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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 loca-

tion and the quality of your crop.
Corn, No. 2y - 3.15 bu. 5.64 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.64 bu. 6.07 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 2.43 bu. 5.20 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.68 bu. 5.24 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 6.65 bu. 11.11 cwt.
Ear Corn - old 80.00 ton 4.00 cwt.
Ear Corn - new 88.96 ton 4.45 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 110.50 ton 5.53 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 112.50 ton 5.63 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 110.00 ton 5.50 cwt.

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points; 2. Richard Smith, Bucks County, 84 points; and Liseter Farm, Chester County, 82 points.
Holstein Breed: 1. Frederick Farms, Blair County, 154 points; 2. Keystone Farm, Northampton County, 145 points, and Ranklin Farm, Warren County, 145 points.
Jersey Breed: 1. Ralph & Gary Oakes, Mercer County, 136 points; 2. Rankin Farm, Warren County, 128 points; and 3. Romar Jersey Farm, Mercer County, 92 points.
Mixed Breed: 1. Don Mattison, Tioga County, 131 points; 2. Dean Cole, Tioga County, 111 points; and 3. Oak Pine Dairy, Centre

DHIA Makes Adjustments

"We live in a world where people believe Elvis is alive and God is dead. People act not on what they know but on what they believe."--Gordon Conklin, guest speaker

County, 110 points.
The lowest SCC herd in the state was Highland H Farms, Jefferson County with 64,000 somatic cells/ml. rolling average 20.6 cows, DHI test.
The event marked the 25th year that Pennsylvania was incorporated and a library of memorabilia was assembled for the enjoyment of the attendees. A joint publication between Pennsylvania DHIA and Penn State University, authored by Donald L. Ace, professor emeritus, was available for purchase at the meeting. Entitled *A History and Perspective of the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association Program, 1910 to 1991*, the publication would still be available by contacting the dairy and animal science department at the university or the state office of DHIA.

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 one-fourth of the herds across the state.

DHIA Averages for all herds processed between 02/05/94 and 02/12/94

Number of Herds Processed	990	*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
Number of Cows Processed	58,806	A: Grain	7,106
Number of Cows Per Herd	59.4	B: Hay	2,210
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,339	C: Silage	14,902
%-Fat	3.68	D: Day Pasture	59
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	675	*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
%-Protein	3.19	A: Grain	556
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	585	B: Hay	93
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	318	C: Silage	224
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	12.83	D: Pasture	17
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.83	*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	891
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.21	*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,462
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.50	*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.5
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.29	*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.86
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,354	Avg Level For 877 SCC Herds	371,311

*Member-generated figures

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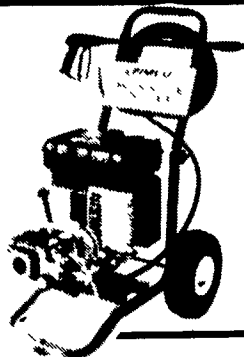
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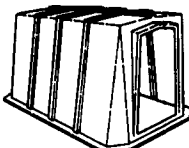
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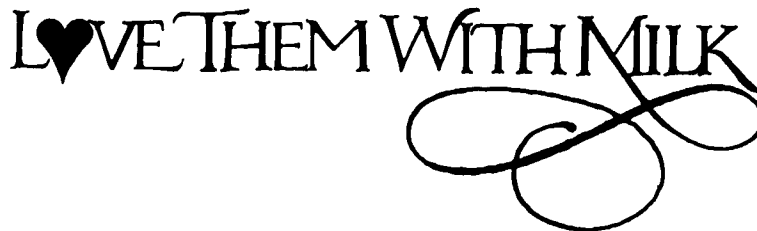
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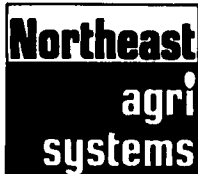
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