



How Does Your Herd Compare?

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — This data is pulled from Pennsylvania DHIA's mainframe computer each week. It is a one-week summary representing approximately one-fourth of the herds on test, as they are tested monthly.

These data are valuable from a business management standpoint and can be used for comparing your operations to the averages from almost 1,400 herds across the state.

DHIA Averages for all herds processed between 11/25/91 and 12/02/91

Number of Herds Processed	1,187
Number of Cows Processed	71,151
Number of Cows Per Herd	59.9
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,025
%-Fat	3.67
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	662
%-Protein	3.17
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	572
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	317
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	12.14
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.64
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.25
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.53
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.26
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,189
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,256
B: Hay	2,460
C: Silage	15,184
D: Day Pasture	54
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	554
A: Grain	104
B: Hay	233
C: Silage	14
D: Pasture	
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	906
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,282
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.4
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	5.03
Avg Level For 995 SCC Herds	327,501

*Member generated figures

Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's this week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania. Remember these are averages so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No. 2y - 2.76 BU. 4.90 CWT.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.32 BU. 5.54 CWT.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.94 BU. 4.15 CWT.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.52 BU. 4.74 CWT.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.43 BU. 9.07 CWT.
Ear Corn - 64.86 BU. 3.24 CWT.
Alfalfa Hay - 112.50 TON 5.63 CWT.

Mixed Hay - 104.25 TON 5.21 CWT.

Timothy Hay - 103.50 TON 5.18 CWT.

DHIA Facts And Figures For Lancaster Co.

	STATE AVERAGES	COUNTY AVERAGES
NUMBER OF HERDS	4,541	630
NUMBER OF COWS	280,060	37,792
NUMBER OF COWS PER HERD	61.7	60.0
MILK PER COW (LBS)	17,656	18,634
%-FAT	3.67	3.65
FAT PER COW (LBS)	647	681
%-PROTEIN	3.19	3.16
PROTEIN PER COW (LBS)	563	589
AVERAGE DAYS IN MILK PER COW	317	318
VALUE FOR CWT MILK (\$)	12.50	12.40
VALUE FOR CWT GRAIN (\$)	7.76	7.93
VALUE FOR CWT HAY (\$)	4.17	4.80
VALUE FOR CWT SILAGE (\$)	1.54	1.51
VALUE FOR PASTURE PER DAY (\$)	.28	.26
VALUE OF MILK PER COW (\$)	2,207	2,310
LBS GRAIN CONSUMED PER COW	7,182	7,669
LBS HAY CONSUMED PER COW	2,422	1,980
LBS SILAGE CONSUMED PER COW	15,239	16,403
DAYS ON PASTURE PER COW	57	70
GRAIN COSTS PER COW (\$)	557	608
HAY COSTS PER COW(\$)	101	95
SILAGE COSTS PER COW (\$)	235	248
PASTURE COSTS PER COW (\$)	16	18
TOTAL FEED COSTS PER COW (\$)	909	969
INCOME OVER FEED COSTS (\$)	1,298	1,341
GRAIN TO MILK RATIO	1:2.5	1:2.4
FEED COSTS PER CWT MILK (\$)	5.15	5.20

Wayne County Holds Roundup

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — The 1991 Wayne County 4-H Capon and Turkey Round-up was held recently at the Wayne County cooperative extension office, in Honesdale.

Dr. Herbert C. Jordan, extension poultry specialist, Penn State University, served as judge.

Paul Rosengrant, of Lake Ariel, had the grand champion exhibit of dressed 4-H capons. His exhibit received a total of 19.5 points out of a possible 20 point. Rosengrant is a member of the Explorers 4-H Community Club.

James Bannon Jr, of Waymart, had the Reserve Grand Champion exhibit of dressed capons. Jim, a

member of the Cherry Ridge 4-H Club, showed a pair of dressed capons which earned a score of 19 points out of 20.

In the Junior Division, the results were: champion and blue ribbon, James Bannon Jr; reserve junior division champion and blue ribbon, Peter Nebzdoski (Pleasant Mount Go-Getters Club); red ribbon.

In the Intermediate Division, the champion and blue ribbon went to Paul Rosengrant; the reserve champion and blue ribbon, Renee Bannon (Cherry Ridge Club); red ribbon, Neil Keating, Lake Ariel (Kounty Kids).

The Senior Division champion and blue ribbon winner was Chad Keating, of Lake Ariel (Kountry

Kids). The reserve champion and blue ribbon winner was Scott Lewis, of Pleasant Mount Go-Getters; winning a red ribbon was Mark Nebzdoski, also of Pleasant Mount Go-Getters.

The dressed capons were judged on a number of factors. The judge looked for uniformity of weight of the two dressed capons, overall meatiness including the thighs and legs and freedom of excess fat cover, the overall scald and "dressing job" of each capon, trussing of the capons to present a neat, attractive poultry carcass and the use of "shrink" plastic poultry packaging to highlight and create "eye-appeal" of the dressed capon to the consumer.

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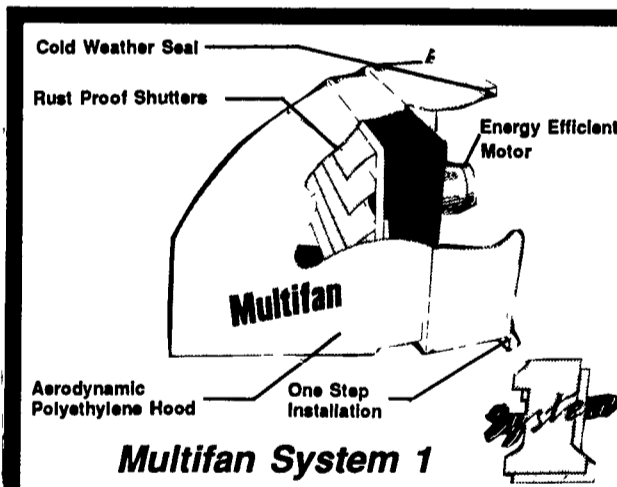
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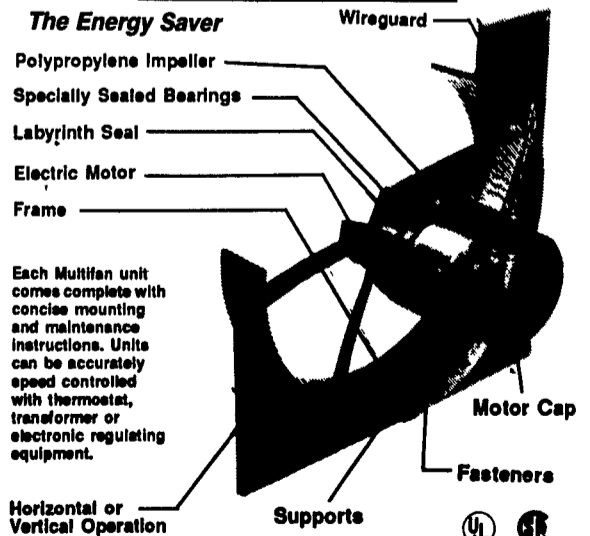
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