

**WEST CHESTER** (Chester Co.) — On Monday, July 19, 1993, the Chester County DHIA Board of Directors approved and signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" between PA DHIA and the county organization. The Chester County board has decided to remain an independent county, but to continue to have PA DHIA provide all the laboratory and data processing services. The agreement merely states the responsibilities of both organizations so that a complete, accurate and informative service can be provided for Chester County dairymen.

Actually, Chester County will continue to operate as in past years before centralization was proposed and implemented. The board is responsible for employing the technicians, including their compensation and benefits, and for de-

termining the fee schedule for farmers. They also purchase and maintain the testing equipment, including meters and scales.

The county board handles and/or reports official rules violations. They also act as a hearing board for concerns of technicians and dairymen. It is important that all DHIA members know that they must adhere to the rules of the National and PA DHIA. The technicians are instructed to make no exceptions. Animal identification sometimes presents a problem when a dairyman has not received the registration paper for a new cow. The technician must see the actual registration paper before the cow can be officially identified on the DHIA report.

PA DHIA agrees to furnish laboratory services, certified data processing services, educational

material for farmers and training for technicians. They also certify milk meter and scale calibrations, and offer a repair service for the meters. The state board offers due process hearings for allegations of official rule violations.

The Chester County DHIA Board decided to remain an independent county rather than become part of the state centralized system because they feel that they can offer the same quality of service at a lower cost to their dairymen. They believe that keeping control of the testing program at the county level makes the system more responsive to the needs of the dairy farmers and the technicians.

However, they also feel that the excellent lab facilities and the new programs implemented by PA DHIA offer the best system for Chester County DHIA members. PA DHIA has taken some giant strides in the past year to offer a broad program that will satisfy the needs of all dairymen. Lap-top computers are now being introduced across the state so that farmers can have print-outs available the day the technician is there. The reports are constantly being improved to meet the needs of modern dairying. Yes, there is a program for all size herds and with a wide variety of pricing plans.

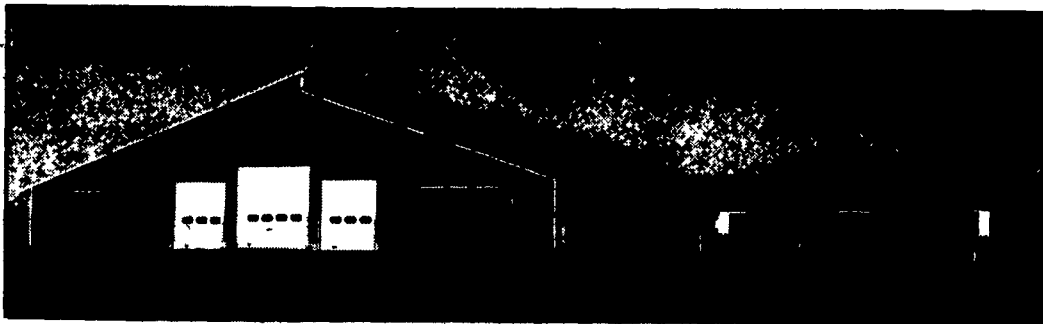
Chester County DHIA and PA DHIA anticipate a successful working agreement that will be to the benefit of all Chester County DHIA members.

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Cows producing over 800 lbs. protein are:

