

# Montgomery County

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higher than the state average. Cows pumped out 13,831 pounds of milk, and the State average was 644 pounds higher. Milk fat in the County averaged 534 pounds, 14 pounds less than the state average. Value of the product was \$845 for the County and \$857 for the state. Hay costs per cow were \$106 compared to the State's \$101, other costs were \$164, compared to \$175. The average grain cost per cow was \$359 while the State averaged \$116 less. Pasture, at \$19 was \$3 less than the State average. Total feed average per cow was \$648, \$7 more than the State average. The value of the product above feed cost was averaged at \$845 for the County, and \$12 more, \$857, for the State.

Compared to last year, Montgomery County has dropped in the number of cows on test by 76, but has increased pounds of milk produced by 175 pounds. Milk fat production has remained the same at 534 pounds.

Herd owners with the

greatest increase in butterfat averages, ranked one to ten, were 1. J. Harold Keener, Telford; 2. Fred L. Sepit, Landsdale R1; 3. David P. Longacre, Hereford; 4. Daniel E. Kolb, Spring City R1; 5. Paul Weaver, Royersford; 6. Curtis N. Kratz, Souderton; 7. Walton Hackman, Hatfield; 8. Alvin D. Delp, Souderton R1; 9. George Sterner, Bechtelsville R1; and Henry B. Gottshall Royersford. The purpose of these rankings is to recognize herds making steady year to year progress and to give more credit for increasing production on herds already on a high level of production.

The high ten cows in butterfat production (all Holstein) were also ranked. Harold K. Halteman owned the first place cow, Pat, a Holstein which milked 24,420 pounds and 1104 pounds of fat. J. Harold Keener owned the second place cow, Pearl, which milked out 26,623 pounds of milk and 1083 pounds of fat. Robert Moses' cow, 92, pumped out 18,491

pounds of milk and 1072 pounds of fat, obtaining third place. Harold Halteman also took fourth with Sherry, a cow that milked 23,083 pounds of milk and 1031 pounds of fat. Fifth place went to Henry B. Gottshall as his cow C57 yielded 23,464 pounds of milk and 1025 pounds of fat. Harold Keener, took six place with Fammie who pumped out 27,296 and 997 pounds of milk and butterfat, respectively. James Stutzman & Sons placed seventh with their high producer, Norma, who produced 22,014 pounds of milk and 976 pounds of fat. Boop, owned by David P. Longacre ranked eighth as she milked 24,924 pounds of milk and 927 pounds of fat. Coming in ninth was Bobbie, owned by George Sterner of Bechtelsville R1. This cow milked 23,412 pounds of milk and 958 pounds of fat. Another cow owned by Robert Moses placed tenth. His cow 179 pumped out 26,731 pounds of milk and 955 pounds of fat.

In the milk production race, Fammie, owned by J.

Harold Keener took top honors. Fammie also placed sixth in the butterfat. Robert Moses' 179 captured second place. Pearl, owned by J. Harold Keener, came in third with 26,623 pounds of milk and 1083 pounds of fat. Fred and Wilbur Seipt, Lansdale R1, owned the fourth place cow, Muriel, who produced 25,314 pounds of the white fluid with 923 pounds of fat. Robert Moses, Schwenksville R2, placed fifth with 220, who milked 25,063 pounds of milk and 851 pounds of fat. James Stutzman & Sons, Schwenksville R1, owners of Lot, placed sixth as the cow pumped out 24,976 pounds of milk and 795 pounds of fat. Billie, owned by David P. Longacre, had 24,972 pounds of milk and 902 pounds of butterfat. Boop, also owned by Longacre, placed eighth. Ranking ninth was 99, owned by Robert Moses. The cow milked 24,444 pounds. Pat, owned by Harold Halteman placed tenth. Pat was also the first ranked cow in fat production.

The following is a list of DHIA yearly herd averages that produced above 550 pounds of butterfat.

J. Harold Keener  
38.3 H 18,913 755

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, December 2, 1978-31

Harold K. Halteman	58.7 H 18,652	700	Robert L. Freed, Sr.	41.7 H 15,671	598
Richard A. Bechtel	42.3 H 17,771	683	Paul W. Weaver & Sons	47.5 H 15,300	594
Henry B. Gottshall	61.9 H 17,206	673	Warren H. Alderfer	25.4 H 15,780	584
E.N. Halteman & Son	44.4 H 16,842	669	Maynard Rothenberger	123.7 H 15,327	584
W.B. Saul High School	12.9 H 17,733	652	Gordon Moser	40.8 H 15,707	583
Merrill Mest	32.1 H 15,867	646	Kenneth P. Schultz	45.5 H 14,076	572
Charles Rhoads	39.2 H 16,582	644	Gehring Brothers	57.6 M 14,207	571
Fred & Wilbur Seipt	124.8 H 15,995	638	Kreibel Brothers	29.3 H 14,565	570
Du Mar Farm	51.4 H 17,157	627	Daniel E. Kolb	49.4 H 14,811	565
David P. Longacre	84.1 H 16,928	627	Lalisa Holsteins	55.5 H 14,584	560
Robert Moses	89.7 H 16,421	621	Windemere Farm	25.6 H 14,380	558
E. Jay Renninger	114.2 H 16,015	620	Robert W. Wolfgang	39.7 M 14,136	555
George Seneko, Jr.	49.4 H 15,906	619	Woodson Farm	47.3 H 15,102	552
Merrill G. Ruth	56.1 H 17,370	615	Alvin D. Delp	37.8 M 13,846	551
Roy S. Kolb	52.8 M 16,021	603	S. Horace Mowrer & Son	122.7 H 14,323	550
George K. Sterner	81.6 H 15,165	603			

## Milk-feed price ratio zooms

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. milk production continues off slightly from the 1977 pace, but both prices and the milk-feed price ratio have zoomed. October milk output, at 9.8 billion pounds, was only fractionally below that of a year earlier, according to USDA.

It marked the eighth straight month that output has been below that of a corresponding month a year earlier. Still production for the first 10 months total 103.1 billion pounds, down only 1 per cent from a year ago and two per cent above that for 1976.

Prices of all milk sold to plants in October averaged \$11.20 per hundredweight, up from \$10.90 in September (and October 1977's \$10.10 per hundredweight and record high for the third straight month.

Meanwhile, the milk-feed price ratio (pounds of concentrate ration equal in value to 1 pound of milk sold to plants) hit 1.83 for October, up from 1.81 in September and 1.79 in October 1977. For the record, the all-time October high was 1.85 set in 1968 and tied in 1969 and the all-time record high for any month was 1.88 established in November 1971.

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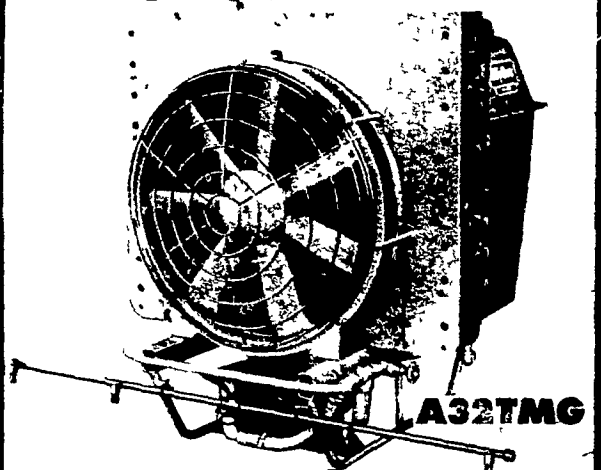
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