

## DHIA outlines expansion

UNIVERSITY PARK — A report on the steady growth and expansion of the Pennsylvania DHIA program was outlined at a recent meeting of the group's board of directors.

Currently on test in 1981 are a total of 5,876 herds and some 316,740 cows. These figures represent an increase of about 6.5 percent in the number of herds on test over last year and a hike of 8.2 percent in the number of cows.

A summary of growth over the past five years, from 1976 to 1981,

shows a 21 percent increase in the number of herds and a 28 percent increase in the number of cows.

The Five-Year Outlook Committee also took a future glance at the expected continuing DHIA expansion. The group forecasts that by 1986 it is expected that 60 percent of the cows in the state will be on test. Presently, about 40 percent of the cows in the state are on test. In Lancaster County, the figures stand at about 50 percent.

In other matters, the directors approved a change in the handling

of tank samples. Now, only one tank sample per herd will be accepted each month, with a \$2.00 charge for milk, fat and-or protein test and \$2.00 for the somatic cell count test.

Farmers will also need to provide a stamped self-addressed postcard or envelope in order to receive a tank sample test report.

Also, the printing of the old-style, hand-written life history sheet has been discontinued. Effective, July 1, there will be provided a new computer-issued individual cow

record of identification, progeny and lifetime production. The new material will be the same size and contain the same information, but just be issued in a different form.

In addition to the election of new officers for one year, two new directors were seated, including Nelson Stoltzfus, of Chester County, representing the Southeast Region; and John Piwowar, of Fayette County, representing the

Southwestern Region.

Officers for the coming year are Ellis Denlinger, Gordonville, treasurer; Jay Howes, Warriors Mark, secretary; J. Robert Kurdig, Conestoga, vice president, and Oliver Butler, Wellsboro, president.

The group also reviewed new laboratory equipment and heard a report on the National DHIA Convention.

## Study says Pennsylvania faces food supply crisis

EMMAUS — In cooperation with Lt. Governor William Scranton, representatives of Rodale's Press' Cornucopia Project will release a study April 21st showing that Pennsylvania is facing critical problems in the state's food-supply system.

The study will be released at a news conference to be held at the Media Center in the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg, (fifth floor) on Tuesday, April 21st, at 11:30 a.m. Present will be Lt. Governor Scranton, Robert Rodale and several of the principal writers of the food system report.

Rodale Press, based in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, has been studying the nation's food supply system through its Cornucopia Project.

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