



## LANCASTER COUNTY DHIA MONTHLY REPORT



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Facts  
Dairymen  
Should  
Know

A Registered Holstein cow owned by John M. Harnish, 1036 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster, completed the highest 305 day lactation. Topsy produced 24,502 pounds of milk, 935 pounds of butterfat with a 3.8 per cent test. Second high lactation was completed by a Registered Holstein cow owned by Lloyd Wolf, RD2, Quarryville. Honey produced 19,690 pounds of milk, 873 pounds of butterfat with a 4.4 per cent test in 305 days.

The herd of John P. Lapp, RD1, Leola, had the highest daily butterfat average. This herd of 299 Registered and Grade Holstein cows averaged 52.8 pounds of milk, 1.97 pounds of butterfat with a 3.7 per cent test. The herd of Curtis E. Akers, RD1, Quarryville, placed second. This herd of 37.1 Registered and Grade Holstein cows averaged 50.9 pounds of milk, 1.87 pounds of butterfat with a 3.7 per cent test.

### FIRST 305 DAYS OF LACTATION WITH 660 OR MORE POUNDS OF BUTTERFAT

Owner - Name	Breed	Age	Days	Milk	Test	Fat
John M. Harnish						
Topsy	RH	6-5	305	24,502	3.8	935
Pearl	RH	5-1	299	18,984	4.0	767
Melody	RH	5-5	259	16,456	4.2	687
Lloyd Wolf						
Honey	RH	4-9	305	19,690	4.4	873
James D. Shertzer						
Alma	RH	5-0	305	16,720	5.0	837
Amos H. Rutt						
Coale	RH	6-3	305	16,582	5.0	834
Robert F. & Joan B. Book						
Arlene	RH	7-1	305	20,948	3.9	823
Marjorie	RH	9-1	305	19,829	3.8	757
Jill	RH	7-3	305	18,532	3.7	678
Cassie	RH	3-4	305	18,900	3.6	677
Benuel S. Beiler						
Ann	RH	7-11	305	18,726	4.4	823
Starlin	RH	6-2	305	21,355	3.5	757
Robert M. Rohrer						
Susie	RH	7-0	305	19,668	4.2	820
Calvin D. Beiler						
Jan	RH	3-4	305	19,881	4.1	813
Rufus G. Martin						
31	RH	5-6	305	19,795	4.1	812
Daniel L. Martin						
Twinkle	RH	7-0	305	18,563	4.3	806
Becky	RH	4-3	305	21,293	3.6	759
Cindy	RH	7-1	305	19,051	3.5	664
Wilmer G. Kraybill						
Benn	RH	7-1	305	16,442	4.9	806
Foy	RH	5-11	305	18,702	3.8	711
Robert H. Kauffman						
Betsy	RH	4-6	305	18,637	4.3	802
Clarence M. Murry						
Alda	RH	8-3	305	22,931	3.5	797
J. Harold Musser & Son						
36	GrH	3-1	305	18,782	4.2	795
Paul B. Zimmerman						
Jane	RH	8-9	302	21,608	3.7	793
Mahlon M. Fry						
Betty	RH	4-11	305	17,102	4.6	789
Ivory	RH	5-11	305	17,758	3.7	662
Amos S. Stoltzfus Jr.						
Rosie	GrH	6-2	305	22,188	3.5	787

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### FDA To Publish Nutrition Guidelines

Minimum nutritional quality guidelines will be published by the Food and Drug Administration for manufactured food. Dry cereals will probably be first because of the recent controversy over the nutritional value of these breakfast foods.

It is expected that the National Research Council and the National Academy of Sciences will recommend which foods need guidelines and at what nutritional level. These guidelines are FDA's first step beyond their concern for safety.

The guidelines for nutrition will be voluntary and have no force of law. However, it is expected that all processors and manufacturers will wish to follow the guidelines for competitive reasons. Standards for main dishes — chili, pizza, hash, and others will follow.

The reason for nutrition standards is to satisfy an increased demand for prepared foods and assure the consumer of nutritional quality. This may be the first step toward product standardization.

**Mold Problems In Cattle Feeding**  
Generally speaking, mature cattle are quite resistant to the toxic effects of moldy corn. It is safer to feed moldy corn to cattle than any other type of livestock.

Corn which is badly molded may be quite unpalatable to cattle, but the University of Illinois recommends mixing 50 to 100 pounds of liquid molasses to it to mask odor and taste. Last year, research and extension workers in Maryland reported a case of field tetany in a herd of dairy cows eating high moisture ensiled moldy shelled corn. Tetanic convulsions appeared when cattle were fed 16

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## 4-H Team 8th at Chicago

The Pennsylvania 4-H Livestock Judging team placed eighth out of 31 teams at the International Livestock Show at Chicago last weekend.

All four team members are from Lancaster County.

The team was second in sheep judging with 423 points, just behind Minnesota's 432. All four team members had perfect scores of 50 for placement unmatched by any team this year.

Max Smith, county agricultural agent, and team coach, said this is the first time the county team has had perfect placings in any judging class. Besides sheep judging, classes included cattle and hogs.

