



Chester County DHIA - December 1993
Cows producing over 800 lbs. protein are:

Name	Breed	Age	Milk	Fat	Pro
Leon D. Kurtz					
Rhonda	H	5-00	27,763	889	812
Jackie	H	4-06	27,080	931	883
Joseph & Sandra Lusby					
Anette	H	7-10	29,386	989	835
Grace	H	3-10	28,760	1016	832
Gina	H	3-05	25,984	926	823
DH Lonehill Farm					
122	H	3-07	28,878	865	902
Ken & Marilyn Umble					
Elise	H	7-01	29,528	858	883
Connie	H	4-02	27,229	1140	877
Dancer	H	3-02	22,382	894	819
Mrs. John B. Hannum 3D					
303	H	4-04	26,830	830	861
Marilyn & Duane Hershey					
Sundanc	H	4-08	26,771	919	860
Alley	H	4-02	29,199	1097	983
Ivy	H	3-06	26,879	957	892
Apple	H	3-00	25,695	930	865
Deanna	H	3-03	28,915	820	918
Aspen	H	2-11	25,472	896	817
Gerald L. Kulp Sons					
18	H	6-02	27,660	846	812
241	H	3-01	26,424	769	855
John S. Stoltzfus					
4	H	5-06	25,142	1065	858
Merle J. King					
Whitney	H	-----	26,269	1076	832
Grace	H	3-06	26,053	1001	825
Lydia	H	2-11	26,680	857	917
Dunwood Farm					
Peachie	H	5-08	33,561	1062	1056
Dream	H	3-03	27,787	1037	856
Chris & Ches Stoltzfus					
Velvet	H	4-03	26,953	933	813
Ridge Star Farm					
18	H	4-04	26,040	897	814
Tim & Phyllis Barlow					
Cynthia	H	5-03	29,633	858	812
Walmoore Inc. #3					
494	H	5-04	27,081	1120	810
Charles J. Moore					
Whitey	H	4-06	33,995	723	1004
Blitz	H	3-05	31,703	994	904
J. Harold Bare					
3	H	4-07	28,159	1116	938
Dale Hostetter					
Rosene	H	9-09	31,769	998	858
Daisy	H	2-11	25,149	933	852
Mark & Melody Stoltzfus					
Myra	H	5-03	26,162	812	813
Milly	H	3-05	27,492	837	855
Benjamin K. Kauffman					
Lea	H	4-01	29,272	1087	875
Wilkinson Farm 1					
3042	H	3-01	25,312	846	809
Paul Martin					
152	H	3-00	26,252	986	846
Maplesway Farm					
Pearly	H	5-04	28,083	971	823
David F. King					
10	H	9-05	27,961	1002	805
Rol Kel Pen Moore					
Casey	H	4-07	28,752	1057	851
Grebel	H	4-06	29,963	1024	837
Donald Speakman					
59	H	6-10	24,151	905	810

Chester County DHIA
The Chester County DHIA Board of Directors held their annual re-organizational meeting on December 14, 1993. Dan Miller, Chatham, was re-elected President and Kelly Freebery, Oxford, was congratulated on her excellent job as Treasurer, the position she will continue to hold. Pete Miller, Spring City, was elected Vice-President and will direct contact between the Board and the technicians. Glenn Ranck, Cochranville, will serve as Secretary in 1994.

Farmland Assessment
Progress is being made on having Act 319 assessments calculated for each tax parcel of 10 acres or more in Chester County. At the present time, the mapping on the computer of the tax parcels and their soil types and tree cover is just about complete. Very shortly a farmland value will be calculated for every soil type in the county and each farm will then have an Act 319 assessment on the land based on the combined soil types on that farm.

Around the beginning of February, the assessment office will send to all farms a statement of what Act 319 value would be if that farm elects to select that program between March 1 & June 1. If you are currently under Act 515, that assessed value will also be on the statement along with the fair market value. The important fact is that you will now have some choices available for you to decide which program is best for your farm.

