

NCDHIP Adopts New Policies

COLUMBUS, OHIO — The National Cooperative Dairy Herd Improvement Program's (NCDHIP) Policy Board held its semi-annual meeting recently. The meeting was highlighted by the adoption of several progressive policies that are expected to benefit dairy farmer members of NCDHIP in the future.

The formats and protocols developed by the Unified Data Task Force were adopted for communication between on-farm computers, central laboratories,

dairy records processing centers, and other end-users of DHIA records.

Recommendations for NCDHIP's Standards Task Force Phase I implementation plan were accepted. The Standards Task Force and the NCDHIP Data Processing Committee were requested to jointly develop an implementation plan for Phase I which constitutes four areas; animal identification, management systems, sampling and observation procedures, milk and compo-

nent data.

Labor efficient records were adopted as a permanent part of NCDHIP's official record plans. The records will be called Labor Efficient Records and designated

as DHI-03 LER.

Major improvements in the operation of the Quality Certification Service were approved to help DHIA management provide consistently high quality service to dairy farmer members participating in NCDHIP.

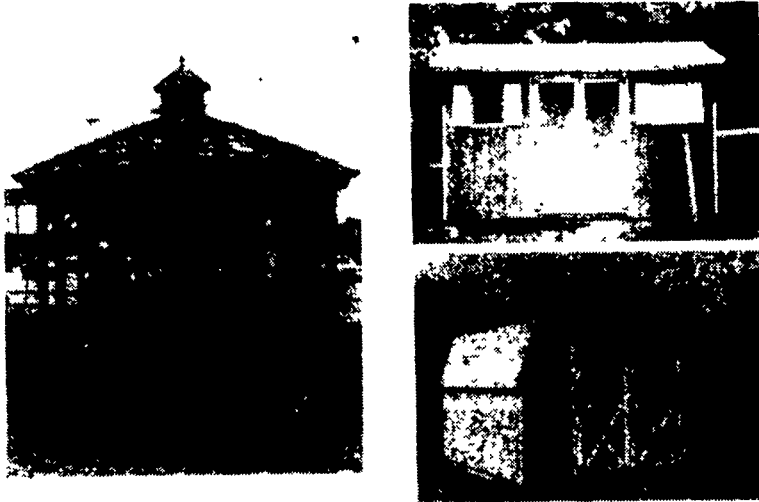
Testing groups for dairy goats (consisting of three people) were

approved for routine use in NCDHIP.

These decisions were part of the Policy Board's efforts to ensure that all dairy producer members participating in NCDHIP have access to the latest technology and dairy recordkeeping procedures that will serve their individual needs, officials said.

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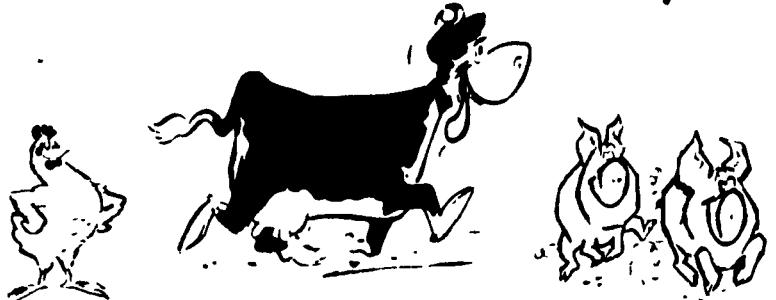
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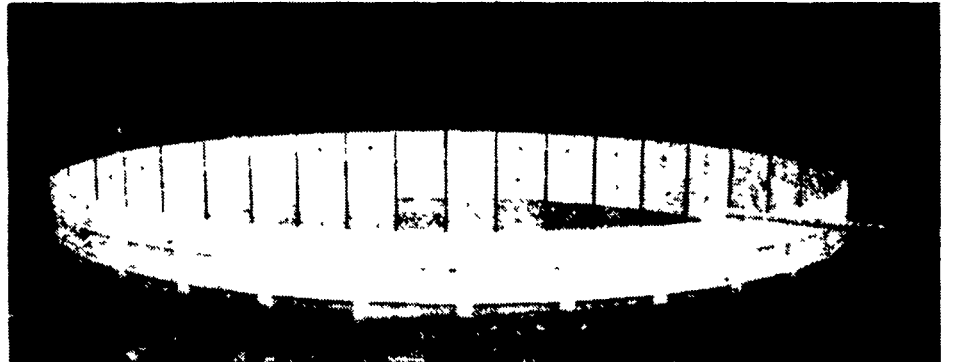
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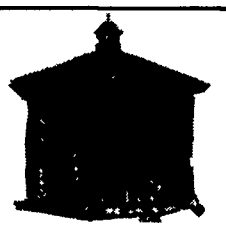
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