

Wayne County DHIA

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an average Somatic Cell Count of 94,000.

Dave Soden, Starrucca, president of the Wayne County DHIA, explained the decision to consider a merger of the Wayne County DHIA with Pennsylvania DHIA.

Wayne County members are now being asked to cast their ballot.

If the merger vote is favorable, the Wayne County association will be dissolved and the Pa. DHIA will conduct the business of milk testing and records for Wayne County dairymen. The merger

would be effective as of Dec. 31, if a favorable vote is achieved.

The Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association finished its 64th year with 103 member herds.

The average milk production level for all herds on test was 15,775 pounds of milk, 3.6 percent butterfat and 572 pounds of butterfat. The milk level is the highest ever in 64 years of testing and the pounds of butterfat is slightly below last year's level.

The value of milk produced per cow was \$2,355. After all costs were paid, the net value of the product (milk) was about \$1,481 per

cow. The value was above the 1988-1989 figures.

The current directors and officers of the Wayne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association are: Dave Soden, Starrucca, president; D. Ellis Dix, Pleasant Mount, vice president; Henry Antonioli, Honesdale; William Bryant, Honesdale; Wayne Conbeer, Beach Lake; Mike Nebzydowski, Pleasant Mount; John Pawloski, Lake Ariel; Gary Richard, Honesdale; Marlyn Shaffer, Lake Ariel; Arthur Rutledge Sr., Damascus; and Grant Tceple, Equinunk.

Cooperators

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management (inventory management using Stenholm's term) that would be implemented in case of excess surpluses. "Surplus is food inventory blessings, and we want a market opportunity to handle that," Stenholm commented.

The bill requires the Secretary of Agriculture to study program options and by August 1, 1991, recommend a program for Congress to vote on. He urged the dairy industry to play an active role in influencing that decision.

"Use your eyes to help us filter through the options," he said.

Stenholm emphasized that we want no more dairy terminations, heifer buy outs, etc. They are only temporary solutions. The dairy industry needs unity to survive. He said his committee is awaiting recommendations from National Milk Producers Federation and dairy industry leaders and is open to all comments, ideas and options. "The need for NMPF has never been greater. The need for our cooperatives to enhance dairy returns to producers has never been greater," he concluded.

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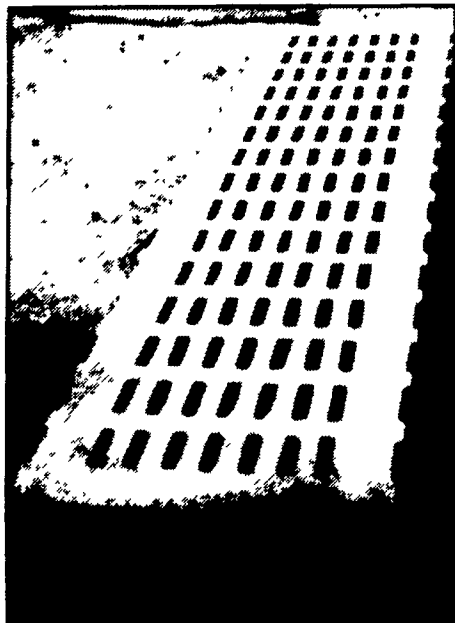
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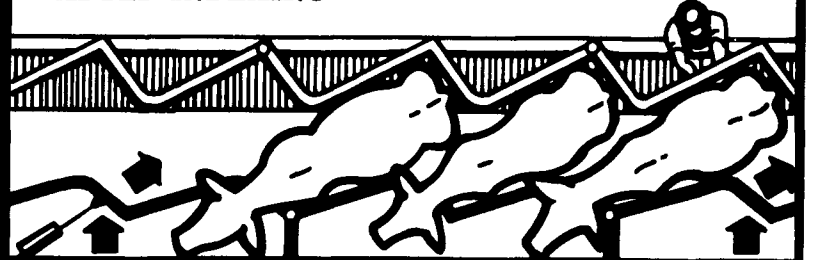


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