

National DHIA, Holstein Association

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the past. "The Holstein Association and National DHIA are natural organizations to carry this effort," said Mike Quesnell, President of NDHIA. "Both groups are farmed, and excited that a new joint effort will address these critical tasks." "New agreements are needed to ensure that production records continue to have, both in fact and perception, the credibility which has been the cornerstone of our herd management, breed improve-

ment and marketing systems for nearly 50 years. We cannot afford to lose the confidence of users as the industry undergoes the dramatic restructuring now under way," observed John Selz, president of the Holstein Association. "We are concerned that our system must produce records of consistent quality if they are to be useful in herd management, genetic evaluations, and marketing," observed Quesnell and Selz. "We believe that many in the dairy industry feel new agreements will help maintain the steady and remark-

able progress that U.S. dairy producers have made in breeding and managing cattle in the last few decades. The Holstein Association and National DHIA are unwilling to risk any slowing of that progress." Several joint committees will work on specific projects. One committee will address means to improve the accuracy of identification. Approximately 50 percent of the records now processed through the DHI system are unusable for genetic evaluations, largely due to incomplete identifi-

cation. Representatives from AI and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association would be invited to participate. A second committee will develop a system by which particular production records can be monitored and verified. The degree of enforcement necessary to maintain an accurate database of information will be reviewed. The Standards Task Force concept, by which records could be monitored statistically, will be examined. Both committees will work closely with representatives of DHIA Affiliates, AI, and USDA

agencies. The collaborative efforts may be incorporated into a new memorandum of agreement for review by the industry. "Dairy producers have come to rely on a wealth of records for herd management, genetic progress, and marketing. We sometimes take for granted how vital that confidence is. We want the dairy industry, in the U.S. and abroad, to continue to use production records in their management decisions with complete confidence. Our efforts are aimed at ensuring that they will not be let down by those responsible for the integrity and utility of records," concluded Quesnell and Selz.

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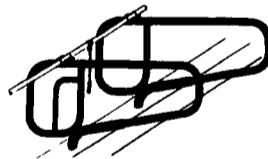
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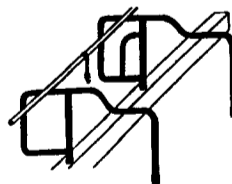
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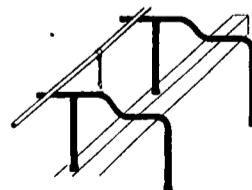
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