



Lancaster COUNTY DHIA MONTHLY REPORT

November 1975

A Registered Holstein cow owned by Curtis E. Akers, R. 1, Quarryville, completed the highest 305 day lactation. Sarah produced 23,070 lbs. of milk, 1,003 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.3 percent test. Second high lactation was completed by a Registered Holstein cow owned by J.Z. Nolt, R. 1, Leola. V Design produced 25,424 lbs. of milk, 963 lbs. of butterfat with a 3.8 percent in 305 days.

The herd of Curtis E. Akers, R1, Quarryville, had the highest daily butterfat average. This herd of 58.3 Registered & Grade Holstein cows averaged 53.4 lbs. of

milk, 2.10 lbs. of butterfat with a 3.9 percent test. The herd of J.Z. Nolt, R1, Leola, placed second. This herd of 37.3 Registered & Grade Holstein cows averaged 79.6 lbs. of milk, 1.91 lbs. of butterfat with a 3.7 percent test.

Owner & Cow's Name	Breed	Age	Days	Milk	Test	Fat
Curtis E. Akers						
Sarah	RH	6-2	305	23,070	4.3	1,003
Anabel	RH	4-2	305	18,485	4.3	801
Susie	RH	4-2	287	20,289	3.7	746
J. Z. Nolt						
V Design	RH	6-11	305	25,424	3.8	963
Moses L. Lapp						
Chief	RH	5-3	305	22,291	4.3	949
Cinda	RH	4-0	305	20,097	4.0	810
Meadow Vista Farm						
Sweetie	RH	5-4	305	20,815	4.3	887
Beauty	RH	4-3	305	19,249	4.3	825
David K. Stoltzfus						
Robin	RH	8-7	305	23,478	3.8	882
Rose	RH	9-11	305	23,826	3.5	828
Dan S. Stoltzfus						
Martha	RH	5-3	305	21,973	4.0	872
Lester J. Wiker						
Fifi	GrH	5-2	305	19,445	4.5	866

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FACTS FOR DAIRYMEN

by N. Alan Bair Associate County Agricultural Agent



A Christmas List
Two weeks ago members of the younger generation were making a list and checking it twice - now it's your turn to make a list. It is a good time of the year for dairymen to make a list of winter chores that should be done around the barn before spring farm work takes all of their time. Consider some of these

Items for your winter check list:

List cows that need their feet trimmed. This job is very important. If you can't handle the job yourself, don't be afraid to hire a professional.

Check the milking system for proper function. Vacuum pump lines that need cleaning and worn out tired inflation are costing you money.

Review the new sire lists and select sires to use in 1976. Your choice of sired has never been greater - evaluate your needs and select wisely.

Review your records for tax purposes and decide what records you will need to keep for management purposes next year. Consider changing your record keeping system in 1976 if your present system is not filling your needs.

List barn repairs that should be done during cold weather. Those loose doors and latches, broken gates and other repairs that need attention might better be done before the cows get out!

Cull Dairy Cows Regularly

Never stop culling is a good policy for you as a dairyman to follow if you want your herd to show continued production improvement.

Too often dairymen tend to keep their barn full of cows even though it would be more profitable to cull 10 percent or even 20 percent of the herd.

It is true on a cold winter morning a barn full of cows keeps the building a little warmer than if a lot of stalls are empty - but let's fill those empty stalls with profitable cows - not potential culls.

With today's costs you should know the break-even point for production, then cull those cows that fall below that point.

There are several other criteria for culling besides production - one is income above feed cost; temperament surely is to be considered. It's no fun to work with a mean cow no matter what her production level might be. But her disposition doesn't show up on the balance sheet.

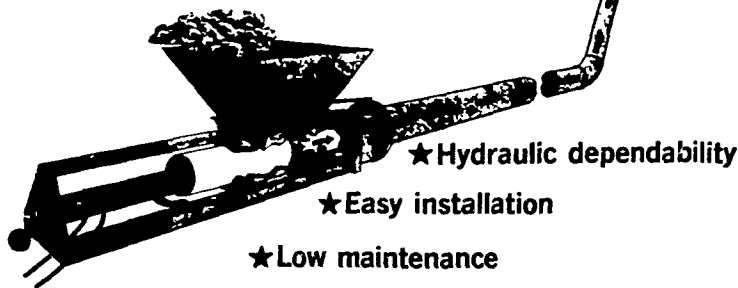
The 1975 DHIA data shows the break-even point for the average herd is about 11,500 pounds milk. It takes this kind of production to pay for feed, labor and other costs.

The break-even point is calculated using feed cost at 537, labor 214 and other costs 220.

We suggest you look at your DHIA report closely and cull those unprofitable cows. Maybe you would pick up some management tips by attending a DHIA Record Workshop in your area. Watch this newspaper for announcements of workshops in the Lancaster area. In other areas see your County Extension director for further information.

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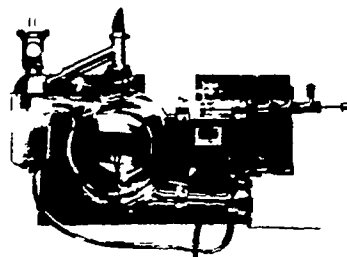
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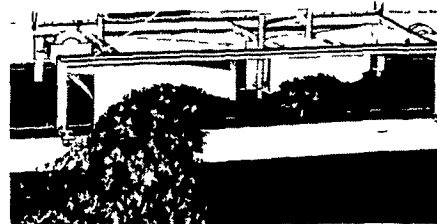
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