Boster of the State Crop Reporting Service assisted by a committee from the Agricultural Experiment Station, University Park of which C. W. Pierce, agricultural economist, was chairman.

Extensive statistics comprise a major part of this publication. Students of the agriculture of Pennsylvania will quickly learn Dr. Pierce says that about half the income of the farmers of this state is from sales of milk calves and surplus dairy animals.

Nearly 30 percent more milk was produced in Pennsylvania in 1961 than in 1948, so much that not all of it could be sold in fluid form, he points out. Ice cream has increased in production in this State in the past dozen years by 10 per cent, better by 75. non-fat dry milk about 6 times and cottage cheese has trippled.

Pennsylvania dairy farmers received from approximately 9 to about 11 cents per quart for milk in 1961, depending on the area in which it was produced.

A total of about \$82,000 milk cows were reported in the state last year, the same number as were reported in 1941. Average milk production had risen, Dr. Pierce says, from 5,520 pounds per cow in 1941 to 7,820 pounds in 1961 an increase of 41 per cent.

## Kirkwood 4-H Plans Float

Plans for entering a float in the Solanco Fair at Quarryville were made at the last meeting of the Kirkwood 4-H club.

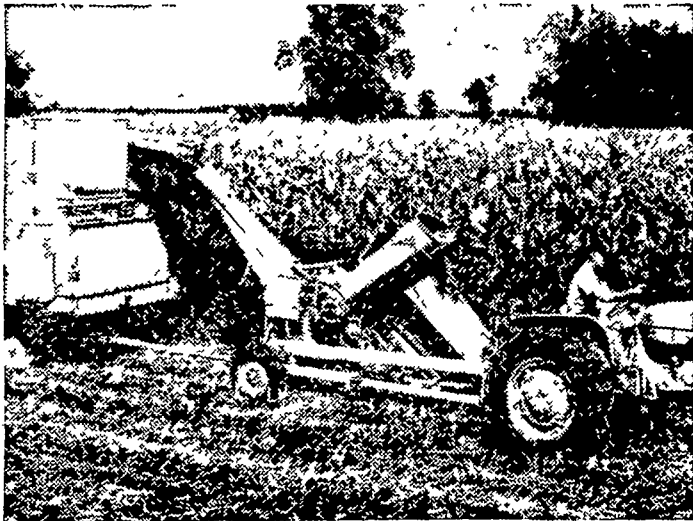
The meeting, in the home of Mrs. Richard Maule, club leader, was called to order by president Martin Greenleaf. Roll call was answered by members giving a report on the state of their projects.

An invitation was issued to attend the August 23 meeting of the Garden Spot Community 4-H club.

Refreshments were served to the group by the Society of Farm Women. 15 Leaders present included Mrs. Maule, George Reinhart, and John and Fred Frey.

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## "High Production . . . for a Longer Period of Time"



Mr. Titus Hurst, R. D. 3, Lititz, has this to say about feeding Beacon: "I feed Beacon because my cows maintain high levels of production for a longer period of time . . . and hold up well in flesh."

Mr. Hurst has been feeding Beacon for five years and has been using Beacon Dairy Feed Programming through most of that time. It's interesting to compare his most recent DHIA average (on Beacon) with his last previous non-Beacon average:

	Year	No. of Cows	Avg. Milk	Avg. Butterfat
Beacon	1961	21.5	14,882 lbs.	554 lbs.
Non-Beacon	1957	15.6	11,027 lbs.	406 lbs.
Average Increase			3,855 lbs.	148 lbs.

That's an increase of more than one-third. And, much of the increase came in Mr. Hurst's early years on the Beacon program . . . giving him extra milk income almost from the start on Beacon.

Herd quality and herd management at Mr. Hurst's farm are tops. Here are several recent and current records to show what individual cows are doing:

Rollinstead Dean Evelyn (pictured above)

2 yrs., 8 mos.	355 d.	15,631 lbs. milk	583 lbs. butterfat
3 yrs., 10 mos.	85 d.	6,628 lbs. milk	310 lbs. butterfat

(in progress)

Rollinstead Leader Evelyn

2 yrs., 5 mos.	383 d.	20,539 lbs. milk	706 lbs. butterfat
3 yrs., 7 mos.	342 d.	19,408 lbs. milk	642 lbs. butterfat
4 yrs., 7 mos.	176 d.	13,317 lbs. milk	478 lbs. butterfat

(in progress)

And another great cow in the Hurst herd, Burke Belle Fobes, has averaged per year for the past four years 24,413 lbs. of milk, 790 lbs. of butterfat.

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