Database Helps Ag Students

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) - Thanks to a new computer file that organizes and describes almost 500 national and international internships, students in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences can search for the internship they feel best suits their personal and academic needs.

"In the past, we'd publicize job availability through counseling sessions, putting notices on bulletin boards or passing out flyers in class," said Dr. James E. Diamond, assistant professor of agricultural extension and coordinator of the college's internship programs.

"We had all this information in big stacks of paper in each of the departments," he said. "Although this system may have seemed effective, it's possible that some students were not sure of all their options in the internship program.

"Now our undergraduates can access computers that feature our new database," he said. "Across the college's 20 undergraduate programs, the database currently contains details on 476 summer internships offered by private corporations and government offices in the U.S. and abroad.

"A wide range of positions are available in research, production and marketing throughout the agricultural industry," he said. "A qualified student may get an internship as an assistant wildlife biologist, a greenskeeper trainee, an animal health technician or a sales data and market research assistant.

"There is even a summer position at Disney World's EPCOT Center, where the intern is responsible for helping to manage about 30 crops for the Kraft General Foods exhibit The Land."

Students can review the internship file on a personal computer in the new Agricultural Sciences and Industry Building's Learning Resource Center. Copies of the

file also have been provided to Penn State's agriculture sorority and four fraternities.

"Students just type their academic discipline into the computer, and the program displays all the information for internships they are qualified to apply for," he said.

Besides providing the name and address of each sponsor, Diamond said the database gives students a point of contact, the person's phone number, wage information and a specific job description.

While many of the internships are offered by U.S. companies, there are opportunities worldwide. "I've had students work for agriculture ministries in Haiti and the Republic of Mali," Diamond said.

"This summer, a student from Sugarloaf, majoring in agricultural sciences is working as a scientist's assistant in forages in the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and an international association for exchange students are sponsoring this internship program."

Many internship sponsors offer to pay summer interns, but wage agreements vary and are negotiated between students and their summer employers.

In addition to the potential for summer income and the completion of degree requirements, Diamond said an internship gives a student the opportunity to experience a profession before making a career commitment.

"Sometimes, students have their hearts set on a specific career until they spend a summer on the job," he said. "Although they may have done very well, some decide they would be happier in another profession related to their discipline. It's important to be able to have enough information to switch careers before you graduate, rather than work in a job for a few years and then try to change."

Diamond said undergraduates are encouraged to take the internship course during the summer between their junior and senior years.

"This way students have a substantial academic background when they enter the world of

work," he said. "At the end of the summer, they sign up for the last vear of classes based on their assessment of what they need to know to be successful in their careers."

He adds that many students who excel in summer internships are offered permanent employment after graduation.

"If interns do an excellent job, there's a good chance their employers will be waiting for them as soon as they get their diplomas and walk across the stage," he said.

F.O.4 June Prices Announced

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Rex F. Lothrop announced a producer nonfat milk solids price of \$1.11 per pound for June 1992.

The weighted average differential base milk price was \$1.36 per hundredweight and the price per pound of butterfat was \$.8089.

The standardized base milk price per hundredweight for producer milk with the market average nonfat milk solids content and 3.5 percent butterfat would have been \$13.72 and the excess price would have been \$12.36. This represents a base price increase of \$1.94 per hundredweight from the previous year.

The excess price increased \$1.87 from the previous June. The nonfat milk solids price, applicable to handler payments, was \$1.1116 per pound for the month.

The gross value of June producer milk adjusted to 3.5 percent butterfat was \$72.1 million, compared to \$58.3 million a year ago.

Mr. Lothrop said that producer receipts totaled 533.8 million pounds during June, an increase of 32.1 million pounds from last June and the average daily delivery of 3,174 pounds per producer increased 102 pounds or 3.3. percent from a year earlier.

Total nonfat milk solids production for the month was 45.8 million pounds, representing an

average NFMS test of 8.58 percent.

Class I producer milk totaled 246.4 million pounds and was up 10.1 million pounds, or 4.3 percent from last June. Class I milk accounted for 46.17 percent of total producer milk receipts during the month, compared with 47.12 percent in June 1991.

Base milk accounted for 91.56 percent of total producer milk receipts in June compared with 90.85 percent last year.

The average butterfat test of producer milk was 3.61 percent, up from 3.51 percent last June.

