

Pennsylvania DHIA Cows Continue To Set Records

Cows enrolled in the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association milk testing program shattered several existing records this past year which points out that dairymen are continuing to produce milk more efficiently.

Data summarized by computers reveal that records were established in milk and butterfat production and income over feed cost.

The DHIA program, supervised by the Extension dairy science section at The Pennsylvania State University, is a production and feed recordkeeping system designed to assist dairymen in improving their feeding, breeding, and management practices. About 167,000 cows in 3,800 herds are taking part in this program.

"The average cow in the program produced 12,723 pounds of milk and 492 pounds of butterfat, breaking production records set several years ago," said Herbert C. Gilmore, Penn State Extension dairy specialist and program supervisor. "Income over feed cost was \$484 per cow, up \$54 from last year."

Twelve years ago, DHIA became one of the first Commonwealth farm organizations to change over to electronic record-keeping, the dairy specialist pointed out. Today the association is a \$1.5 million a year business. Since 1957, more than 22

million cow records have been processed at the Penn State Data Processing Center.

Monroe County herds, for the second straight year, had the highest butterfat production record with 555 pounds. Perry County herds finished first in the state in milk production with 13,984 pounds per cow. Lancaster County leads all counties with the largest number of cows on test — 18,077.

A Holstein herd owned by Thomas R. Williams of Uniondale, Susquehanna County, captured high state butterfat and milk production honors. The 24-cow herd produced an average of 21,964 pounds of milk and 796 pounds of fat.

Six other Holstein herds produced over 700 pounds of butterfat this past testing year. Gilmore said. They are: Dean Hearn of Williamsburg, Blair County, 18,132 milk, 762 fat; G. Roy Ackley of Westfield, Tioga County, 19,916 milk, 734 fat; Sinking Springs Farm of RD5, York, 18,823 milk, 725 fat; Stanley Pruss of Lake Ariel, Wayne County, 17,488 milk, 716 fat; Sam and David Stewart of Delta, York County, 18,346 milk, 712 fat; and Wilbur Hepburn of Montoursville, Lycoming County, 17,618 milk, 703 fat.

The other leading butterfat production records by breeds are:

Ayrshire — Michael Rapuano

JANUARY POTATO STOCKS 3% ABOVE YEAR AGO

The 3,650,000 cwt. of potatoes in storage on January 1 was 3 percent more than the January 1, 1969 amount. These stocks consisted of potatoes held for all uses in the hands of Pennsylvania growers, local dealers and processors. Potatoes held by processors in excess of normal supplies for current operations were included in the estimate.

Total stocks held on January 1 amounted to 47 percent of production, the same ratio as last year. The 1969 crop of 7,810,000 cwt. was 3 percent larger than the 1968 crop.

Disappearance (sales, home use, shrinkage, etc.) during December was 1,150,000 cwt. compared with 1,000,000 cwt. for December a year ago. Disappearance from time of harvest to January 1 was 4,160,000 cwt. compared with 4,035,000 for the

of Newtown, Bucks County, 14,138 milk and 578 fat.

Guernsey — Guy A. Leader and Son of York, 12,235 milk and 631 fat.

Jersey — Robert W. Ulrick and Son of Quarryville, Lancaster County, 11,163 milk and 594 fat.

Brown Swiss — J. Rohrer Witmer of Willow Street, Lancaster County, 14,073 milk and 615 fat.

Milking Shorthorn — John R. Clark of New Castle Lawrence County, 10,283 milk and 404 fat.

comparable period a year earlier. Movement during December was above average for the month due to high demand for good quality Pennsylvania potatoes. Most potatoes now remaining in storage are storing well.

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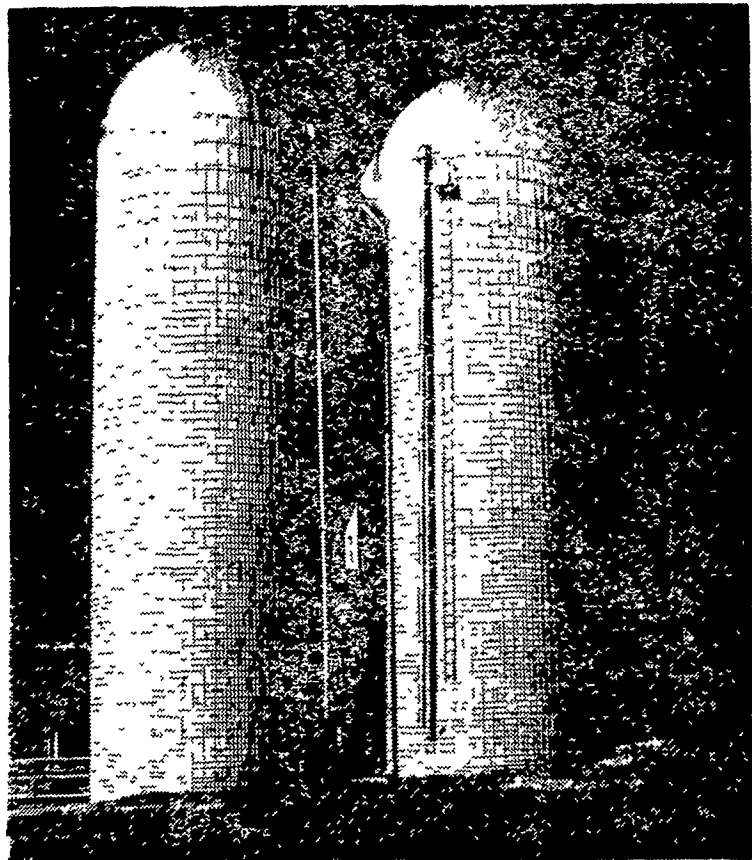
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