

# Top Pennsylvania DHIA Cows By Breed For December

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## RED DANE

Farm Name	Barn Name	Age Yr-Mo	-----Actual Production-----						
			Days	Days	Milk Lbs	Prot %	Prot Lbs	Fat %	Fat Lbs
ROLARWAY HOLSTEINS	62	03-00	305	2X	18374	3.2	588	3.4	632
ARVID KATHY KOBOSKY	LINBACK	03-00	305	3X	19808	2.9	579	3.8	747
BOONECROFT FARMS	106	02-00	301		16402	3.2	520	3.7	612
ALFRED STIERLY JR	24	09-10	290		15523	3.0	467	3.1	486
BUCKEYE ACRES	198	04-00	305		14681	3.1	457	3.7	540
CHARLES MOOK	ANNABEL	04-11	280		15153	2.9	434	3.3	500
VALLEY HAVEN FARMING	8	02-00	279		11084	3.1	348	3.6	404
PAUL ALLEN	14	05-01	266		8929	3.1	276	3.4	301
BOONECROFT FARMS	106	03-01	151		9174	2.8	258	3.5	325
DENNIS+NAOMI SHAPPER	SARAH	03-02	142		7225	2.9	212	2.9	213
JOAS TROYER	SPECKLS	05-11	70	70	4976	3.3	163	3.7	182
CHARLES MOOK	TILLIE	05-00	100		5034	3.0	152	3.9	196
GREG WEIL	LB	02-02	36		1619	3.0	49	3.0	48
HEGE FARMS	160	02-00	14		453	3.8	17	2.4	11

## MIXED

Farm Name	Barn Name	Age Yr-Mo	-----Actual Production-----						
			Days	Days	Milk Lbs	Prot %	Prot Lbs	Fat %	Fat Lbs
FRED PAZZAGLIA #1	35	02-09	305	2X	20791	3.7	774	3.8	795
GALEN BOLLINGER	250	03-11	305	3X	22393	3.3	750	4.0	899
JIM W WELCH	ROQUERT	04-02	305		23635	3.2	746	3.5	822
DAVID & LLOYD LESLIE	DAISY	03-08	305		21687	3.4	733	3.8	821
J ELMER STOLTZFUS	CATHY	04-03	305		22090	3.3	732	3.7	821
ROBERT KENSINGER	2	01-10	305		22938	3.0	695	3.4	781
SIDNEY MARTIN & SONS	224	05-02	305		18766	3.7	693	3.9	737
PAINTER LAND FARM	108	03-05	305	305	21477	3.2	691	4.0	867
SELDONREST "F" FARM	E79	05-08	305		18870	3.7	690	4.2	797
LEON H KLINE	891	03-01	285		20369	3.4	684	4.1	835
STANHOPE FARMS	1	03-09	285		20733	3.3	680	3.4	707
SIDNEY MARTIN & SONS	223	04-10	305		18766	3.6	679	3.8	714
ZEPDALE FARMS	28	02-04	305		20226	3.3	666	4.3	865
SKIP KENNEDY	BETH	05-04	305		18881	3.5	664	5.4	1012
WALNUT LANE FARM	KITTEN	02-02	305		20191	3.3	660	3.3	664

MARTIN M WEAVER	40	04-10	305		19545	3.4	659	3.6	709
WALTER BEM	520	03-00	305		20258	3.2	649	4.7	954
ABNER R KING	PUDDING	04-01	305		20335	3.2	645	3.6	735
GERALD HURD JR	39	07-04	293	293	18228	3.5	643	4.1	751
PAINTER LAND FARM	119	02-04	305	305	19784	3.2	641	3.5	686
BISBEE FARM	133	06-10	267		19986	3.2	638	3.8	759
PAINTER LAND FARM	127	03-10	305	305	20645	3.1	638	3.4	701
PAINTER LAND FARM	242	07-06	305	305	20015	3.2	633	3.0	610
PAINTER LAND FARM	92	03-07	305	305	19344	3.3	631	4.1	796
BEHRER FARMS	965	02-03	305		20736	3.0	624	3.9	807

