

Berks County 1975 DHIA summary reveals:

# Value of milk has dropped

**By Dieter Krieg**  
**KUTZTOWN** - The Berks County Dairy Herd Improvement Association finished its 47th year on Sept 30 with 151 whole herds and 20 owner-sampler herds. There were an average of 8,872 cows in the Association during 1975, down by 86 from the previous testing year. One fact revealed is that higher feed costs this past year have lowered the above feed cost value of milk by 11 dollars when compared to figures for the preceding testing period.

The average production per cow during the 1975 DHIA year reads 13,301 pounds of milk, 3.8 per cent butterfat test, and 509 pounds of butterfat. This compares with state-wide figures of 13,144 M, 3.9 per cent, and 508F.

The Wernersville State Hospital herd consisting of 66 grade and registered

Holsteins captured honors for high individual herd in butterfat production with a performance of 706 pounds per cow. The high herd in milk production belonged to Paul Labe of Oley. His mixed herd of 77 cows tallied an average production of 18,698 pounds of milk.

The high individual records in milk and butterfat production were turned in by cows belonging to Ray Bicksler and Charles Plushanski, respectively. Bicksler's Holstein, aged seven years and ten months, pumped out 32,230 pounds of milk and 1,048 pounds of butterfat. "Faith," a five-year old Holstein in Plushanski's herd, scored with 1,267 pounds of butterfat and 30,009 of milk.

Of the 151 herds on test, 134 exceeded production averages of 400 pounds butterfat; one was over 700, 14 were over 600, and 83

topped the 500 mark. The herds over 600 pounds of butterfat were:

1. Wernersville State Hospital, (18,510M 705F)
2. Charles Plushanski, (17,999M 627F on 48 cows)
3. Paul Labe, (18,698M 672F)
4. Louis Moyer, (16,718M 662F on 25 cows)
5. Junge Farms, (17,972M, 615F on 36 cows)
6. Muddy Creek Farm, (17,100M 639F on 37 cows)
7. Ken Stutzman, (16,185M 629F on 38 cows)
8. F. M. Brown's Sons, Inc. (17,251M 624F on 89 cows)
9. Andrew D. Stoltzfus, (16,469M 614F on 94 cows)
10. Richard R. Troutman, (17,633M 614F on 69 cows)
11. Charles R. Kissling (15,688M 611F on 44 cows)
12. Mrs. M. M. Mertz (15,344M 611F on 51 cows)
13. William Howerter, (15,859M 603F on 85 cows)
14. Stephen Janos, (15,603M 603F on 28 cows)

Thirty herds in the Association produced an average of 15,00 pounds of milk or more.

In individual records, the top 25 in butterfat production ranged from Plushanski's high of 1,267 to the 876 pounds produced by No. 44 in the R.D. Rosenbaum and Son herd. Bicksler's milk production champion was second high in butterfat production with 1,048 pounds, followed in order by: 3. Andrew Stoltzfus' Dawn (991F), 4. Dan Schlegel's Sandra (943) 5. Junge Farms' Karen (936).

Plushanski's butterfat champion came in second in milk production (30,009), followed in order by: 3. Junge Farms' Iva (29,851), 4. Reu Hel Farms' Sandy (25,608), 5. Reu Hel Farms' Fayne (25,603). The top 25 individual milk production records ranged from two records exceeding 30,000 pounds down to 22,714 produced by Muddy Creek Farms' Julia.

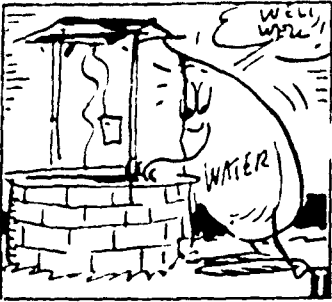
The cost of production statistics for the Berks County DHIA organization are as follows: (Figures in parentheses are those for last year.)

- Value of Product: \$1,181 (1,142)
- Total Cost of Feed \$569 (519)
- Value of Product Above Feed Cost \$612 (623)

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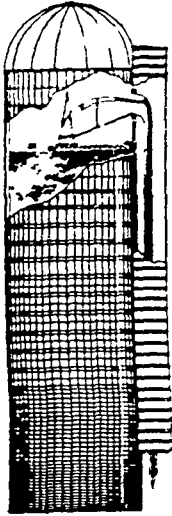
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