

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

DHIA Cows Out-Produced Others By 63 Percent In 1965, USDA Says

Dairymen who belong to the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), an organization sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture, received an average \$219 per cow more for their milk last year than producers not participating in DHIA.

Cows in DHIA herds exceeded milk yields of those in other herds by 4,668 pounds in 1965 — a 63 percent advantage. Value of this extra milk was calculated at \$470 per hundred pounds.

The rate of increase in production efficiency of DHIA herds has been almost half again as rapid as that of non-DHIA herds. In the 3 years since 1963, milk yield of each DHIA cow increased by 280 pounds per year, compared to 196 pounds for

cows not in DHIA. Production per cow on DHIA also broke old efficiency records; the 1965-66 figure was 12,127 pounds of milk per year — the first time the 12,000-pound level was exceeded. Production for the previous year had been 11,976 pounds.

Dr. Ernest L. Corley, who supervises DHIA for USDA's Agricultural Research Service, says that these figures are averages covering nearly 2 million cows in over 34,000 herds.

Using electronic data processing, individual DHIA participants can use breakdowns of DHIA records to compare their herds with similar ones producing for like markets. Analysis often shows opportunities for improving breeding, feeding, and other management.

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Meat Packing Firm Adds State-Level 4-H Sheep Project Award

Sheep projects are one more area of livestock programs set up on a statewide and national scale for 4-H Club members, according to the National 4-H Service Committee. The state sponsorship was assumed this year by Wilson & Co., Inc., which previously had offered scholarships only on a national selection basis.

Announcement of the new state award for highest ranking sheep project member is an engraved wrist watch. The cooperative Extension Service, which sets up guidelines for the 4-H program, selects both state and national award winners.

The 4-H'ers, in the course of working on the project, not only learn the responsibility of animal care, feeding and health, but also learn to appreciate the importance of lamb as a food and sheep products for human comfort such as wool.

Skill in readying the animal for the show ring is another challenge for the young sheep raisers. Breeding, marketing and management practices are part of the project. Local leaders and county extension

Grand Champion at Chester County 4-H Pig Show and Sale Brings \$154

David Robinson, West Chester R5, exhibited the grand champion hog, a 200-pound Hampshire, and the champion trio of hogs at the 1966 Chester-Delaware 4-H Swine Round-up held last Friday at the Vintage Sales Stables, Paradise. The reserve grand champion hog was exhibited by Danny Cross, Chester, and the reserve champion trio was shown by Barbara Beam, Elverson R1.

Kenneth Beam, Elverson R1, won first place in the light-weight class, David Robinson was first in the mediumweight class with his grand champion Hampshire, and Etha McDowell, Oxford R2, took the honors in the heavyweight class.

In the fitting and showmanship contest, Timothy Keener, Lincoln University R1, won top honors in the first-year division, and Kenneth Beam won first place in the senior division.

agents work with the youngsters.

The six 1966 national winners will be announced during the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago right after Thanksgiving. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Thirty-five 4-H club members participated in the show. John Henkel, Willow Glen Farm, Strasburg R1, was the official judge.

All of the 4-H hogs, a total of 65, were sold Saturday morning at the Vintage Sales Stables. Medford Packing Company, Chester, purchased the grand champion hog for 77 cents a pound; the reserve grand champion was sold for 43 cents a pound to Vintage Sales Stables.

Lester Ranck, Quarryville R2, purchased the champion trio for 30½ cents and the reserve champion trio went to Ezra W. Martin, Lancaster, for 35¼ cents. The sale average for all pigs sold, not including the two champion hogs, was \$29.31 cents per cwt. Average weight of all hogs was 204 pounds.

Other buyers supporting the 4-H Sale included A. M. Ledy, Soudertown; Kenneth Emory, Spring City; Devault Packing, Devault; Eastburn Livestock Carrier, Smyrna, Del.; Domenico Cappuccio & Sons, Philadelphia; B. J. Price, Inc., Chester; Carl Good, Inc., Denver; C. L. King, Quarryville; Amos Stoltzfus, Gordonville; Robert Groff, Jr., East Earl; and George Ressler, Oxford.

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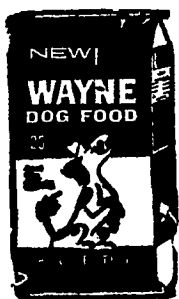
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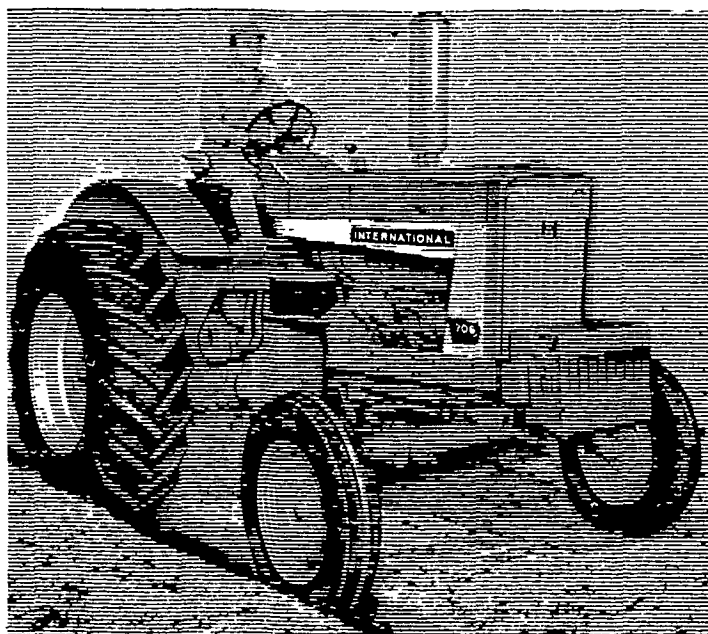
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NFU Demands Action On Packaging Bill

National Farmers Union president Tony T. Dechant sent a telegram to members of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee Wednesday demanding an end to the food industry's filibustering tactics to kill the truth-in-packaging bill, and pointing out that existing legislation is not sufficient to protect the interests of farmer and consumer, as industry spokesmen are claiming.

The farm organization leader also relinquished the time allowed National Farmers Union to testify before the Committee to speed up "immediate passage of a strong truth-in-packaging bill."

Dechant's telegram reads as follows:

"Farmers Union wishes to testify on the truth-in-packaging bill. In light of the planned filibuster being carried on by industry witnesses, we relinquish our time and demand an end to the industry's filibustering tactics to kill this bill. This legislation is a top priority target program adopted by the national convention. Existing authorization is vague, ineffective and unworkable over the thirty or more years of experience and visibly shown on the shelf in every supermarket in the country. The food giants have proven that they can outmaneuver current legislative authority. The ethics in the packaging industry must be cleaned up to protect the farmer and consumer. We urge immediate passage of a strong truth-in-packaging bill."