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Districts Meet Elect Officers

The districts of Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association held meetings recently to elect officers.

The Central District meeting was held Jan. 26 at the Family House Restaurant in Mifflintown. John Brodzina, of Huntingdon, was elected to the state board of directors, replacing Gary Truckenmiller, of Northumberland County, who had been on the board for a number of years, but whose term expired April. He chose not to seek reelection.

The Southeast District met at the Berk County Agriculture Center on Feb. 8. Re-elected to the state board was Dennis Daubert, from Schuylkill County. Dale Hoover, from Lebanon County, was elected to replace outgoing David Dum, from Lancaster County.

The Southwest District held its meeting Feb. 10 at the Ramada Inn, Somerset. Re-elected to the state board was Bill Jackson, Fayette County.

The Northwest District met Feb. 11 at the Bonanza Restaurant in Franklin and reelected George Cudoc to the state board.

The Northeast District met Feb. 25 at the Pink Apple in tunkhannock and reelected John Wilcox, of Bradford County, to the state board.

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 - 2.42 BU. 4.32 CWT.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.25 BU. 5.43 CWT.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.94 BU. 4.14 CWT.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.63 BU. 5.07 CWT.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.64 BU. 9.42 CWT.
Ear Corn - 65.79 TON 3.29 CWT.
Alfalfa Hay - 100.75 TON 5.04 CWT.
Mixed Hay - 91.25 TON 4.56 CWT.
Timothy Hay - 87.50 TON 4.36 CWT.

PTA Express Available

In January, PTA Express became an option for dairymen who process through the Pa. DHIA Processing Center.

For those interested in receiving your PTAs quicker than getting them along with your processed reports, sign up now for the July PTA run.

Wondering what a PTA is? Each dairy animal's genetic merit is measured by Predicted Transmitting Ability values. PTA values are available for production of milk, fat and protein. They are a prediction of an animal's potential to transmit yield productivity to offspring. PTAs are used for the genetic evaluation of both sires and cows.

PTAs are generated twice a year for herds on official test. Those herd owners have the option to receive the USDA Cow evaluation. These evaluations are performed in January and July, when the USDA's Animal Improvement Program Laboratory (AIPL) calculates sire summaries.

PTA Express is a service of Pa. DHIA and is a faster way to receive your PTAs.

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Wool, Mohair Payments Issued

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Price support payments for 1992 wool and mohair marketings total about \$9,130, Richard Troutman, chairman of the Berks County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) reported. The payments went to 65 sheep and one goat grower in the county.

The 1992 support price for shorn wool was \$1.97 per pound, and the national average market price for shorn wool was \$.74 per pound. Troutman said a 166.2 per-

cent payment rate was used to bring the average price received by all producers up to the support price.

"This rate was applied to the net proceeds received by each producer for shorn wool marketed during the marketing year."
For mohair, the 1992 support price was \$4.613, and the average market was \$.86 per pound, making the payment rate 436.4 percent.

"Payments were not made on that portion of a producer's sales proceeds which exceeded \$2.96 per pound for wool and \$3.44 per pound for mohair," the ASCS official said.

To maintain normal pulled wool marketing practices, ASCS supported unshorn lambs at a level comparable to the shorn wool support rate. Therefore, producers received \$4.92 per hundredweight in price support payments for unshorn lambs that were sold or slaughtered during the 1992 marketing year.

Promotion fund deductions from wool and mohair payments were approved nationally by referendums held in 1991.

You can also opt to receive them as a separate mailing, instead of waiting to be tested, by regular mail for \$1.75. Another option which seems to be popular is to have the PTA report faxed. The fax option is \$1.50 for the first page and 75 cents for each additional page.

To get the option, tell your technician at the next test, or call 1-800-344-8378 and ask for Dixie and Michele.

Congratulations to Ken & Teresa Wenger for receiving the DeKalb Super Flock Award



Pictured from left: Jeff Fagan- DeKalb Poultry Research, Ken and Teresa Wenger, George Georges

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