

A History And Perspective Of The Pennsylvania DHIA Program

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Ray Pruss replaces Linda Kern as Assistant Treasurer.

October 1979

Etter moved from Fieldman to checker position. Geist retired.

Kline new fieldman.

Central Testing Lab needs to be expanded. a) SCC overflowed space and will continue to grow. b) Need to bring Secretaries from Borland to lab. c) Need to merge meter checking into lab operations.

New SCC machine ordered @\$51,000.

April 1980

50% of cows on DHIA test now on SCC.

Computer for transferring test results is on line and being tested for accuracy.

DHIA fee increase discussed.

September 1980

Ace placed in charge of DHIA, Gilmore retired. DHIA fees as of January 1981 will be increased to 31¢/cow plus 12¢/cow for SCC plus 5¢/cow for Protein. This includes capitalization for the lab addition plus 2¢ for the retirement fund.

November 1980

New memorandum of agreement between PA DHIA and PSU signed.

January 1981

Ground broken for lab addition.

March 1981

Baum (fieldman) and Johnon (checker) retired. Search for replacement for Gilmore underway. Plans for upgrading State Supervisor Conference offered by Ace. Goal is to have all Supervisors and their spouse attend with all expenses paid.

NDHIA now needs 6.6¢/cow plus 1¢/cow for legal fund.

July 1981

Applied for "essential service" designation for DHIA to avoid problems in case of new strike by tech service.

Sam Smith new Dean of Ag.

Bill Heald new Dairy Specialist replacing Gilmore and will assume DHIA responsibility as of September 1.

New DHIA Supervisor Conference scheduled per Ace plan. NOTE: this new format attracted 81% of Supervisors plus wives vs. 35% under old plan.

Putnam retired.

October 1981

Dixie Burris hired as new Records Supervisor.

Larry Moyer hired as new fieldman.

AI Coops interested in 100% protein testing and will offer a grant to help buy equipment or loan funds to

DHIA at a low interest rate for purchase of equipment. State Board says "NO" to offer because of potential of being obligated to studs.

Order placed for data entry equipment at Central Lab.

Putnam hired as Records Consultant.

January 1982

(Nationally) Geo. Grambling hired in charge of Quality Certification program by NDHIA; dues now \$20,826/yr.

Dean's office takes responsibility for DHIA.

Moved to hire a General Manager responsible to Thoele of Dean's office. Policy will be set by State Board but alignment under Thoele necessary due to method of paying salary and fringe benefits.

New rate increase of 15¢/cow, largest one-time increase ever.

April 1982

314,482 cows tested for fat, 161,600 for SCC, and 12,330 Protein.

Bill Heald reports good acceptance of 15¢/cow increase by dairymen.

October 1982

Phil Dukas new General Manager.

New Protein analysis installed.

Motion to donate \$1 for each cow on test to Ag Arena in memory of Dexter Putnam (who died September, 1982).

2nd Annual State Supervisors Conference a success.

Ace proposes plan for a statewide County Director Conference.

January 1983

James Benzie new Assistant Lab Manager. NDHIA dues now at \$27,000 (8.2¢/cow).

April 1983

Discussion of Visible Identification for cows. Attendance at State Supervisors Conference made mandatory.

A two-day Statewide County Directors Meeting considered.

June 1983

State Board supports use of AM-PM records in USDA Sire Summary.

October 1983

Third Fieldman considered - first one under DHIA funding and fringe benefits.

January 1984

USDA to use AM-PM records in Sire Summary. PA DHIA installs first 800 line.

Aug. 16-17, 1984 set for first Statewide County Directors Meeting with Ace scheduled as Keynote Speaker.

Hold put on hiring third fieldman.

October 1984

Dukas resigns.

Heald assigned job as Interim General Manager.

September 1985

Dick Barth hired as General Manager.

July 1986*

Multi-State Meter Van started; services 9000 meters/yr. in 9 states.

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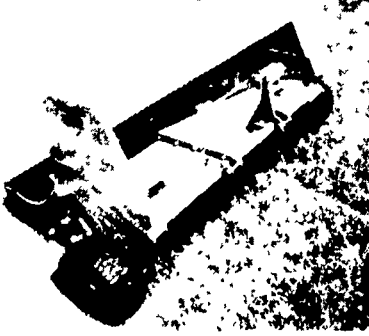
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