

## Berks Co. DHIA Holds Annual Meet

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Schuler, Fleetwood R2, captured the high cow fat award for Nora's production record of 980 pounds. The high cow milk award went to Ray Bicksler, Richland R1, for Sparkie's 28,027-pound record.

President Burd Schantz told the group that the charges for testing would have to be increased to keep them in line with rising costs. Most of the increase, he said, will be used to help finance a pension plan for DHIA supervisors. The new rates will be 74-cents per cow for DHIA testing, up 5-cents; 67-cents for alternate a.m.-p.m. testing, up 3-cents; and 45-cents for owner-sampler testing, also up 3-cents.

"We still won't be paying as much for testing as they pay in some of our neighboring counties," Schantz noted. "Some DHIA members are paying as high as a dollar a cow."

Schantz also discussed the problems involved in testing smaller herds, where the testing fees often don't adequately compensate the tester for his time and travel. "We'll have to go to higher rates for small herds, or put them on alternate a.m.-p.m. schedules, or maybe there's another solution," Schantz said. "If any members have suggestions, we'd appreciate hearing them."

County agent Haldeman

told the group that in times like these of rising costs, dairymen should reconsider their use of forages. "Grain is expensive now, and you might be better off feeding some of the forage you produce yourself. Even if it means sacrificing some production to do it."

Haldeman also said that he advised the use of colostrum milk as a starter feed for any dairyman who might be experiencing problems in raising calves. "If you're happy with your present methods," he said, "don't change. There's no sense fooling with a successful program. But if you do want to try something else in your calf raising program, try soured colostrum. It's got all the feeding value and all the antibiotics you'll need to take your calves through to weaning."



Berks County DHIA members honored for their production records of the past year were, standing, Ray Bicksler, left, Richland R1, high cow, milk, and George Schuler, Fleetwood

R2, high cow, fat. Seated are Norman Nolt, left, Muddy Creek Farm, Myerstown R1, who had the high fat award, and Charles Plushanski, Kutztown R3, High herd milk.

## Natural Food, Farming And Energy Conference

There will be a meeting all day from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sat. Dec. 7, at the Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

The program will be of

interest to the general public but is planned primarily for farmers.

Most of the time will be spent considering the long term effects of toxic chemicals in farm programs

and the alternative programs which are proving successful on commercial farms in this country. There is a small amount of time set aside for a discussion on our present energy squeeze.

Speakers include Charles Walter Jr. from Missouri. He owns and edits a monthly farm paper called Acres

U.S.A. Don Shriver from Indiana has had twenty years experience leading out in Agriculture as a teacher, promoting Ag field days, machinery development, etc. He is a partner in Advanced Ag Services, a private farm consulting business.

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- Sunday, December 1  
National 4-H Congress (1-5), Chicago, Ill.
- Monday, December 2  
York Co. 4-H Baby Beef Club, 7:30 p.m., 4-H Center
- 4-H Paint Day, 10-3, 4-H Center
- Tuesday, December 3  
Shrewsbury 4-H club, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 4  
York County 4-H Council, 7:30, 4-H Center

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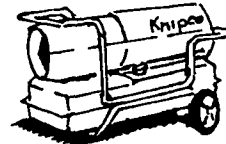
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