Name	Breed	Age	Milk	Fat	Pro
Walmoore Inc # 1					
651	H	6-11	28,693	1073	832
Marilyn & Duane Hershey					
Mary	H	4-01	29,506	1076	953
Annid	H	2-11	29,190	978	888
Merle J. King					
Katea	H	10-02	27,053	1017	868
Ferry	H	5-04	25,610	966	819
Levi S. King					
Muriel	H	4-00	26,704	928	852
Dunwood Farm					
Colleen	H	8-09	28,094	916	817
Cream	H	5-05	29,661	1095	918
Ridge Star Farm					
78	H	3-05	24,584	616	812
Tim & Phyllis Barlow					
Blink	H	6-10	32,385	1264	1053
Sandy	H	5-01	34,364	1056	1028
Lucy	H	3-10	25,489	952	893
Dawn	H	3-00	26,374	636	814
Walmoore Inc. # 3					
556	H	4-00	26,428	923	816
Richard Hoover					
92	H	6-03	24,856	1014	818
Charles J. Moore					
Marble	H	5-01	28,644	814	848
Bunkie	H	4-04	35,242	1103	1036
J. Harold Bare					
12	H	3-06	25,020	1060	813
Joy-Wil Farms					
38	H	6-05	26,846	934	881
Dale Hostetter					
Bev	H	5-04	25,523	986	806
Wilkinson Farm 1					
2720	H	4-08	27,345	988	822
Stoney Hill					
Cleitus	H	3-07	25,481	932	802
Landhope Farms					
540	H	5-03	29,452	927	845
571	H	5-03	28,583	892	811
685	H	4-03	27,225	1244	802
688	H	4-03	29,874	884	847
803	H	3-03	28,880	807	853
Christ S. Stoltzfus					
Snow	H	7-06	29,430	816	825
David S. Stoltzfus					
Amy	H	4-03	28,430	962	836
Pat	H	2-11	28,687	876	830
Duane & Carolyn Eberly					
18	H	5-00	26,399	1008	835
Melwood Farm					
Whitney	H	3-04	28,631	1074	921
Delight	H	3-00	33,304	1293	1132
Calvin R. Blank					
Lois	H	4-05	26,565	943	850

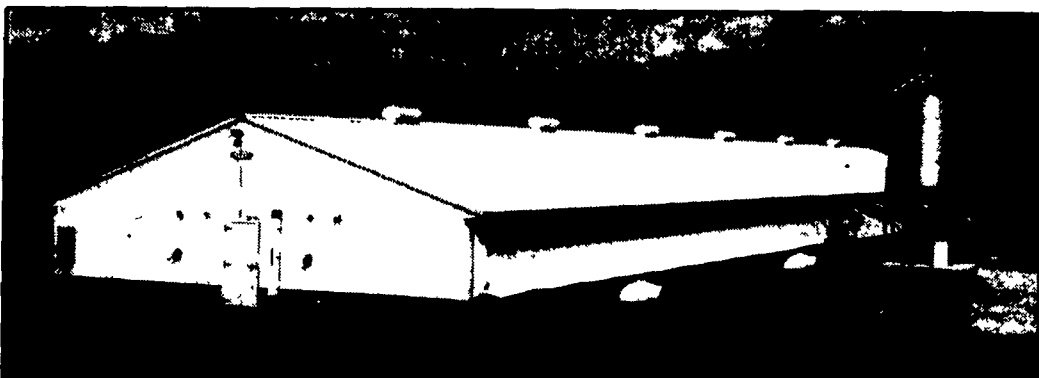
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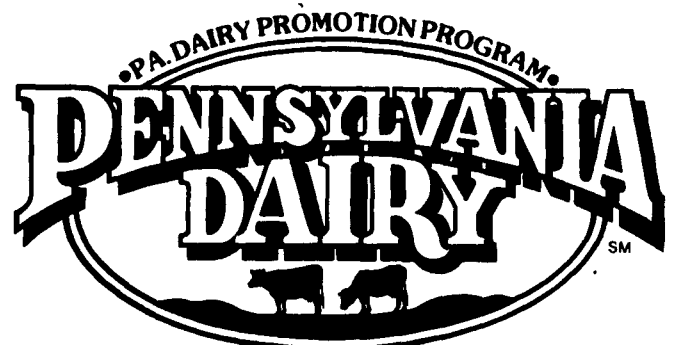
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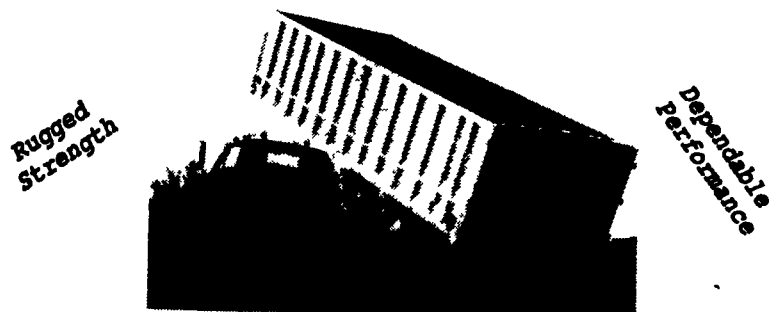
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