All farmers have some important decisions to make if they want to take advantage of reduced assessment and taxes on their farm. To help landowners understand their options, the county has scheduled four educational meetings in January:

- Tuesday, January 18, 1994
7:30 p.m.
Owen J. Roberts High School
- Wednesday, January 19, 1994
7:30 p.m.
Unionville High School
- Thursday, January 20, 1994
1:00 p.m.
Honeybrook Fire Hall
- Thursday, January 20, 1994
7:30 p.m.
Octorara High School

The assessment options will be explained by Walter Wurster, Chester County Extension Agent, and Robert Barr, A farmer and president of 21st Century appraisers. There will be plenty of time

for questions so try to attend one of these meetings!

Pennsylvania Forage Schools
Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a new two-day school in 1994 on forage production at two locations in Southeastern Pennsylvania. On February 8 and 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the sessions will be held at the Lebanon County Extension office, and on February 9 and 16, the same program will be offered at the Gap Diner, Routes 41 & 30, in Gap, PA. This is a workshop-style program targeted at progressive farmers and agri-business personnel working with forage producers.

Over the two-day period, eight different speakers will address the following topics:

- + Importance of Forages to Pennsylvania
- + Forages and the Ruminant Animal
- + Forage Fertility and Manure Management
- + Forage Crop Selection and Establishment
- + Forage Insects
- + Forage Weeds and Their Control
- + Forage Quality: Determination and Importance
- + Hay and Silage Harvest Management
- + Dairy Forage Systems
- + Forage Economics

The cost of the school is \$45.00 which includes the "Pennsylvania

Forage Handbook," an extensive reference book, and meals on both days. For more information and registration, contact Paul Craig (717-921-8803) for the Lebanon County school and Walter Wurster (215-696-3500) for the school at Gap. Attendance will be limited to 40, first come-first served.

Dairy Nutrition Teleconference and Workshop

Chester County dairy farmers have the opportunity to participate in an excellent three-day dairy nutrition program at the Lancaster Farm & Home Center February 10, 17 & 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. The workshops are designed to combine hands-on activities with local extension agents and interaction with university faculty via satellite. Producers will be able to use information from their own farms to expand and update their knowledge of nutrition and feeding management. This is a very up-to-date program that uses the expertise of a variety of university faculty to cover all phases of feeding dairy animals.

The cost for the three days is \$46.00 which includes the workshop book and three lunches. For more information, contact Glenn Shirk (717-394-6851) or Walter Wurster (215-696-3500). Registration is being handled by the Lancaster County Extension office.

NRAES Co-op Extension Offers Milking Center Book

ITHACA, N.Y. — In November 1992, more than 400 persons attended the National Milking Center Design Conference held in Harrisburg.

Now available is *Milking Center Design*, NRAES-66, the 312-page proceedings of this conference. Dairy farmers, farm advisers, veterinarians, cooperative extension agents, lenders, milk inspectors, sale personnel, and anyone involved in milk production may want this book.

The proceedings include 35 papers that cover all aspects of milking center design and construction. The papers are divided into eight sections.

The "Planning a Milking Center" section discusses economic and financial considerations as well as putting together a planning team.

Sections titled "Parlor Efficiency" and "Parlor Selection" provide information that will help decide the type of parlor that is right for a particular farm.

The "Keeping it Clean" section discusses regulations; water needs; cleaning requirements; and controlling, treating, and disposing milking center wastes.

The proceedings are rounded out with sections titled "Data Collection," "Worker/Animal Safety

and Comfort," "Walls and Wiring," and "Milking Systems." This book is filled with illustrations and tables that provide information essential to designing a profitable and efficient milking center.

The conference program was planned by Stephen Spencer, professor of dairy science, and Robert Graves, professor of agricultural and biological engineering, both from The Pennsylvania State University. The authors include industry representatives, agricultural economists, agricultural engineers, animal scientists, and farm advisers from around the country.

Milking Center Design, NRAES-66, is available for \$25 from the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service (NRAES), Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701.

The price includes postage and handling for U.S. orders only; foreign orders must be prepaid in U.S. funds.

Quantity discounts are as follows: 10-49 copies, \$20.00 per copy; 50-99 copies, \$17.50 per copy; and 100 or more copies, \$15.00 per copy. Please make your checks payable to NRAES, or call (607) 255-7654 for more information. Call or write for a free publication catalog.

