

DHIA Records Meetings In Southeast

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Friday, February 26, 12:30-3:00 p.m. - Honeybrook Grange, Chester County.

For more information, contact the respective County Extension office: Berks- 215-378-1327; Bucks- 215-345-3283; Chester- 215-696-3500; Montgomery- 215-489-4315.

Participants are urged to bring their DHIA records to the meetings as there will be time to answer questions.

It would be impossible to cover the entire DHIA program in one session, so three areas will be emphasized.

The PA DHIA staff will explain the wide variety of programs and options that are available to members in 1993. A dairy producer can tailor his program to the reports that he needs and uses, and at a cost that he can afford.

The Herd Summary Page II will be the second segment of the workshop. There are 13 sections on this two-sided page ranging from the herd's genetic profile to a reproductive profile, a somatic cell county summary, and test period daily averages, to mention a few. There will be a discussion of how to use the reproductive and somatic cell count information to evaluate and improve your management practices.

The final area discussed will be the new Individual Cow Page. This is a detailed record of each cow's current production, previ-

ous lactations, genetic profile, reproduction summary, and progeny history. There are also four graphs that show variations in milk production, somatic cell count, and protein and fat percent. County Agents will point out key areas that the dairy farmer should watch and some corrective measures that could be taken if a problem is diagnosed.

The overall purpose of the workshop is to better familiarize PA DHIA members with the new information that they are receiving and how to use this data to improve their operation. The whole concept behind DHIA is "Dairy Herd Improvement." Now, it may be nice to have a stock of computer print-outs to impress the neighbors, but unless they are used to solve problems and fine-

tune successful programs, the money for testing is wasted.

A few examples of the economic advantages of using DHIA records based on a 50-cow herd for one year with \$12.00 cwt milk are:

1 - Dropping SCC code from 4 to 3 will increase profits \$2,400.
2 - Reducing calving interval from 14 months to 13 months nets \$4,500.

3 - Increasing rolling herd average 1,000 pounds per cow increases gross income by \$6,000.

4 - Increased milk production of one-half pound per cow per day pays for DHIA AM/PM testing.

There are many more examples of the value of using DHIA records, so plan to attend one of the workshops and get your herd moving in '93.

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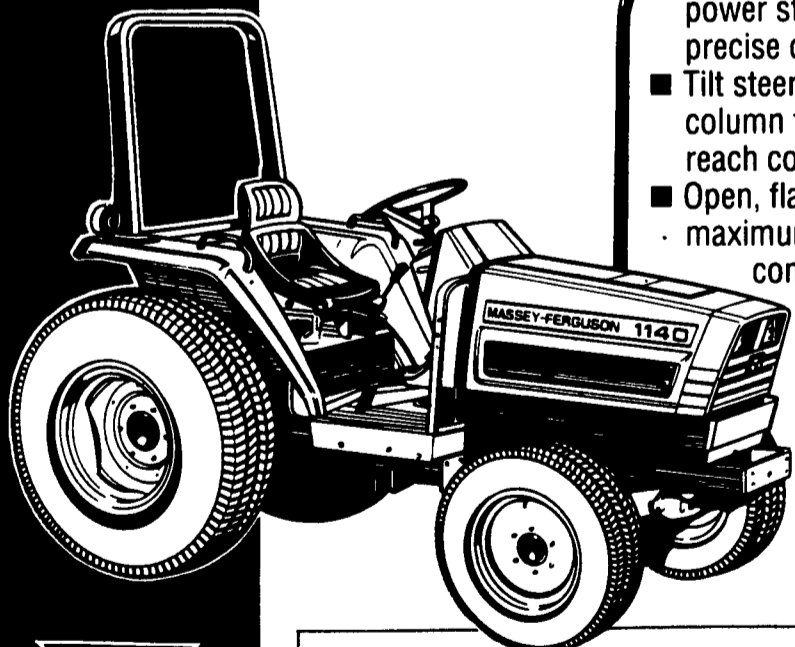
Cows producing over 800 lbs. protein are:

Name	Breed	Age	Milk	Fat	Pro
Leon Kurtz					
Jewel	H	5-06	25,556	1019	852
Joseph & Sandra Lusby					
Cleo	H	4-08	25,525	1068	845
Elise	H	4-01	32,544	1244	1014
Stream	H	2-10	28,870	1010	896
DH Lonehill Farm					
Roslyn	H	6-04	27,456	909	822
72	H	4-09	30,884	919	896
Charles & Don Gable					
Kellie	A	7-02	24,364	1041	882
David Bartram					
8433	H	7-03	27,607	958	856
Mason Chromeview Ltd					
563	H	4-03	28,780	781	847

Edwin & Gale Mast					
616	H	3-01	24,889	847	818
Marilyn & Duane Hershey					
Dec	H	6-09	26,792	957	905
Starry	H	3-04	29,404	914	913
John S. Stoltzfus					
286	H	5-05	25,669	986	809
Ardrossan Farms					
T-Rose	A	6-04	25,836	1054	824
Pwizgig	A	4-11	33,124	1365	1024
E. Kent High Jr.					
112	H	7-05	27,384	966	845
Merle J. King					
Toni	H	6-10	26,030	982	809
Dunwood Farm					
Kay B	H	4-04	25,477	910	839
Chris & Chester Stoltzfus					
Sue	H	3-03	29,505	1122	916
Ridge Star Farm					
46	H	5-08	28,778	809	857
Tim & Phyllis Barlow					
Ellie	H	4-00	28,946	820	849
Charles J. Moore					
Syd	H	12-04	31,069	933	860
J. Harold Bare					
9	H	9-02	25,728	1079	824
26	H	6-07	25,828	970	811
Kevin Stahlnecker					
0129	H	5-00	29,526	888	982
Highpoint Acres					
Loner	H	4-01	25,805	862	829
Paul Martin					
160	H	6-02	29,139	1167	879
Wye Brooke Farm					
Lydia	H	3-10	29,719	967	917
David F. King					
111	H	4-03	31,174	924	848
Christ S. Stoltzfus					
Cream	H	7-10	27,431	801	817
Robert A. Miller					
Cindy	H	4-02	25,276	829	805
Melwood Farm					
Cara	H	3-05	26,435	1087	998
Windy	H	3-08	31,054	1147	995
Breck-A-De Farm					
35	H	4-05	26,973	1010	.873
Pei-Valley Farm					
73	H	4-09	24,926	974	807

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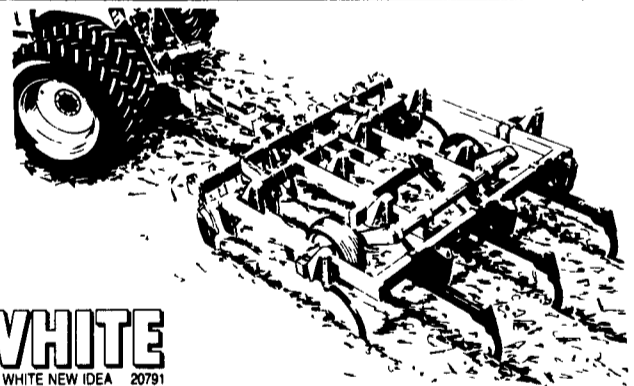
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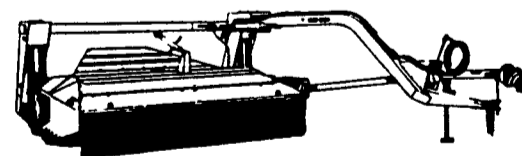
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