



Chester County Dairy Milk Lines

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WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — Chester County DHIA held its annual banquet and meeting at West Fallowfield Christian School.

A ham dinner was enjoyed by over 135 members, family and friends. The treasurer's report showed the organization to be in sound financial shape. Currently, the county has eight full and part-time technicians testing herds.

In the election of directors, Jeanette Brooks, Parkesburg, Ken Brown, Pottstown, Marilyn Hershey, Cochranville, and Dave Stauffer, Elverson, were selected for three-year terms.

Awards were given to the following herds with RHA of over 750 lbs. of protein:

- 1. Melwood Farm 887 lbs.
 - 2. Charles J. Moore 820 lbs.
 - 3. Marilyn & Duane Hershey 791 lbs.
 - 4. Dunwood Farm 777 lbs.
 - 5. Rol Kel Pen Moore 766 lbs.
 - 6. Chris & Ches Stoltzfus 753 lbs.
 - 7. Joseph & Sandra Lusby 752 lbs.
- Dixie Burris, in charge of mem-

ber relations and education for PA DHIA, addressed the meeting. She gave an update on the annual state convention and talked about new programs and how the state organization is striving for better communication with members.

Norm Hershey, State Director from Lancaster County, and Dave Shenk, PA DHIA fieldman for Southeastern Pennsylvania, also spoke to the group.

Chester County Dairy Day Chester County Extension programs will start out early in 1994 with Dairy Day on Thursday, January 6th, at the Oxford Fire Hall. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee, donuts and time to visit with the various dairy industry exhibitors. Adjournment will be by 3 p.m.

The program, which is coordinated with Berks and Montgomery/Bucks Counties, will feature top-of-the-line speakers on practical subjects that dairy farmers need information on today — **NUTRITION, REPRODUCTION, AND FEET & LEGS.** When a dairy farmer leaves this meeting, some of the ideas can be used immediately on most dairy

CPI	Name
1	181 Dale Jensen
2	175 Phil Laesch
	175 Herby D. Lutz
4	172 Alan and Barbara Mann
	172 Gerald Borgwardt
6	170 Richard O. Smith
7	187 Rozelyn Farm
	187 Thomas Luebke
9	185 John Ayars
	185 Charles Greenbacker and Sons Inc.
11	164 Kenneth Lurvey
	164 Kenton Sherman
13	161 David Bolin
14	160 Wil Rene Farms
15	159 Hoard's Dairyman
	159 Donald Sywassink
17	157 Cline Brubaker
	157 Cozy Nook Farm
19	155 Kevin Nedrow
20	153 Gene Cross
	153 Ronald and Michelle Heins
22	149 Dominic Pritzi
	149 Trotacre Farm
24	148 Tom Konecky
	148 Gary Van Doom
26	147 Walter Halvorsen
	147 Paul and Rhonda Myhre
	147 Dennis Nelson
29	145 Joseph D. Williams
30	143 James Chapman
	143 Frank Jasurda

State	# Rec	PTA			PTA			# Rec	PTAT
		Milk	Fat	\$	Prot.	MFP \$	\$		
WI	105	708	35	95	25	99	102	1.1	
WI	52	725	31	93	25	95	50	1.4	
SC	17	805	32	102	25	101	16	1.7	
OR	81	768	32	99	26	101	71	0.7	
WI	46	684	33	92	23	93	44	1.2	
PA	33	785	32	98	24	98	59	0.7	
WA	64	689	31	90	24	94	64	0.7	
MN	28	815	29	100	23	96	28	1.3	
OH	21	761	31	97	25	98	18	1.4	
CT	16	719	28	89	24	90	14	0.5	
WI	33	696	30	90	23	92	32	1.0	
OH	28	722	30	93	23	93	27	1.2	
IA	16	757	29	95	23	94	15	1.1	
OR	62	752	32	97	24	97	52	0.6	
WI	101	721	31	93	22	91	99	1.1	
IA	60	810	25	97	22	91	60	1.6	
VA	96	717	29	92	24	93	69	0.7	
WI	26	695	28	88	21	87	42	1.3	
NY	144	687	29	89	23	90	130	0.8	
MN	72	642	27	83	21	84	72	1.2	
MN	55	688	29	89	22	88	54	1.0	
WI	40	546	31	77	21	82	39	0.7	
PA	37	679	24	84	21	82	32	1.3	
NE	30	716	25	88	21	85	66	1.1	
WI	44	565	32	79	21	84	43	0.6	
IA	22	601	27	79	20	79	21	0.9	
MN	29	650	28	84	21	84	29	0.9	
CA	109	698	25	86	22	85	91	1.0	
WI	38	661	28	85	21	84	38	0.9	
NE	30	612	22	76	20	77	30	1.1	
WI	56	627	27	81	20	81	54	1.1	

operations.

Dr. Charles Stallings, a contributor to "Hoard's Dairyman," will be coming north from Virginia Tech to speak on dairy nutrition. He will discuss "Financial and Management Characteristics of High and Average Producing Virginia Dairy Herds" in the morning, and he will cover "Nutritional Considerations for Optimal Production" in the afternoon. There will also be a brief segment on "If You Use BST."

Dr. Mike O'Connor, a nationally-known specialist on dairy reproduction from Penn State, will speak on "How to Use New and Old Concepts in Reproductive Management." His afternoon presentation will be "An Update on the Use of Hormones for Reproduction in Dairy Cows."

A subject on many dairy managers' minds — feet and legs — will be covered by Dr. Dale Moore, a Penn State Extension

Veterinarian, in a talk entitled "Getting a Foot Hold on Today's Hoof Problems." With all the questions Extension received on foot problems this year, this is definitely a timely topic.

If that isn't enough to convince you to come, how about a roast beef and turkey buffet dinner served by the Oxford Fire Company for only \$5.

Reservations are needed. To attend Chester County's 1994 Dairy Day, contact the Chester County Cooperative Extension, Government Services Center, Suite 370, 601 Westtown Road, West Chester, 19382-4546; or call 215-696-3500 no later than December 28, 1993.

Dairy Management and Profitability (MAP) Workshops
Penn State Cooperative Extension

will be offering two-day workshops on how to better manage your dairy farm as a business.

The pilot program was very well accepted last year, and it has been expanded to sessions in six areas in Southeastern Pennsylvania, including locations in Chester, Lancaster, Berks, and Montgomery counties.

These workshops are limited to 20 participants each since they consist of considerable small group interaction. This is an ideal program for husbands and wives, fathers and sons, and brothers and sisters to determine the mission and goals of their farming operation and how they are going to accomplish them.

For information on dates and locations, contact Alan Strock or Walter Wurster, Chester County Extension Agents, at (215) 696-3500.

Downer Video Available

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — According to Lawrence Hutchinson, DVM, a Penn State Extension veterinarian, the university, with funding from several industry organizations, has produced a video and a slide-script program on "Preventing Non-Ambulatory Cows."

According to an announcement made this week, the 17-minute VHS video is priced at \$35 and is available through the Ag Information Services, The Pennsylvania State University, 119 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802.

The scripted slide presentation can be ordered for \$50 and includes 128 slides and also is available through Ag Information Services.

In a flier announcing the video, it states, "proper management practices need to be implemented to help prevent non-ambulatory animals. This video and meeting slide set, 'Preventing Non-Ambulatory Cows,' provide information on safe handling practices and facilities for producers, haulers, and auction personnel.

"The procedures outlined can help avoid stress and injury to animals both on the farm and in the market chain. If everyone involved takes action to prevent non-ambulatory animals, new regulations will be unnecessary and economic losses to the industry can be minimized."

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