

# FARM CALENDAR

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**Home Center, Lancaster, noon-3 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, December 14**  
**Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference, Embers Convention Center, Carlisle, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Thursday, December 15**  
**Pa. Holstein board of directors meeting, Holiday Inn, State College, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Penn State Chemical Safety Compliance School, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Pa. Seedsmen's Association winter meeting, Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Mifflin County DHIA meeting, Camelot Restaurant, 7 p.m.**  
**Friday, December 16**  
**Indiana County DHIA meeting, Hoss', Indiana, 11 a.m.**  
**Saturday, December 17**  
**Sunday, December 18**

**Monday, December 19**  
**Stall Barns and Heifer Housing, Franklin County Human Services Building Conference Room, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**  
**Luzerne County Extension Open House, Luzerne County Courthouse, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 20**  
**Ephrata Area Young Farmers Family Christmas Program, Ephrata Middle School Auditorium and Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, December 21**  
**Winter Begins**  
**LanChester Pork Producers First Annual Pork Production Forum, Yoders Restaurant, New Holland, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday, December 22**  
**Friday, December 23**  
**Saturday, December 24**  
**Sunday, December 25**  
**Merry Christmas!**

## Raleigh DRPC Reports Turnaround Time Milestone

RALEIGH, N.C. — The DHI service affiliates served by DRPC Raleigh reached a new milestone in October 1994 with an average turnaround time (date of test through date mailed from DRPC) of 3.0 days. Turnaround time averaged 2.8 days for herd owners whose information was input directly into a microcomputer and teleprocessed to DRPC Raleigh (electronic input). Statistics for October for the past few years and for 10 years ago are:

Year	Turnaround	Enrollment (cows)
1994	3.0	927,876
1993	3.7	920,209
1992	4.1	916,146
1991	4.6	864,965
1990	5.0	821,423
1984	7.0	701,481

Turnaround has been reduced by two days in the past four years and by four days in the last ten years. These major improvements in turnaround are due in large measure to the almost complete conversion to electronic input (93%) and to the complete conversion to laser printing. This new milestone is the result of the cooperative efforts of many people:

DHI Technicians uploading data the same day herds are tested to allow the herd to pass DRPC edits before lab results are received.

Laboratory personnel uploading sample results soon after analysis to maximize the number



of herds in the first DRPC processing run at 12:15 P.M.

Close cooperation amongst DRPC personnel to meet deadlines for each processing run:

Ken Butcher, Director of DRPC Raleigh is confident that the three day regional average for turnaround time can be reduced even further. "Since five DHI service affiliates had turnaround times in October of less than 2.5 days, it is evident that we can continue to improve." DRPC Raleigh serves a diverse dairy region with a cooperative membership of 16 DHI service affiliates that includes herds in 25 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.




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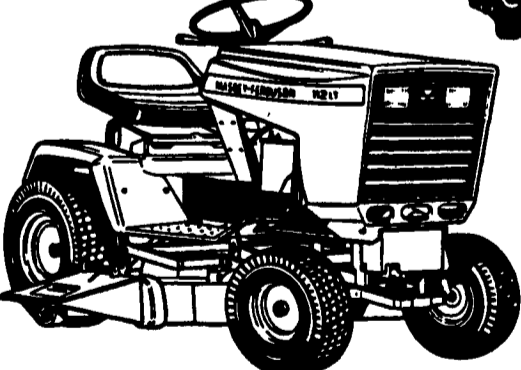
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