

# Annual Meeting This Week

## Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's this week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania. Remember these are averages so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

- Corn, No. 2y - 2.34 BU. 4.18 CWT.
- Wheat, No. 2 - 3.40 BU. 5.68 CWT.
- Barley, No. 3 - 1.86 BU. 3.98 CWT.
- Oats, No. 2 - 1.61 BU. 5.01 CWT.
- Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.55 BU. 9.27 CWT.
- Ear Corn - 61.63 TON 3.08 CWT.
- Alfalfa Hay - 105.50 TON 5.28 CWT.
- Mixed Hay - 97.75 TON 4.89 CWT.
- Timothy Hay - 100.75 TON 5.04 CWT.

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Don't forget the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting in Pittsburgh this week. The two day corporate meeting is scheduled for March 19 and 20 at Hotel Pittsburgh in Monroeville.

Officials with Pa. DHIA said they hope to see as many members attend as possible.

Also expected to attend are Pa. DHIA leadership and representatives of the dairy industry.

The meeting is to begin with lunch at noon on Friday and end with lunch at noon on Saturday.

If you have any questions, call

Dixie Burris or Michele Dorman at 1-800-344-8378.

This year's meeting carries a cooperative theme, "Partners in a Changing World."

In addition to the meeting, the event also provides for the opportunity to talk with other members and leadership. Included at the meeting site will be a trade show, a Hawaiian dinner-theater show, awards presentation, and a spouses program.

If you have not already done so, call us now for your reservations at 1-800-344-8378, or send a registration form to Michele at PA DHIA, Orchard Road, University Park, PA 16802.



## FOCUS

Pennsylvania  
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Improvement Association

Dixie L. Burris, membership development,  
Call 1-800-DHI-TEST for information.

### How Does Your Herd Compare?

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — This data is pulled from Pennsylvania DHIA's mainframe computer each week. It is a one-week summary representing approximately one-fourth of the herds on test, as they are tested monthly.

These data are valuable from a business management standpoint and can be used for comparing your operations to the averages from almost 1,400 herds across the state.

DHIA Averages for all herds processed between 2/22/93 and 3/01/93

Number of Herds Processed	1,232
Number of Cows Processed	75,798
Number of Cows Per Herd	61.5
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,423
%-Fat	3.72
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	686
%-Protein	3.19
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	588
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	317
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	13.17
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.67
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.37
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.55
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.28
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,426
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,440
B: Hay	2,285
C: Silage	14,973
D: Day Pasture	66
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	571
B: Hay	100
C: Silage	233
D: Pasture	19
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	923
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,502
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.4
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	5.01
Avg Level For 1069 SCC Herds	317,490

\*Member generated figures

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Dart	HR	R	HR	HR	•	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	R	•	•	
Fortress	R	R	R	HR	LR	R	•	•	•	HR	•	•	R	•	HR	
Legend	HR	R	HR	HR	•	HR	•	MR	•	MR	•	•	R	•	LR	
Magnum III	R	MR	R	R	LR	MR	•	•	•	MR	•	•	•	•	MR	
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Multiking 1	HR	R	HR	R	•	R	•	•	•	MR	•	•	MR	•	MR	
Oneida VR	R	HR	HR	MR	•	MR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Pioneer 5432	HR	R	HR	MR	•	•	•	•	•	MR	•	•	R	•	HR	
Sabre	•	HR	HR	R	•	HR	•	•	•	•	•	•	HR	•	•	
Vernal	R	•	MR	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	MR	•	•	•	•	
WL 320	R	MR	HR	R	•	MR	•	•	•	MR	MR	•	MR	MR	R	
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