

State DHIA Converting To New Testing System

The Pennsylvania DHIA Association is in the process of completely changing its milk testing procedure

The change includes conversion from the present Babcock testing units, which each of the 15 milk testers in Lancaster County must carry with them, to the Milk-o-Tester. The new units do not involve acid, a safety factor Victor Plastow, associate county agent in charge of dairying, explains the new equipment in an accompanying article

But the change involves much more than just the change in equipment; it involves a whole new testing set-up

The key to the change is construction of a new statewide milk testing laboratory at Penn State. Plans are to test milk of all DHIA members in the state by Milk-o-Tester at this new lab

Whereas, there are 15 Babcock units now in operation in Lancaster County alone, under the new system there will be only 10 Milk-o-Testers for the entire

state. But each of the 10 units will cost \$18,000

Under the new set-up, local milk testers will send milk samples to the new laboratory for testing

Plans are to complete construction of the new laboratory by August 1970 and to get all local tests under the system by sometime in 1971



Holstein Industry Growth Reported for Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania is making a record of growth in the Holstein industry which no other state can match, M S Prescott, editor of Holstein-Friesian World, reported recently

In 1969 for the first time Pennsylvania moved into the No. 1 spot for active members of Holstein-Friesian Association of America

It is the only one among the top 10 states which during the

past decade showed growth in all four categories of registrations, transfers, total national members, and total active members. Its growth rate for this period has been more than double the national average

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