The four local team members are Gary Dean, Strasburg RD1; Burnell Buchen, Manheim RD3; Clark Stauffer, Ephrata RD1, and Ed Donough, Manheim RD1. Only Donough had worked with sheep before this year.

The local 4-H'ers won the right at State 4-H Days last Au-

gust to represent Pennsylvania in national competition.

The team scored sixth in beef cattle judging, an expected strong point. The team score was 683 points out of 750. In hog competition, the team was 18th with 531 points out of 600.

Donough led the team in individual scoring with 555 points out of 600. It earned him a four-way tie for 13th place in competition with 123 other youths.

This was the third year in a row that a team from the county, representing the state, has placed within the top 10.

Except for Pennsylvania and a team from Virginia (10th), all the top 10 teams were from western or mid-western states.

Teams from Minnesota and North Dakota wound up in a tie for first place with identical 1,662 points out of 1,890. Minnesota won the top spot by having a higher score on reasons for placement of animals.

### Maximum Waste Use Urged by Ag Engineer

Waste management is an expression that implies supervision and control of surplus non-usable materials with executive ability, N. Henry Wooding, Extension agricultural engineer at Penn State University, told dairy industry officials at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Wednesday.

The question, "Where can we get rid of milk solids, cheese whey, and spoiled dairy products," should be restated, Wooding emphasized.

"In a very broad sense, waste management means waste prevention, recovery, utilization, and disposal," the Penn State engineer said.

Wooding also told those attending the conference that effective waste management requires the active interest of plant managers, supervisors, and foremen. It includes employee education, participation, and cooperation.

### Dairy Meeting Feb. 9

The Board of Directors for the 6th Annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Dairy Conference is planning an outstanding program for the all-day meeting February 9, 1971 at the Guernsey Pavilion, Lancaster.

Wally Lindscoog from California will be the keynote speaker. He owns the highest producing herd in excess of 100 cows in the United States. His advice has been sought by many dairymen.

The co-sponsors are: Curtis Breeding Service, Allis-Chalmers, New Holland Supply Company and John W. Eshelman & Sons. They invite farmers to spend the day with them.

Starting time for the program is 9:30 a.m. Free lunch will be served.

## Mrs. Brackbill Makes Christmas Cookies by the 100 Dozen

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Christmas means many things to many people and many are the customs that have been handed down to us from various sources.

One tradition that delights young and old alike is the baking of the Christmas cookie. Yes, the preparation for Christmas is a real pleasure for practically everyone.

But some ladies who work away from home, yet endeavor to provide a happy, well organized home, find little time to make the tedious cookies that are so necessary for their families. Commercially made cookies will do any other time of the year, but not for Christmas, when the fancier and prettier the better.

There's a very busy lady in Lancaster County filling the need for those tasty little morsels for a number of families. She is none other than Mrs. Maurice (Rhoda) Brackbill of 116 Manor Ave, Millersville.

She is busy laying in large quantities of flour, sugar, eggs, butter and other shortening, dried fruits and all kinds of nuts and fancy decorates to start the huge task of making hundreds of cookies. With in-



Mrs. Maurice Brackbill is making Love Nut cookies.

flation hitting the cost of all the ingredients, Mrs. Brackbill has to buy them wisely in order to earn a few cents for her time.

Already she has several hundred orders. A list of 15 kinds she makes is beside her two telephones and an order sheet all ready to take more orders. Dropped cookies sell for 50 cents a dozen and rolled ones for 45 cents a dozen.

Last year Rhoda and assistants baked and sold 1,100 dozen and the year before 1,200 dozen.

When she gets real busy, she enlists the help of her whole household. Maurice grinds nuts, father goes for eggs, daughter Janet helps bake, as do two male students who attend Millersville State College and room with the Brackbills. Yes, even the neighbor lady comes to lend a helping hand.

Think of the busy refrigerator and cold room where the unbaked cookies are stored. Now the thermostats are turned back because those two ovens will do a fine job of heating the kitchen. Just imagine the aroma of all those cookies baking. Just imagine, too, the tin cans, plastic boxes and containers filled with cookies which are stored in a cool room till they're all picked up.

Mrs. Brackbill does not limit her cookie baking to the Christmas season. In fact, she is anxious to expand her cookie baking to a year-round basis. Cookies taste just as good any time, make a nice snack after school, a go-together for a coffee break or what could be better for light tasty refreshments after a women's meeting or bridge club. Yes, happy the man who finds a few homemade cookies in his lunch bucket.

Mrs. Brackbill loves to raise all kinds of houseplants. She has over 100 African violets alone. But this is a few compared to 18 years ago when they left the farm. She had 500 then and 50 different varieties. At that time she sold them but now has them just for her own pleasure. One room is devoted to them entirely and her bedroom probably has the most of them in it.

Mrs. Brackbill and Janet keep the neighbor's baby while the mother goes to Millersville State College and the father teaches school. Since 1964, she has roomed some college students. She has two now and will have another one also in January.

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