

Milk production up

HARRISBURG - Milk production in Pennsylvania during September totaled 629 million pounds, up nine per cent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Service.

The number of milk cows in the Commonwealth during September was 711,000 head, up one per cent (10,000 head) from September 1975.

Milk production per cow averaged 885 pounds in

September, seven per cent above a year ago.

United States milk production during September totaled 9,652 million pounds, up six per cent from a year earlier. U.S. milk production per cow averaged 874 pounds, seven per cent above last year, while milk cows on farms totaled 11,041,000 head, one per cent below September 1975.



Moving South

People are moving south. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that a lot of people from the Northeast and North Central regions are going South to stay. The net gain from migration from 1970-75 was three times greater than during 1965-70.

About 18 million people, five years of age and over have moved to the South in the last five-year period, compared with 660,000 during the previous five years. By way of contrast, the West gained only 700,000 people. Two regions, the Northeast and the North Central, had population losses.

Lebanon farmers discuss policies

SCHAEFFERSTOWN, Pa. - The Lebanon County Farmers Association held its annual meeting here on Tuesday, with policies for the upcoming membership year being the main item on the agenda. Also discussed were the currently popular subjects of land-use, soil conservation, and safety regulations.

On policy development, the organization moved to have johnsongrass classed as a noxious weed and that an eradication program for this plant be funded on a cost-sharing plan.

Also given an affirmative nod were amendments to

Allow the total state membership a vote on policies, by sending ballots to each member.

That municipal, county, state and federal employees be required to pay pension plans out of their own pockets. This item was discussed for a time during the meeting, when it was pointed out that further distinctions and clarifications had to be made. Legal advice may be sought.

That members be better informed of the financial status of the PFA by having a six month interim report in addition to an annual report.

That invitations to policy development meetings be stated differently - so that they don't read as though a person has to be invited personally.

That no further retroactive increase be granted to any public utility.

That the federal government does more research to improve gas mileage on cars and trucks. The objective of better gas mileage met with favorable response, but some doubt was expressed as to the validity of more governmental research. Some members wanted research done by private industry, while others suggested enough research had already been done but that findings were not being put to use because of pressure from the oil industry.

That state road crews use

more black top and less shovels in repairing pot holes. Jokingly in nature, yet in all seriousness in purpose, the group expressed displeasure in the fact that road workers are frequently using their shovels for little more than leaning on them. It was also moved that road crews mow the sides of highways.

A bottle law which would outlaw "no deposit - no return" bottles was suggested by the policy development meeting.

Last among the items approved was that milk be served at all Farmer Association banquets and dinners.

Accent on youths

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The accent on youth is not unusual - and certainly not new - in the Grange.

Back in 1904, a fifteen-year-old youth was elected master of Buffalo Grange in Bedford County. He was Kie E. Brown, of Sulphur Springs. And, according to the editor of the Pennsylvania Grange News, the young man was "satisfactorily filling" the office of Master in his subordinate Grange.

The editor of the New, W.

F. Hill who also was master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, commented that "the editor of the Pennsylvania Grange News likes to see the young men and young women of Pennsylvania qualifying themselves for holding positions of importance and responsibility in the Grange."

Two years ago, a 21-year-old Granger, Richard Carncross, was elected master of the Michigan State Grange.

ATTENTION: DAIRYMEN

To save money and improve milk production

Feed Dairy Special 40XX

The key to efficiency in any dairy feeding program is getting maximum performance out of homegrown grains and roughages while keeping out-of-pocket feed costs down. That's why Vigortone developed Dairy Special 40XX for use in legume hay or haylage rations.

This potent pre-mix contains abundant phosphorus to balance off the high calcium content of these roughages and provides proper levels of other major minerals, trace minerals and vitamins.

Legume programs are well balanced with Dairy Special 40XX, and the need for supplemental protein is much less. Best of all, your cows soon respond to their full bred-in potential to produce milk.