Middle Atlantic Order pool handlers reported Class I in-area milk sales of 216.0 million pounds during June, an increase of 0.8 percent from a year earlier after adjustment to eliminate variation due to calendar composition.

Farmer Tax Underused

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Many farmers fail to request a tax rebate on liquid fuels used in agricultural production.

The Pennsylvania Board of Finance and Revenue has asked Penn State Cooperative Extension to inform farm families about this financial opportunity.

According to extension agent Phil Rzewnicki, any person who used liquid fuels in the actual production of agricultural products is eligible.

Claim forms for filing a tax

refund must be accompanied by either actual paid receipts, copies of paid receipts or statements from dealers indicating gallons purchased and that state tax has been paid.

Forms must be filed with the Board of Finance and Revenue by Sept. 30.

Forms and assistance in filing claims are available by calling 717-787-3365 or contacting Lynne Vergot, Supervisor, Board of Finance and Revenue, Room 409, Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.



PLUMBING SUPPLIES - COINS - RIDING MOWER LARGE AUCTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST 8:30 A.M. SHARP!! The Following Personal Property Of Robert Moore Formerly 4424 York Road, New Oxford, And Personal Property Of The Late Leroy " Buck" Fisher, 927 Baltimore St., Hanover Will Be Sold At The Parkville Fire Co., 955 Baltimore Street, Hanover,

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THURSDAY, AUG. 27, 1992

Located approx. 10 minutes from I-78 along Hickory Drive on Sculps Hill, West Brunswick Twp., Schuylkill Co., PA. Traveling North on Rt. 61, at Deer Lake turn West onto Rt. 895 travel approx. 2 miles, turn right onto Hickory Drive for approx. 2 miles to farm.

Real Estate consists of 20+ acres, whereon is erected an early 21/2 story completely remodeled brick home with 9 rooms, 2 full baths, a new spacious 14'x21' kitchen w/cherry wood cabinetry, corian counters, open beams & skylights, wrap around porch, wood/coal furnace and oil hot water heating. Detached is a 2 story wood framed & stone extra living unit or office quarters w/4 rooms w/cathederal ceilings and full bath heated by coal stoker & elec. baseboard w/3-bay garage & workshop on ground level, 2 story banked barn w/3 fencedin spring fed pastures & small started orchard, deluxe country living with a 16'x32' inground pool w/brick patio, blacktop driveway w/stone walls, leveled area for horse arena or tennis court, beautifully landscaped. View this property to appreciate its value. Inspection by appointment, call (717) 366-1465 or (717) 366-1560. Terms are \$35,000 down payment the day of auction, balance in 60 days. Real Estate will be offered at 7:00 P.M. **Auction For:** 

Snapper LT16 16 Horse Power 6 Speed Riding Mower (Like New), New Shop Vac, Lawn Sweeper, 2-6 Ft. Ladders, Garden Tools, Plumbing Supplies Include: Couplings, Copper T's, Drop Ear L's, 3/4 & 1/2" Male Adapters, Closet & Lavatory Supplies, Water Heater Element, Low Water Cut Off, Strainer Assemblys, Ball Cocks, Sink Supplies, Delta Faucet Parts, Traps, Ball Valves, Faucet Washers, Fernco Cuplings, ABS Plastic Fittings, Assorted O-Rings, Steam Air Vents, Lot Of New Assorted Valves, Wall Faucets, Bath Waste & Overflows, Brass Nipples, Sink Waster, 1/4 & 1/2" S-Traps, Hose Faucets, Part Rolls Of Copper Tubing, 1/2" Valves, 3/8" Chrome Nipples, Pipe Wrenches, Tool Boxes, Router, Jig Saw, Soldier Gun, 1/2" Drill, Bits, Lots Of Hand Tools, Thermo Couples, Some Hard Copper, Some 3" ABS Plastic, Sm. Shifter Ladder, Scroll Saw, C Clamps, Bar Clamps, Copper Strapping, Set Of Pipe Dies 3/8 To 1", Sm. Table Saw, Sheet Metal Flashing, 3 Sheets Of 3/8" Plywood, Belt Sander, Pad Sander, Elec. Skill Saw, Saw Blades. **TERMS: Cash Or Approved Check.** Lunch Truck At Sale

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