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Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association

Pennsylvania DHIA news is presented in FOCUS each week in cooperation with Dale L. Davis, manager of membership development.

For more information about these news items or the services of DHIA call 1-800-DHI-TEST. The call is free.

District Meetings Set

The district meetings for local DHIA directors are planned for January and February. There are five meetings scheduled around

the state, corresponding to the five director districts. These meetings are held every year primarily for directors of local DHIA

ARIS, A Tool You Can Use

ARIS, the Agricultural Records Information Service, is a computer access system provided by the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

This service is available to dairymen, veterinarians, feed consultants and other agribusiness consultants who have been authorized to have access to DHIA records via personal computer. These records are stored in a mainframe computer at the DHIA Service Center at University Park.

ARIS is an on-line system, which means users must dial through a modem and connect to the mainframe computer to access their records, which can be done immediately after your herd processes.

This allows you to download the data to your personal computer. You can generate your own custom reports and inquiries to get the analysis best suited to your needs.

A designated toll-free number, and also a help line, is available for free telephone consultation with

PA DHIA's trained DRPC professionals.

The date is stored in a raw form which allows you to manipulate it to produce reports of your own. This data can be downloaded to be used in a spreadsheet to create graphs, etc.

To access the ARIS system, you must have a computer, modem and a useable phone line (a party line is usually unacceptable).

The computer must be IBM compatible with at least 256 K memory.

The modem must be Hayes or Hayes compatible, with 1200 or 2400 baud rates. Because the difference in price is slight and the line speed is twice as fast, 2400 baud is recommended. A hard disk is not necessary but is also recommended.

If you are interested in a workshop to learn more about ARIS, or as a user would like to receive more training, you may want to call Pat at DHIA 1-800-344-8378 or your county extension office to get a workshop scheduled.

committees/boards.

It is an opportunity for directors and management to get together for discussion of issues and developments affecting DHIA members statewide. Election of directors to the state board is also done at the meetings.

Anyone interested in attending

the meeting in their district may contact their county committee or local board.

The meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. on the dates and places shown.

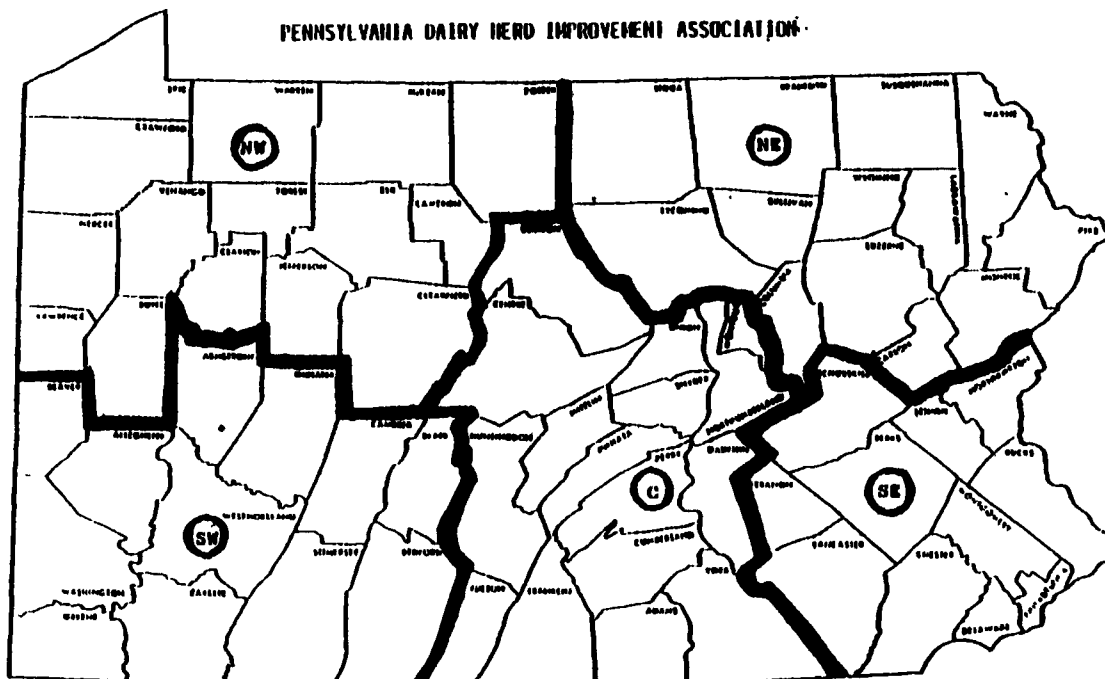
Central — Jan. 28, Family House Restaurant, Mifflintown.

Southeast — Feb. 11, Berks Agriculture Center.

Southwest — Feb. 12, Ramada Inn, Somerset.

Northeast — Feb. 12, Towanda Elks, Towanda.

Northwest — Feb. 13, Venango County 4-H Center, Franklin.



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