

# Lancaster Co. DHIA Summary

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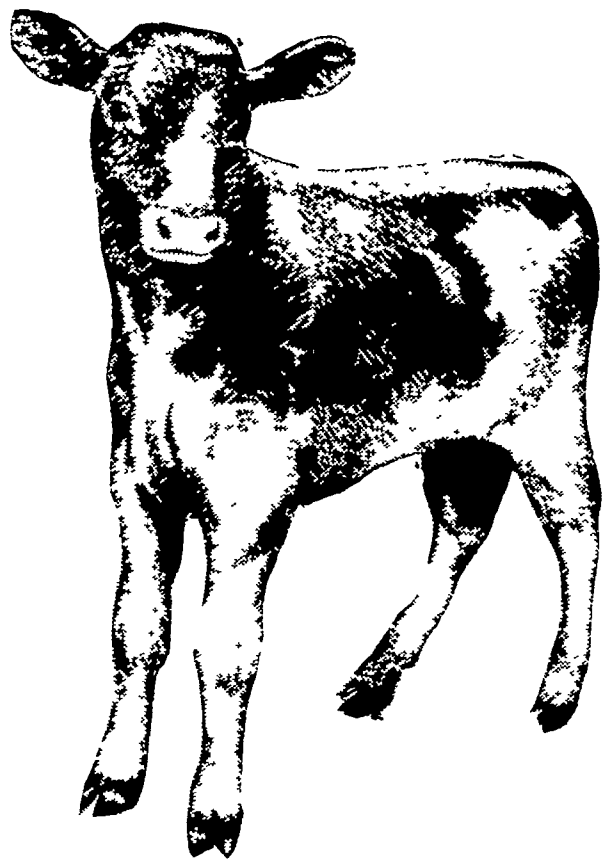
The Lancaster County Red Rose D.H.I.A. completed another year with 16,976 cows on test which is the highest number ever on test. Our county average was 12,264 pounds milk and 479 pounds fat.

It was a good year for the Holstein breed as they captured all the top awards in herd averages and lactation records. The highest producing herd in the county was the registered Holstein herd owned by Red Rose Research Center of 226 Pitney Road, Lancaster with 25.2 RH cows and 17,867 milk and 691 fat. This herd was highest in both milk and fat production.

The top ten herds were all Holsteins and their results are as follows:

Owner's Name and Address	Breed	Avg. No. of Cows	Lbs. Milk	Lbs. Butterfat
Red Rose Research Center 226 Pitney Road, Lanc., Pa.	RH	25.2	17,867	691
Stanley G. Greiner R. D. 4, Manheim, Pa.	RH	24.1	17,226	674
Lloyd Nolt R. D. 2, Quarryville, Pa.	R&GrH	40.7	16,585	674
Edwin J. Landis 1406 Lampeter Road, Lanc.	R&GrH	35.4	16,614	651
Paul B. Zimmerman R. D. 1, Ephrata, Pa.	RH	31.9	16,463	638
Amos B. Lapp R. D. 1, Gordonville, Pa.	R&GrH	33.5	17,071	635
Henry E. Kettering R. D. 3, Lititz, Pa.	RH	43.8	15,437	631

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Curtis E. Akers R. D. 1, Quarryville, Pa.	R&GrH	35.0	16,351	630
John M. Nissley R. D. 1, Bainbridge, Pa.	R&GrH	38.3	16,063	629
David L. Landis 1896 Colebrook Rd, Lanc.	R&GrH	27.0	17,417	628

Again, the Red Rose Research Center took top honors in the highest lactation record for the past year. It was made by Bonnie, RH No. 55477951, 6 years of age, 305 days with 28,755 milk, 3.6% fat, 1,038 lbs. fat.

4-year lactation — Elsie, RH No. 5596009, owned by John L. Landis, 2648 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster — 4 years, 8 months of age, 305 days with 25,184 milk, 3.5% fat, 903 lbs fat.

3-year lactation — Marie, RH No. 5732192, owned by C. Richard Landis, 2306 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster — 3 years, 3 months of age, 305 days with 2,568 milk, 4.1% fat, 943 lbs fat.

2-year lactation — #21, RH No. 6267064, owned by Marvin S. Nolt, R. D. 2, Peach Bottom — 2 years, 2 months of age, 305 days with 22,305 milk, 3.0% fat, 826 lbs. fat.

If you will note all top lactation records were made by Holsteins.

Most all of the top herd averages were made in comfort-stall barns.

#### Lawn Mowing

Lawn mowing is in full swing at this time of the year and many areas require two clippings per week. This is a sign of good turf with sufficient fertility. The question of removal of the clippings is often discussed at this period of the year. With the lush growth and frequent mowings needed, we continue to feel that it is advisable to remove the clippings during the spring and other periods of heavy growth; the buildup of heavy thatch can do some harm. Also, at this time of the year I'd like to remind lawn keepers of the need of using sharp blades on mowers; we often notice that a lawn will turn brown for a few days after clipping; in many cases this is due to the fact that the blades on the mower were dull and the grass was beaten off rather than cut, sharp cutting blades are needed for good lawns.

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animal Field Day Program is scheduled for July 23 at the Carl Martin Farm, Ephrata. James Pound is to be the speaker.

The local breeders will also host the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association school on July 10 & 11, and the County Black & White Show will be held July 30 at the Guernsey Barn. This show will qualify entries for the State Black & White Show as no District show will be held this year.

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