

Pa. Cows Producing Less

Pennsylvania's milk cows produced 586 million pounds during March, according to the Crop Reporting Service. This was four percent less than March 1972 milk production. The milking herd in March consisted of 670,000 cows, compared with 687,000 a year ago. Average production per cow during March was 875 pounds compared with 885 pounds last year.

April 1 reports indicate Pennsylvania dairymen are feeding 143 pounds of grain and other concentrates daily per cow in their herds. A year ago the figure reported was 14.1 pounds.

U.S. milk production during March is estimated at 10.3 billion pounds, two percent less than March a year ago. Daily average production was three percent above February, compared with a four percent increase during the corresponding period last year. Production during the first quarter of this year is 2.1 percent less than a year earlier. March output provided 1.58 pounds of milk per person daily for all uses compared with 1.62 last year and 1.54 pounds in February.

Milk production per cow was 894 pounds, nearly unchanged from last year's 893 pounds. The March rate was at a record high in 20 of the 33 states with monthly estimates. During March there were 11,549,000 milk cows on farms, down 2 percent from that month last year.

Feeding of grain and concentrates averaged 13.8 pounds on April 1, a record high for the date and slightly above the previous record of 13.6 pounds a year ago. Feeding rates were above a year earlier in nearly all states.

Roses Like Sunshine

Roses grow best where they have full sunshine all day. They will grow satisfactorily, however, if they have at least 6 hours of full sun a day, says a U.S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin on Roses for the Home.

Record Enrollment Reported On 1973 Feed Grain Program

For the third year in a row, the number of farms enrolled in the feed grain program has set a record, according to the final signup report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The final report, which covers the Feb. 5-March 16 signup period, shows 1,852,274 farms enrolled. This compares with 1,773,888 signups in 1972 and 1,759,315 farms enrolled in 1971.

Base acreage on enrolled farms also reached a new high for 1973, totaling 113 million acres, about 4½ percent more than the previous record of 108 million acres set last year. Enrolled farms represent 62 percent of the 2,990,199 eligible feed grain producing farms, and 87 percent of 129,966,672 acres of total feed grain base.

Of the 113,035,453 acres of feed grain base on enrolled farms, 76,431,863 acres are corn base, 21,460,829 acres represent grain sorghum, and 15,142,761 acres are barley base, all of which are new record enrollments. The 1973 bases compare with the previous record levels set in 1972 of 73,040,194 acres for corn, 21,227,619 acres for grain sorghum, and 14,010,796 acres for barley.

Enrolled farms signed up for full compliance, for which the set-aside requirement is 10 percent of base acreage, total 1,507,767 farms or about 81 percent of total enrollment. The

remaining 344,507 farms elected to participate under a program representing less than full compliance, for which no set-aside is required. Base acreage on enrolled farms electing full compliance totals 91,268,605 acres, indicating a set-aside of about 9.1 million acres.

Pennsylvania figures show 31,876 farms signed up.

E-town Donegal Club Reorganizes

The Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community Club held its organizational meeting for the year. The Club has a new tobacco and field corn leader, Herb Frey.

The Club also elected officers. They are as follows: Linda Stoltzfus, president; Jeff Swarr, vice-president; Gerry Kauffman, secretary; Judy Stoltzfus, assistant secretary; Darwin Nissley, treasurer; Phil Garber, assistant treasurer; Ron Nolt and Keith Wolgemuth, game leaders; Barbara Miller and Chris Erb, song leaders; Judy Stoltzfus, news reporter; Richard Yuninger and Chris Erb, County Council members.

The next meeting will be held at the Wilbur I. Beahm Junior High School.

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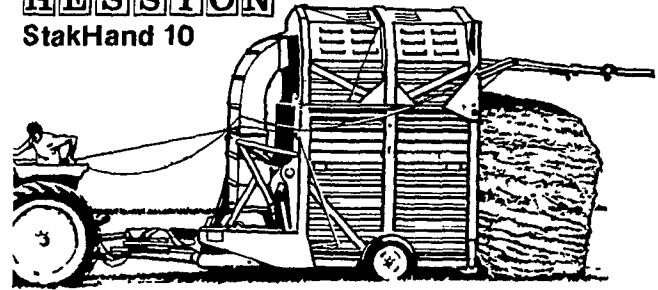
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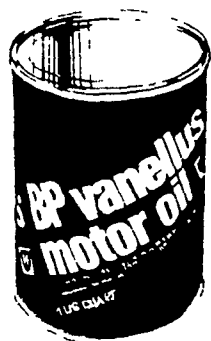
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