## RED & WHITE

Farm Name	Barn Name	Age Yr-Mo	-----Actual Production-----						
			Days	Days	Milk Lbs	Prot %	Prot Lbs	Fat %	Fat Lbs
MATT WILL R&W	SORCHA	04-05	305	2X	30636	3.1	964	3.6	1114
MATT WILL R&W	SOPHIE	08-03	305	3X	29762	3.2	963	3.5	1035
STONER DAIRY	266	05-04	305		32907	2.9	953	3.3	1082
MATT WILL R&W	RINA	05-11	305		27691	3.4	944	3.6	994
W JOHN ALLFORD	JILL	04-09	305		27399	3.3	908	3.5	969
GLENN B GOCKLEY	RED 21	05-03	305		27028	3.3	893	2.3	610
MATT WILL R&W	HEATHER	06-07	305		27156	3.2	858	3.0	806
MATT WILL R&W	LULU	04-09	305		27791	3.0	846	4.6	1277
MATT WILL R&W	GEORGIA	03-07	305		24697	3.4	843	3.5	859
KARL W HERR R-W	JOYCE	06-00	305		22870	3.7	837	4.7	1073
W JOHN ALLFORD	RED	04-06	305		25064	3.3	832	3.1	768
JO JEN HESS	TOMMY	06-05	273		27070	3.1	828	2.7	742
PLENTYGOOD HOLSTEINS	JULEP	04-04	305		23373	3.5	822	4.1	950
LATINI BROTHERS R+W	PETER	05-06	305		25710	3.2	822	3.9	1003
LLOYD K WISE	CORA	04-01	305		25157	3.3	820	4.0	1009
DOUG+DIANE HASTINGS	CINIMON	02-07	305		24276	3.3	811	4.2	1012
MATT WILL R&W	CHAR	06-05	264	264	25405	3.1	794	3.4	856
MATT WILL R&W	BUTCH	10-04	292	292	27554	2.9	788	3.2	882
GLENN B GOCKLEY	RED 118	04-01	305		27139	2.9	777	2.0	538
MATT WILL R&W	CHER	02-09	305	305	24271	3.2	769	3.2	771
KARL W HERR R-W	PAMELA	03-08	305		22368	3.4	768	4.0	884
DON MATTISON	AMOS	05-06	305	58	22787	3.4	768	3.5	807
STONER DAIRY	297	04-01	305		23659	3.2	765	3.9	917
DUVALL BROS	G 70	07-09	287		23801	3.2	763	3.6	862
KIN DU FARM	MOLLY	04-05	305		23377	3.3	763	4.0	931

## On-Farm Composting A Featured Topic

MILLHEIM (Centre Co.) — On-farm composting is a practice that is drawing interest among farmers across the state. Particularly on small and mid-size dairies, composting may be an alternative to spreading manure on frozen ground or construction of expensive, single-purpose manure storage structures.

In addition to its use as a nutrient management strategy, compost has many benefits as a fertilizer and a soil additive. Finally, on farms where excess manure is a problem, selling compost may be a way to export nutrients and add to farm income.

The Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) will feature three workshops on composting at its "Farming for the Future" conference in State College on Feb. 5 and 6.

A workshop titled "Farm Composting Basics" is designed for those new to composting. Led by Penn State cooperative extension agents George Hurd and Leon Ressler, this introductory level workshop will be a "how-to" for farmers wishing to incorporate composting into their operations. It will focus on the biological processes involved and the materials and equipment needed, with examples from farmers now using the process. Hurd and Ressler have set up field days to highlight composting on farms in the state and have much background in this area.

For farmers interested in using municipal wastes as compost material, there will be a workshop titled "Farm Utilization of Urban Organic Materials." This workshop will be led by Guy Temple, area community development extension agent based in Union County. Temple works in six counties to help communities and

individuals develop solid waste management plans. He is interested in the ways that farmers can link up with communities to solve waste management problems. Specifically, the workshop will look at the use of leaves and grass clippings as compost materials.

Leon Weber, coordinator of the three composting workshops, notes that county and local governments play a part in determining whether organic materials are used by farmers. Local solid waste collection and transport systems can be set up to favor or discourage farmer involvement. In Lancaster County, for example, a formal plan encourages trash haulers to take organic wastes directly to farmers where they pay a smaller "tipping fee" than they would at the landfill.

