

## Bureau Gets New Phone System

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — A new phone system in the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) will give the agricultural community better access to the services under its jurisdiction, according to State Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff.

The new communications system is part of the Department of Agriculture's overall effort to upgrade equipment and technical expertise within the bureau.

Animal agriculture is the largest and most profitable sector of the commonwealth's premier industry. Pennsylvania has more than two million head of food animals and 40 million poultry on 53,000 family farms. The Bureau of Animal Industry is responsible for the control and eradication of diseases in all this livestock and poultry which might affect human health or cause significant economic loss to Pennsylvania farmers.

Each division in BAI now has an assigned phone number so citizens can dial directly for the services they require.

**Animal Health, 717-783-5301-** The Animal Health Division develops programs for disease prevention and control, usually in cooperation with the industry priorities. The programs focus on diseases with public health implications (such as rabies, or Brucellosis) or high economic impact on the industry (such as pseudorabies in swine).

Persons desiring information regarding disease control programs and persons wishing to report disease should call this office. Dr. Ronald Yoxheimer is chief of the Animal Health Division.

**Records (Health Charts), 717-783-8144-** The Records Division processes health charts for cattle, goats and buffalo involved in interstate and intrastate travel, show or sale. They also handle health charts for export or interstate travel of horses, pigs, sheep, dogs and cats.

The division maintains individual herd records for tuberculosis and brucellosis of cattle, goats and buffalo, and the brucellosis calf-hood vaccination program. Persons desiring information regarding health certification of animals (except poultry) should call this office.

**Epidemiology, Research & Avian Health, 717-783-8555-** The Epidemiology, Research and Avian Health Division provides technical information for the development of all animal health prevention programs and develops programs for the prevention and control of poultry diseases. Records are maintained on poultry flocks, hatcheries and various inspection programs. Persons desiring information about poultry health programs and persons wishing to report poultry disease should call this office.

**Regulations & Compliance, 717-783-9550-** The Regulations and Compliance Division is responsible for field implementation of various disease control programs. Veterinarians and livestock disease control technicians in each region of the state monitor activities and movement of animals subject to state regulations and inspect industry operations subject to licensure. Quarantines are imposed on diseased or exposed animals if necessary.

This division is responsible for routine communications between the bureau, animal owners and animal marketing agents. Persons with inquiries about licensing, regulations, accredited veterinarians or quarantine restrictions should call this office.

**Laboratory Diagnostic Division, 717-787-8808-** The Summerdale Laboratory is a service-oriented laboratory, providing diagnostic services to detect diseases in animals. This includes testing of various tissues and other materials and post mortem examination of animals to diagnose cause of disease.

Persons wishing information on laboratory services should call this office. Dr. Allen Shoey is the acting director of the Laboratory Diagnostic Division.

**Administration, 717-783-6677-** The director of the Bureau of Animal Industry is responsible for coordinating bureau activities and maintaining Department liaison with the livestock and poultry industries.

Persons wishing information on regulatory issues, bureau objectives or industry animal health initiatives should call this office headed by Dr. Max A. Van Buskirk.

## Quality And

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5 years old — it doesn't need improving."

A lot happens in a facility in 5 years. A quality environment requires a quality maintenance program. Take a critical look around that "new barn," which is now 5 years old, and see if there aren't some maintenance needs.

It might be birds' nests and dirt blocking inlets in a tie-stall barn or several fence line stanchions that don't work along a fence line feeder. Perhaps some improved methods for ventilating barns or providing resting surfaces have been developed since you built that barn. Is it time to consider using some of these ideas in your "new

barn?" A quality maintenance and improvement program will assure that your facilities provide your cows with a consistently quality environment.

A dairy facility doesn't have to be new to provide a quality environment for animals. A well-constructed and maintained barn will provide years of good service. Just like a tractor, regular maintenance, periodic overhauls, and maybe a new attachment or two may be necessary to keep things running smoothly.

The successful dairy manager of the 90s will continually fine tune the cows' living and working surroundings to assure maximum comfort for maximum productivity.

## How Does Your Herd Compare?

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B: Hay	117
C: Silage	233
D: Pasture	16
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	924
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,429
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.6
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	5.03
Avg Level For 1,172 SCC Herds	312,799
*Member generated figures	

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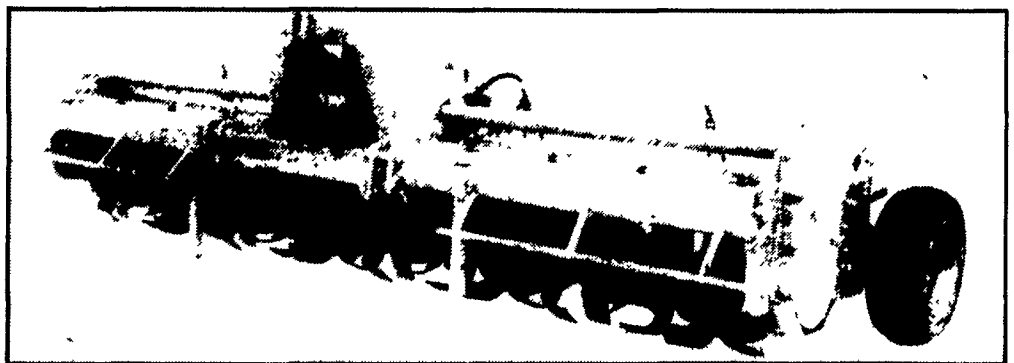
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