

Huntsdale Farms

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Donald Ace, section coordinator for Dairy Science Extension said, "DHIA has come a long way baby!"

"Like the famous advertisement of the Virginia Slims Lady covered from head to toe in apparel and now years later she is suave and sophisticated," said Ace, "the DHIA program has taken the same turn. At one time the supervisors were covered up to their heads in paperwork, now years later the system is efficient and mechanized because of supervisors, managers and dairymen who believed in the program."

The DHIA program is 76-years-old. It began in 1905 in the state of Michigan. Ace noted that, in 1910, the program finally arrived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Twenty herds started the program there, and the farmers named their association, the Pennsylvania Brandywine Testing Association.

Soon after, in 1914, the Extension Service at Penn State joined forces with the association across the state to provide a needed educational program for the dairy farmer. Ace remarked, "The Extension Service has been

providing educational and informative programs about DHIA ever since."

Over the years, the program pushed ahead, said the coordinator, and a central processing system was introduced in Pennsylvania in 1957.

Ace said, "Looking back at those beginning years, one can see that the strong roots of the Pennsylvania program lies at the county level, as it still does today." He added that Pennsylvania has remained with this system since the program's birth, and it has worked well. "However, the different county rules across the state can cause problems for this multi-million dollar business," he warned.

Ace said he feels that the DHIA members and program must push ahead and begin thinking of state organization. "But, before any organizing can be accomplished, each county organization must ask its members How far do you want to go in structural organization? The coordinator sees the development of a state organization as a "beautiful system" with greater uniformity and benefits for all in the program.

Ace also dreams of a State DHIA Directors Conference being born. "This would be a learning, sharing and enriching conference for all directors and the county programs would reap the benefits."

The coordinator also foresees the use of computers on the farm. "The computers will be used selectively among farmers, especially farmers who milk a hundred or more cows. It can be monetarily beneficial to his milk production, breeding records, costs and feeding program," he said.

The milk market is taking a new swing for the future, too, said Ace. Cheese, dry milk and butter offer a new market for Pennsylvania dairymen that is growing by leaps and bounds in the state, creating added use for DHIA protein testing. Recently, remarked Ace, over 2,000 dairy cattle have been



Cumberland County's highest cow in milk production is owned by J.B. Brymnesser & Sons. The cow milked 27,633 pounds during 1980-81.

added to the protein testing lists of DHIA, so they too can supply the new markets.

"The dairy industry is in its golden years. Records and production have never looked

better," said Ace. "The future looks bright for the program, with new programs, new developments. DHIA is a program that helps the dairymen help himself."



Lehman-View Anty Jack produced 1040 pounds of butterfat for Donald & Dave Lehman and was awarded the highest cow in butterfat in Cumberland County for 1980-81.

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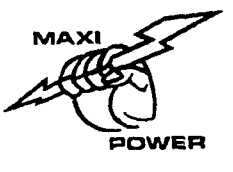
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