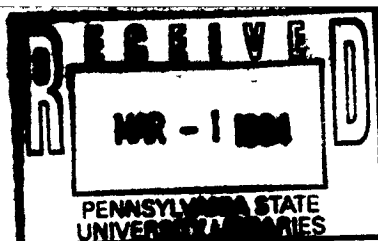


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Pennsylvania DHIA Makes Adjustments For Competitive World

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—The sixth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania DHIA took place last Friday and Saturday with a note of optimism. The basis of this optimism came from the general feeling that Dave Slusser, the new general manager, was the right person to pull members together. In fact, Dave set the tone for the

meeting in his address Saturday morning when he took the role of a servant for himself and the organization.

"I am humbly honored to be your servant," Dave said. "Our mission is to be positive about our organization. Not everyone is perfect, but when we understand our imperfections, we can better accept the imperfections of others."

On the plus side for Pennsylvania

DHIA, Dave listed the good employees who are hard-working and the perfect scores the association has received for technician training, data processing and laboratory services.

"No one is any better in these scores than we are," Dave said. "Yet we have lots of business competition that does not have these perfect scores. We need to get this message out. We do have good ser-

vices to provide to our members."

To cut expenses, Dave said the association plans to give up the offices on College Avenue and move the total operation back into the lab building on the Penn State campus. In addition, there will be

some employee reduction to lower costs, but the goal is to not lower quality of service.

"I would like to turn Pennsylvania DHIA upside down," Dave said. "The most important people

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National DHIA To Honor Several At Convention

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — A number of individuals are to be recognized by the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association during its annual convention and trade show which starts today in San Antonio, Texas.

Those receiving recognition have been selected because of outstanding service to the organization and its members. They are to receive their awards during the convention which runs until March 1, and is being held in the Hyatt Hotel.

John Noble, of Noblehurst Farms, in Pavillion, N.Y., is to receive the H. Victor Joachim Dis-

tinguished Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions to the dairy industry.

Dr. Kenneth Butcher, director of Dairy Records Processing Center at Raleigh at North Carolina State University, is to receive the National DHIA Outstanding Service Award.

Sam Chafin, manager of United DHIA, headquartered in Blacksburg, Va., has been chosen to receive the Martin A. Wilson Memorial Award.

Noble was selected to receive the H. Victor Joachim award because of his more than 13 years

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High Tunnel Systems May Provide Earlier, Greater Yields

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Vegetable growers can benefit in a big way from using high tunnel systems — perhaps

real big. Tomatoes can be picked about a month early and can yield twice as much as field tomatoes if growers utilize the technology of high tunnel production.

Dr. Otho Wells, extension veg-

etable specialist with the University of New Hampshire, spoke about the results of trials using high tunnel production on Monday at the New Holland Vegetable Day. About 150 area farmers and agribusiness representatives attended.

Wells said that, in results obtained from a simple, 14 foot by 96 foot high tunnel, a grower experienced a one-month increase in market opportunity for his

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Jennifer Grimes, Pennsylvania state dairy princess, relaxes with the Phillie Phanatic between presentations at all the elementary schools in Philadelphia. This program to reach 112,000 students enrolled in the schools promotes the importance of drinking milk. Both MAMMA and Dairy Council, Inc., have programs that feature the Phanatic. See stories on the Kids Page B10. In addition, a report on the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Milk Promotion Program can be found on Page A26.

York Holstein Club Names Officers, Schedules Events

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YORK (York Co.) — A barn meeting at the Zirkle family dairy farm kicks off this year's lineup of activities planned by the York County Holstein Club.

The annual spring event is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, at 1 p.m., hosted at the Manchester area dairy operation of Doll and Troy Zirkle. Extension specialist engineer Dan McFarland will present various options for consideration when constructing cattle housing facilities. Recently completed heifer and dry cow housing at the Zirkle farm will be open for visitors to inspect.

Annual bus trip plans are also under way, with an eastern Pennsylvania tour tentatively scheduled for April 6. Final itinerary and date will be announced at the barn meeting.

Scheduled for the summer activities are the annual county Hol-

stein show at the York Fairgrounds, tentatively planned for Thursday, July 28. A picnic and recreational afternoon the following week, on August 4, will be hosted at the Leroy Walker family's Walk-Le farm, New Freedom.

The annual fall meeting and banquet has been moved to January 1995, to accommodate more timely recognition of both junior and senior local award winners at the state level.

York County Holstein Club officers for 1994 are Philip Laughman, York, president, Dan Hushon, Delta, vice president; Larry Amspacher, York, secretary-treasurer, and Frank Feeser, Hanover, state director. Also serving on the board of directors are Mark Bupp, Brogue, Darla Doll, Glen Rock, Doug Kilgore, Airville, Tom Taylor, Delta, Gail Thoman, Dallastown and Leroy Walker, New Freedom.



Officers and directors of the York County Holstein Club are, from left, seated, Gail Thoman, vice president; Dan Hushon, president; Phil Laughman, secretary-treasurer, and Larry Amspacher. Standing are Darla Doll; Mark Bupp; Leroy Walker; Frank Feeser; Tom Taylor, and Doug Kilgore.