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## Penna. fertilizer dealers knowledge quality concerns

**DIETER KRIEG**  
**AR** — Pennsylvania's fertilizer manufacturers are among the highest in the nation for product input, but they aren't by any means resting on their laurels. To the contrary, they are striving to meet the standards set by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. That is the message here this week at the PennAg Industries Conference, an organization of 400 Pennsylvania

agribusinesses, sponsored a Fertilizer Quality Workshop. It was arranged through the cooperation of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The affair was attended by some 40 persons, including several guests. Among the group were employees of the Feed, Fertilizer and Lime Control Division, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. They demonstrated proper

fertilizer sampling procedures.

The workshop on Wednesday was held because the industry in Pennsylvania, as well as throughout the nation, recognizes that a three-pronged problem exists in the formulation of dry blend fertilizer products. The root of the problem is the segregation of fertilizer ingredients. That may lead to less than satisfactory

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## TB testing resumed

**WISBURG** — Outbreaks of cattle tuberculosis in Pennsylvania during June and November 1978 have raised awareness of this disease among the dairy farmers.

Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer announced that an area tuberculosis testing program for Pennsylvania herds will begin im-

mediately. He said, "The purpose of the area tests is to protect the consumers of milk and dairy products, and to protect the dairy and livestock industry through a better surveillance program."

Under the testing program, a tuberculosis test will be authorized for dairy herd owners and their veterinarians for all herds

that have not been tested for tuberculosis within three years. (Farmers will be notified by mail that their veterinarian may conduct a tuberculosis test on their herd at state expense). Costs of the testing program will be covered by the Agriculture Department.

Shelhamer noted that the limited funds available to

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## Laughter steers up slightly

**ENDACE BORRY**  
**LA** — Prices of slaughter steers continued to rise, with prices 50 to 75 cents higher than last week, according to reports from the USDA Market Service.

On Monday, at the Lancaster Stockyards, as well as in the Lancaster County Market, compared to the previous

Wednesday, slaughter steers were reported 50 to 75 cents higher.

Choice, yield grade 2-4, 1000 to 1450 lb. were quoted at 55.75 to 57.60; with a few head of Choice, yield grade 2, and Prime, yield grade 3 to 4, bringing 57.50-58.00. High good and low choice, yield grade 2 to 3 brought 53.75 to 56.25; and good, yield grade 2 to 3, including

several Holsteins were 50.75 to 54.00; with standard, yield grade 1 to 2, bringing 48.75 to 50.75.

On Tuesday, at the Vintage Sales Stables, slaughter steers were fully steady compared to the week before.

There were a few high Choice and Prime, yield grade 3 to 4, 1175 to 1400

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## Moyer leads Berks DHIA

**DIETER KRIEG**  
**TRIPOLI** — When Moyer started in the business eight years ago, he had a goal of producing a herd average of 19,958 pounds of milk per cow per year. He wound up with a herd of 17,000 pounds and production has been increasing ever since. Last year the official average on 36.2

registered Holsteins reads 19,958 pounds of milk and 750 pounds of butterfat per cow per year. It gave the herd a number one ranking in the state for butterfat for herds which are tested in Berks County.

Junge Farms, which has been managed by Moyer ever since the dairy was started in 1970, has been at or near the top of the production statistics for

several years. Located near New Tripoli, Lehigh County, the herd fell under the authority of the Berks County tester when a shortage of DHIA supervisors developed in the area.

Junge's herd of Holsteins was on top in Lehigh County when the testing program was still within that county. Two years ago Moyer took

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## Summit termed 'historic first'

**LEGE STATION,** Texas — "I view this as an historic moment when the major segments of agriculture have gathered together to address the issues that are common to all of us," said Dale Hendricks, a dairy farmer from Bloomfield, Iowa, who led the first National Summit here at Texas A&M University. Hendricks,

who served as chairman of the Conference, is immediate past chairman of the Agriculture Council of America which co-sponsored the conference with Texas A&M.

More than 800 representatives of all segments of U.S. agriculture attended the three-day gathering which featured task force presentations and findings that were developed by top

agricultural leaders during the past six months.

Featured speakers included U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.), former Texas Governor John Connally, and Lynn Daft, a top advisor to President Carter.

Among major recommendations made at the Summit was a proposal for

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Luke Bruckhart of the Feed, Fertilizer, and Lime Control Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture prepares a sample of fertilizer for analysis. Various methods of taking fertilizer samples were demonstrated at a fertilizer quality workshop this week. It was emphasized that proper equipment and proper procedures must be observed if a good representation is expected.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moyer and nephew Jay Garis combined their skills to achieve a 700-pound butterfat average on 36.2 Holstein cows on official test at Junge Farms, New Tripoli.