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How Does Your Herd Compare?

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — These data are calculated using information 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 about 1,400 herds across the state.

DHIA Averages for all herds processed between 10/18/93 and 10/23/93

Number of Herds Processed	1,089
Number of Cows Processed	68,041
Number of Cows Per Herd	62.4
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,468
%-Fat	3.60
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	666
%-Protein	3.14
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	580
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	317
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	12.76
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.61
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.20
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.50
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.30
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,357
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,386
B: Hay	2,209
C: Silage	14,955

Shenk To Manage Pa.DHIA Southeast Region

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Newport resident David Shenk has been named manager of the 17-county Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association Southeast Region.

In his new role, Shenk is to be responsible for all aspects of the DHIA program and is to perform a myriad of duties.

Shenk is taking over the position left vacant with the retirement on Monday, Nov. 1, of Harry Fritz.

A 12-year employee of Perry County DHIA, he has been a Pa.DHIA senior technician for four years and has received recognition for outstanding performance on several occasions. He has

earned the Putnam Award, the agency's Distinguished Service Award, and numerous awards of merit.

His great grandmother lives with him in his Newport home. He is past master of Oliver Grange No. 1069, a member of the Perry County Fair Board, and currently serves as president of the Pa.DHIA Technicians Association.

His hobbies include model railroading and working on a 1929 Model A and 1932 Ford truck.

There are four region managers for Pa.DHIA, overseeing nearly 200 local field service technicians, and serving approximately 5,000 members.

D: Day Pasture	61
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	562
B: Hay	92
C: Silage	225
D: Pasture	18
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	899
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,457
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.5
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.87
*Avg Level For 970 SCC Herds	345,273

*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 - 2.59 BU. 4.64 CWT.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.05 BU. 5.09 CWT.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.74 BU. 3.71 CWT.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.51 BU. 4.70 CWT.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.86 BU. 9.79 CWT.
Ear Corn - 64.23 TON 3.21 CWT.
Alfalfa Hay - 105.00 TON 5.25 CWT.
Mixed Hay - 98.00 TON 4.90 CWT.
Timothy Hay - 113.00 TON 5.65 CWT.

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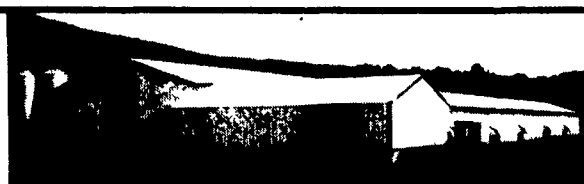
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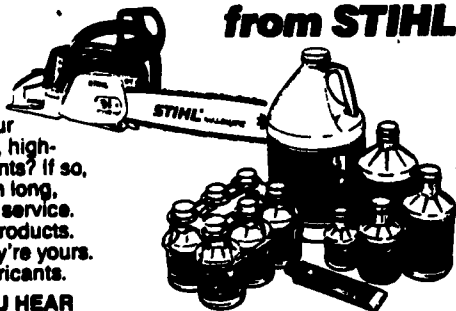
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