

A History And Perspective Of The Pennsylvania DHIA Program

Editor's note: This section continues the history of the Pa. DHIA as begun on page A1.

Section 11

Summary of Highlights and Dates of DHIA Activity

1910 First PA Cow Testing Association formed in Chester Co. - Brandywine Assoc.

1921 I. O. Sidelmann hired to summarize records.

1923 Charles Gearhart first Dairy Specialist hired to work with DHIA.

1946 Herbert Gilmore the second full-time Dairy Specialist on DHIA.

1947 Two fieldmen added to do DHIA work.

1954 State DHIA Organization formed.

1954 Owner Sampler became part of DHIA program.

1957 Central processing of records begins in basement of Old Main.

1958 First year records summarized by computer.

1960 First discussion on retirement and major medical program.

1962 Milk-O-Meter approved for use by ADSA.

1963 Start of Solids-Not-Fat Testing.

1964 Health insurance first offered.

1965 Life insurance first discussed.

1966 First Electronic Milk-O-Tester viewed by State Board.

1967 NDHIA approves Milk-O-Tester for use on raw samples.

1968 AM-PM testing offered.

1968 Central Testing Lab started in basement of Borland.

1969 DHIA was incorporated.

1971 UPS utilized to pick up and deliver milk samples.

1971 New Central Milk Testing Lab completed.

1972 Protein testing offered.

1974 Life Insurance and Retirement program offered.

1974 Lab for checking milk metering devices started.

1976 Somatic Cell testing offered on field trial basis.

1976 First discussed General Manager position.

1980 Computer installed to transfer data from testing machines.

1981 Ground broken for addition to Central Testing Lab.

1981 First all expense paid Supervisors Conference held.

1982 Quality Certification plan offered by NDHIA.

1982 Phil Dukas hired as first General Manager of DHIA.

1983 Visible ID for cows on test.

1984 First Statewide County Directors Conference held.

1986 Dick Barth hired as General Manager.

1986 Multi State Meter Checking Van introduced.

1988 UPS out; refrigerated trucks introduced by DHIA-for picking up samples.

1989 First counties join new statewide management system.

1991 DHIA management moves administrative offices off campus to allow more room for testing services at Central Testing Lab and for room for moving computer facilities from Shields Bldg. to DHIA Service Center.

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Past Presidents of State DHIA
1954-1958 James Wilson - Elks County

1959-1963 G.A. Biggs - Fulton County

1964-1966 Charles Lownes - Bucks County

1967-1972 Clyde Robison - Washington County

1973-1974 Alfred Brandt - Lebanon County

1975-1977 Paul Yoder - Somerset County

1978-1980 Clyde Robison - Washington County

1981-1984 Oliver Butler - Tioga County

1985-1987 Robert Kindig - Lancaster County

1988-1990 Clyde Robison - Washington County

1991- William Idle - Cambria County

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PA Dairymen Serving as President NDHIA

Clyde Robison, Robert Kindig.

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DHIA General Managers

1983-1984 Phil Dukas,

1984-1985 Bill Heald-Interim,

1985 Dick Barth.

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State Management Districts/ Areas for Fieldman

1947-1963 - Two Areas,

1964-1981 - Three Areas,

1982-1983 - Two Areas,

1984-1985 - Four Districts,

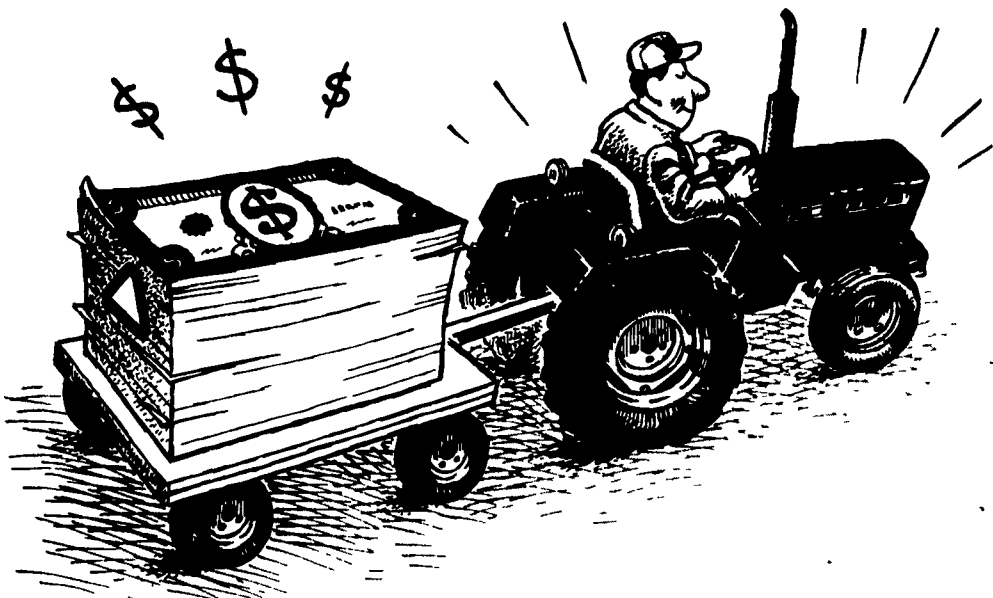
1985-1986 - Six Districts,

1986-1988 - Five Districts,

1989-Present - Four Districts + Lancaster County.



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USFGC Pleased With Soviet Credit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "We are pleased with President Bush's announcement of \$1.25 billion in GSM-102 credit guarantees for the Soviet Union. It is an affirmation of the importance of the Soviet market to U.S. farmers," said Kenneth Hobbie, U.S. Feed Grains Council (USFGC) president.

"However, \$1.25 billion will not meet the needs of the Soviet people. It is our hope additional credit guarantee announcements will be forthcoming in a timely manner," Hobbie said.

The council has requested the administration provide \$2.5 billion in credit guarantees to the Soviet Union to protect the integrity of its livestock industry. The council based this recommendation on careful analysis of the Soviet Union's food and feed requirements.

"While (the) announcement certainly is a step in the right direction, it will not be adequate to meet the Soviet Union's needs," said council Chairman Dan L. Peterson.

"The council will continue to work with the administration to support the Soviet Union's agricultural needs through its political and economic unrest," said Peterson.

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