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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 one-fourth of the herds across the state.

DHIA Averages for all herds processed between 6/26/94 and 7/3/94

Number of Herds Processed	945
Number of Cows Processed	59,060
Number of Cows Per Herd	62.4
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,651
%-Fat	3.68
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	687
%-Protein	3.19
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	596
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	318
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	13.27

*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	8.02
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.27
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.52
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.27
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,475
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,299
B: Hay	2,113
C: Silage	15,086
D: Day Pasture	54
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	586
B: Hay	90
C: Silage	230
D: Pasture	15
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	922
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,553
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.5
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.94
Avg Level For 908 SCC Herds	404,639

*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 - 2.96 bu. 5.30 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.08 bu. 5.14 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.77 bu. 3.78 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.58 bu. 4.93 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 6.40 bu. 10.68 cwt.
Ear Corn 79.95 ton 4.00 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 90.50 ton 4.5 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 92.50 ton 4.6 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 91.25 ton 4.56 cwt.

Pasture Session Set

BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — Penn State's multi-county extension unit in the central Susquehanna Valley area has scheduled the next set of pasture discussion group meetings for dairy and livestock producers.

The pasture discussion group meetings are for people interested in improving or intensifying their grazing management. The meetings are held on area farms utilizing intensive grazing programs. Discussion centers on grazing management strategies, successes, and problems.

The next dairy pasture session will be on Friday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the farm of Mark Mapes near New Berlin in Union County. The Mapes' use a combination of grazing and conventional feeding technology. Cows graze permanent pasture and re-growth on hay fields. Cows are also fed a TMR. The farm is just west of New Berlin on Rt. 304.

The next livestock pasture session will be on Wednesday, August 3 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the DeHart farm near Milton. This is a beef and sheep operation with 100 head of cattle and 600 ewes. The pasture program consists of intensively managed permanent pasture and annual crops such as turnips, peas, and triticale grown for pasture and storage forage. From Rt. 147 take Rt. 642 east a short distance and turn left onto Mexico Road and follow for 1/2 mile. The farm has a black fence and a stone entrance.

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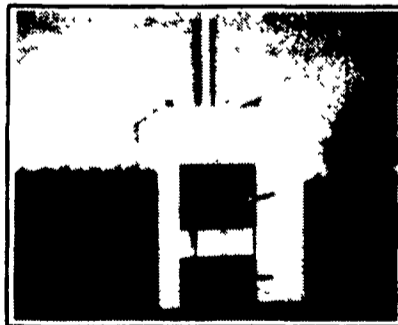
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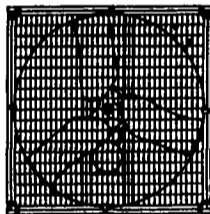


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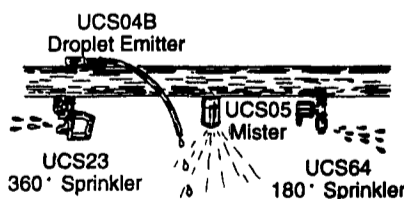


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