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## 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 7/24/93 and 7/31/93

Number of Herds Processed	1,000
Number of Cows Processed	62,481
Number of Cows Per Herd	62.4
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,401
%-Fat	3.69
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	679
%-Protein	3.19
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	587
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	318
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	12.96
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.68
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.27
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.54
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.28
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,386
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,385
B: Hay	2,300
C: Silage	15,104
D: Day Pasture	62
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	567
B: Hay	98
C: Silage	233
D: Pasture	17
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	917
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,469

## Warning Labels

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after touching raw meat or poultry.

- “Cook thoroughly.
- “Refrigerate leftovers within two hours.”

An additional message will be included on meats distributed to restaurants and institutions. These labels will also say that food must be kept hot at 140 degrees or higher and that immediately after service, leftovers must be refrigerated.

The new label states what everyone knows or should have known. To prepare meats, you need to cook them properly and refrigerate leftovers. But the label text falls far short of what the “Beyond Beef Coalition” originally wanted to be included in the warning. At the time the lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture was filed, Kathleen Marquardt, chairperson, Putting People First, an advocacy group for animal agriculture, said the Coalition wanted the message to include: “Warning: this product may contain certain E. coli bacteria, which can cause serious illnesses, including strokes, seizures, bloody diarrhea, renal failure, red blood cell destruction---.”

The label as the USDA has written it should cause no more alarm in the public's mind than is necessary to cook and refrigerate meat properly, but many meat industry leaders believe this is only the opening round in a crusade to eventually get people to stop eating meat.

*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.4
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.98
Avg Level For 887 SCC Herds	389,323

\*Member generated figures

## 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	- 2.55 BU. 4.57 CWT.
Wheat, No. 2	- 2.86 BU. 4.77 CWT.

Barley, No. 3	- 1.54 BU. 3.30 CWT.
Oats, No. 2	- 1.50 BU. 4.68 CWT.
Soybeans, No. 1	- 6.88 BU. 11.48 CWT.
Ear Corn	- 65.95 TON 3.30 CWT.
Alfalfa Hay	- 105.00 TON 5.25 CWT.
Mixed Hay	- 93.75 TON 4.69 CWT.
Timothy Hay	- 95.50 TON 4.78 CWT.

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USDA SIRE SUMMARY (7/93)

Milk +2388M  
Protein +\$305 +82 lbs. +.04% Rel. 72%  
Fat +\$286 +87F +.01% Rel. 72%

HA TYPE SUMMARY (7/93)

PTAT +1.08 Rel. 78% TPI: +1206

- Elite protein sire at +82 lbs. and +.04%.
- Tall and dairy with snug udders.
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