Linda Houseal, soil scientist in waste management at the Pennsylvania DER, will provide farmers with a look at regulatory requirements for the use of urban organic wastes. She will talk about what materials can be used and how, touching on other potential materials such as food and paper waste.

Cary Oshins of the Rodale Institute Research Center will discuss a four-county study conducted in southeast Pennsylvania looking at the barriers to farm use of urban wastes and how these barriers can be overcome to make the process more "farmer friendly."

Finally, Bob Breishline, a Bloomsburg area farmer, will talk about composting municipal yard waste and horse manure. He sells his finished product to landscapers.

Coordinator Weber, who works at the Rodale Institute, notes that there is still a lot to be learned about composting including time commitment involved, how it fits into the whole farm operation, la-

bor and equipment requirements and, if marketed, what type of product the consumer wants, where markets are, and what a fair price is. In addition, the issue of tipping fees has yet to be resolved, with some farmers charging a fee and others glad to have the carbon material to mix with their manure.

In the third workshop, "On-Farm Compost: Alternative Sys-

tems," Larry Breech, a crop and livestock farmer in the Bloomsburg area, will discuss his use of the Luebke method of composting. The Luebkes are European microbiologists who have learned how to grow better crops by monitoring soil microbes. Breech farms over 500 acres and is a recent state winner of the "10-acre corn club." Breech is interested in compost as

a medium for increasing the microbes in his soil. He will discuss his use of microbial sprays, CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring to determine turning frequency, and the use of covers on compost to protect the microorganisms and reduce runoff.

For further information, contact PASA, P.O. Box 316, Millheim, PA 16854, (814) 349-9856.

## Pro Ag Elects President

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.) — John Pardoe, a dairy farmer from Forksville, has been elected president of the Progressive Agriculture Organization (Pro Ag).

Pardoe and his brother, Jake, have been operating their dairy farm in Sullivan County for the past 25 years.

Pardoe succeeds Sherry Shedd from Mainsburg as president.

At a reorganization meeting of Pro Ag recently, Dennis Boyanowski, a dairy farmer from Laceyville, was elected to the position of vice president. Boyanowski succeeds Bill Dagostin from Berwick.

Patricia Martz from Delmatia was re-elected as secretary of Pro Ag. Martz and her husband operate a hog and grain farm in Northumberland County.

Louise Rinker from Estella was re-elected as treasurer of Pro Ag. Rinker and her husband live on their family farm in Sullivan County.

Allan Oakes from Susquehanna County, Sherry Shedd from Tioga County, Joseph Davitt from Wayne County, Bill Dagostin from Luzerne County, and Roe Russell from Bradford County, along with the four officers, make up the board of directors of Pro Ag.

Carl Hibbard of Montrose and

John Tewksbury of Meshoppen remain on the advisory committee of Pro Ag.

Pardoe said Pro Ag will continue their vigorous efforts to improve prices paid to all farmers.

Pardoe said, "The only way to stimulate the rural economy is to increase the prices paid to all farmers for their products."

According to Pro Ag officials, area dairy farmers are receiving

less for their milk than they received in 1981, 11 years ago.

The same officials claim other agriculture commodities such as pork are being sold at the farm at prices less than the cost of raising the animals.

Pardoe urges everyone to join with Pro Ag to reverse the serious economic plight that is being experienced by area farmers.

## Association Appoints Executive Secretary

ADDISON, N.Y. — Fred E. Zeiner of Morris, president of the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association (NYBCA), announced that Carol V. Gillis of Eaton, N.Y., has been selected as executive secretary of the organization.

Her appointment is effective at once, and she will be attending the two-day annual meeting of NYBCA to be held January 23 and 24 at the Corning Hilton Inn.

Gillis is a graduate of Cornell University and has been employed by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Morrisville as a program associate. She has a strong agricultural background, growing up on a combination dairy and beef farm.

She has been a 4-H leader, and her educational training with a major in foods and nutrition will strengthen the organization's work in its promotional efforts through the county fairs each year in conjunction with the New York Beef Industry Council.

On a personal level, Gillis is interested in crafts, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding. She is married to Dr. Wayne Gillis, dean of agriculture and natural resources at SUNY, Morrisville. They have three children, Kristine, 17, a senior at Eaton Central School who will attend Cornell next year; David, 15, a sophomore at Eaton Central School; and Kathryn, 13, an eighth grader.