

A History And Perspective Of The Pennsylvania DHIA Program

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sion and Penn State had dropped DHIA from its list of priorities. The increasing management role on the part of DHIA could hardly be accomplished with Extension in the foreground, but working in the background does not constitute abandonment. The records program remains a valuable tool, the dairy leadership a valued partner, and Extension could not and cannot consider dropping dairy records from its program priorities. Administration at all levels in Penn State has always been ready to assist DHIA management in time of need, recognizing that this program and partnership must continue its symbiotic relationship if either is to accomplish its goal.

Dairy Specialists and PSU personnel involved with DHIA: I. O. Sidelmann - 1921-1946; Charles Gearhart

- 1923-1955; Herb Gilmore - 1946-1980; Don Ace - 1955-1957 and 1980-1981; Dexter Putnam - 1956-1981; Darwin Braund - 1956-1960 (now with Agway Inc.); Bill Kelso - 1960-1963; Steve Spencer - 1963-1965; Larry Specht* - 1957-1960 and 1991-.

*Specht first worked to overcome central processing delays. Very quickly he started using records in sire evaluation and throughout his career at Penn State has been an effective interface between DHIA, the ABC studs, and USDA sire reporting. Bill Heald - 1982-1990.

Secretaries - two were assigned to the DHIA program and their salaries were paid by Extension until 1980.

Department Heads and Dairy Extension Section Chairman: Roscoe Welsh - 1919-1948; E. B. Fitts -

1921-1937; Bob Olmstead - 1937-1954; Joe Taylor - 1954-1974; Don Ace - 1974-1984.

College of Agriculture Administrators: Dean Lyman Jackson, Director of Extension - Albrecht; Dean Russell E. Larson, Director of Extension - Patton; Dean James Beattie, Assoc. Director of Extension - Poorbaugh, Financial Officer - Sam Auker; Dean Samuel Smith, Assoc. Dean Howard Thoele; Dean Lamartine Hood, Assoc. Dean James Starling.

Penn State University Administrators: President Walker, Vice-President Patterson, Vice-President Osborn, Comptroller Erfft, University Trustees.

Section 5

Penn State University and DHIA

The partnership between Penn State and DHIA has reached far beyond the confines of its faculty and staff in Dairy Science Extension and County Extension Agents. Costs associated with printing herd books and record forms, laboratory costs related to supervisor shortcourses, and the salary and travel costs of DHIA fieldmen and office secretaries were considered a part of the ongoing Dairy Extension budget. The earliest documented concern about cost was noted by Director of Extension Albrecht in 1955 when he said "Extension funds available for testing work have not been able to keep up with the expansion of programs (he noted printed forms as an example of increased costs). The estimate of cost of IBM processing in the testing program would add 7¢/cow/mo. Could the testing program be separated from the Extension group, except for the educational aspect, and thereby strengthen the program?" Biggs of the State DHIA Board responded "Dairymen need to fight their own battles and run their own organization."

Discussion of the central records processing plan began in earnest in August 1955. It was determined that if IBM processing was set up in conjunction with Penn State University the cost would be about 5¢/cow, if set up in a separate system at PSU the cost would be 7¢/cow, and if set up commercially off-campus the cost

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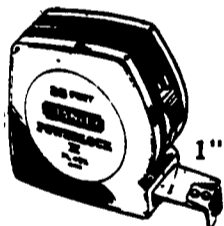
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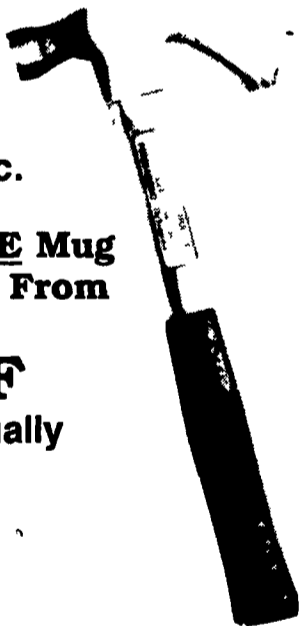
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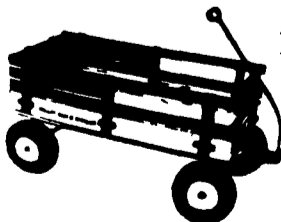
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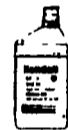
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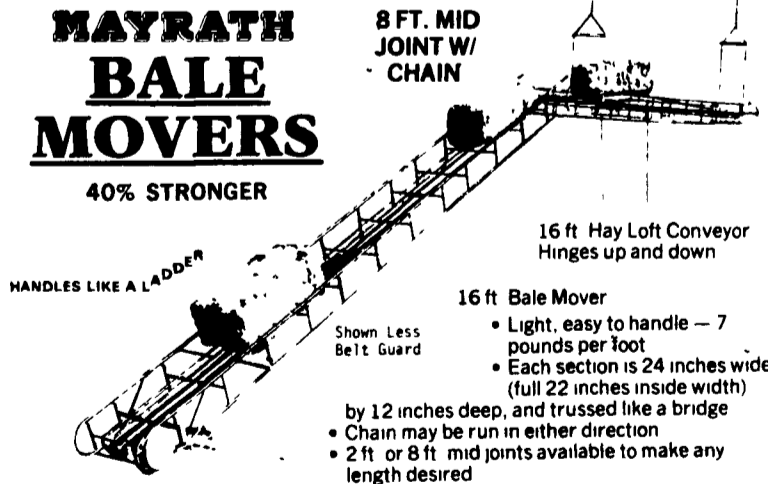
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