Dairy Special 50XX for the dry cow

Proper nutrition for the dry cow is just as important as for the producing cow. It's during this period that the stage is set for the level of production she will have throughout the lactation period. Vigortone's Dairy Special 50XX is properly suited to fortify high roughage rations of dry cows and keep them in excellent condition right up to freshening.

See your Vigortone dealer soon. Your Vigortone dealer has several products and programs to promote better milk production and help you save money. See him soon.

Learn why more dairymen are feeding Vigortone — especially now.

VIGORTONE

PRE-MIXES

50 warehouses—over 5400 servicemen
3 manufacturing plants

LEON B. HERSHEY
Box 166 Paradise, PA
717-442-4807

RON L. HERSHEY
R2 Gap, PA
717-442-8573

JASON E. MILLER
R4 Lancaster, PA
717-393-7244

WM. J. YODER
R1, Conestoga, PA
717-872-8047

ELI KING
R1 Box 59 Ronks, PA
717-768-3608

ALVIN ESH
Box 72 Intercourse, PA
717-768-3128

H. MELVIN CHARLES
R1 Washington Boro, PA
717-684-5783

PETE CALDWELL
R1 Windsor, PA
717-246-1046

LYNN HARRIS
Stillwater, PA
717-925-6576

RALPH E. BRUNGART
Loganton, PA
717-725-2355

ELAM G. HOOVER
R1 New Holland, PA
717-354-0432

PHILIP A. HAYES
Oxford RD2
215-932-8736

WAYNE A. SPROUT
RD1 Rising Sun, Md
301-658-4463

JOE ABBATE
Box 268W, Hartly, Del.
302-492-3819

CHRISTIAN L. STOLTZFUS
R2 Box 409 Elverson, PA
215-286-5995

CHESTER SOLTYS, JR.
Spring City, PA
215-948-3647

JAMES STUTZMAN SONS
R3 Kutztown, PA
215-683-7198

ELWIN REAM
Hughesville, PA
717-584-4085

SHERWOOD A. WITMER
Box 138 Berrysburg, PA
717-362-8823

PAUL L. KREIDER
R2 Palmyra, PA
717-964-3791

WILMER J. WEAVER
R1 Fredericksburg, PA
717-865-6710

MARLIN GEESAMAN
R2 New Port, PA
717-582-4598

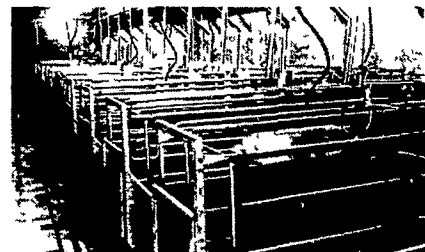
RUSSELL FRY
Duncannon, PA

ROMAN YODER
R1 Grantsville, MD
301-895-5302



NORTHCO HOG SYSTEMS

Properly managed Northco systems produce top quality hogs profitably with a minimum of labor. All components of a Northco confinement system are designed to deliver maximum returns on the investment you put into swine production.



Farrowing

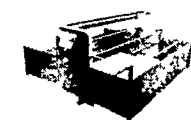
Northco Farrowing systems provide complete control over sow and litter. All crates are ruggedly constructed to deliver years of service. Special pig brooders target "zone heat" into the little pig area.

Finishing

Feed delivery is automatic yet the amount for each pen can be regulated separately. Pen partitions are sturdy and designed to aid in cleanliness. Northco's ventilation system draws fresh air from sidewall intakes, while exhausting warm humid air through roof exhaust ventilation units.



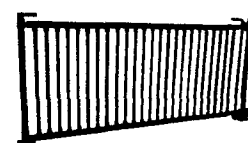
INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS



Farrowing Crate



Brooder



Pipe Gate



Self Feeder



Roof Exhaust

For more information complete this coupon and return to:

S J FARM SYSTEMS CO., 57 W. Main St., Leola, PA 17540

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

No. of sows or finishing interested in? _____