

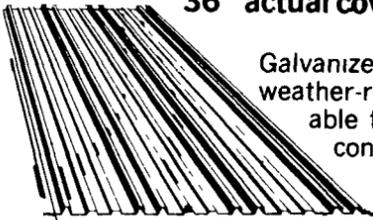
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## Computers on dairy farms

UNIVERSITY PARK — Computers will save Pennsylvania dairy farmers significant amounts of money and time and will improve management decisions, and the day when each farm has its own computer is near in Pennsylvania, according to speakers in the Penn State Dairy Computer Conference, held Dec. 14-15.

Using a computer for analysis of his options in the PIK program, one farmer was able to save \$20,000 by deciding not to plant corn, said Art Hussey Director of the newly formed Northeast Computer Institute.

By using computers, other farmers claim to spend only 30 percent of the time it normally takes to keep accurate records, he said.

Computers are easier than ever to use, Hussey said, and are much more powerful. They are used for cash flow analysis, income and expense, accounting, and herd inventory programs and many other purposes.

They also will be more prevalent in the future, but will not communicate with DHIA computers for some time, says Dr. C. William Heald, Penn State Extension dairy specialist.

According to Heald, computers have been used for about 30 years in DHI, but will be used more extensively in the near future.

Currently, a supervisor goes to each DHI farm, gathers information on each cow, and takes milk samples. The samples and the data are then processed by the computer and results sent to the farmer and to USDA's Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory where information is stored on all cows and bulls in the country. This program identifies the best bulls and cows in the country as the parents of our next generation of cattle.

Heald said that soon supervisors will carry micro-computers to each farm and a summary of the information will be given to the farmer on test day. Then later, after the samples are analyzed, more complete report will be sent.

Another use for computers in the near future may be by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Hussey said.

The University has asked the state legislature for just under \$2 million to buy a microcomputer for each Extension office. This will allow farmers to have access to information such as weather reports, marketing information, frost warnings and programs to aid in management decisions.

All of these things will help farmers make better marketing decisions.

The money asked for breaks down to \$33 per Pennsylvania farm family, Hussey said, so if each farmer saved \$33 the program will pay for itself.

But even with these advancements, Pennsylvania farmers will probably not be willing to buy a computer for each farm in the near future, says Heald. The cost and complications are beyond the means of many small farms.

A computer on the farm will allow the farmer to have easy access to an inventory of cattle, a feeding and health record for each cow and a means to make quicker management decisions. Computers could lead to larger, more efficient farms, he said. With more efficient management farmers may be able to milk fewer cows and have the same income.

Pennsylvania may be slow to join other states that have a large number of farms with computers because the topography and climate of the state has limited the average herd size to about 59 cows, he said.



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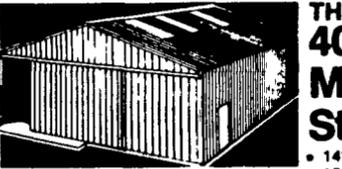


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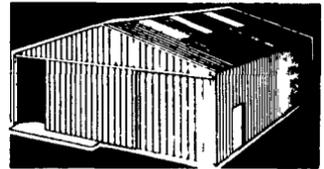


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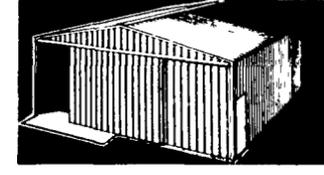


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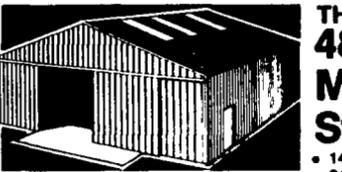


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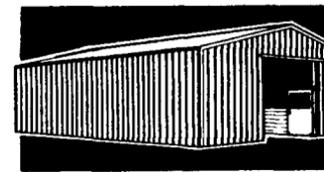


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