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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 last 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 - 2.15 bu. 3.84 cwt.
 Wheat, No. 2 - 3.41 bu. 5.70 cwt.
 Barley, No. 3 - 1.73 bu. 3.69 cwt.
 Oats, No. 2 - 1.47 bu. 4.57 cwt.
 Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.07 bu. 8.46 cwt.
 Ear Corn 56.32 ton 2.82 cwt.
 Alfalfa Hay - 101.25 ton 5.06 cwt.
 Mixed Hay - 105.00 ton 5.25 cwt.
 Timothy Hay - 111.75 ton 5.59 cwt.

One Million Registered

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The Ayrshire Breeders Association has announced that it has registered its one-millionth animal.

According to a recent news release, a June calf registered Nov. 11 became the 1,000,000 Ayrshire to be entered in the books of the national dairy cattle breed registry association.

Covey-Farms Magnet Rori, owned by Stanley Covey, of Locust Grove, Okla., is a home-bred animal out of Covey-Farms Ronnie (number 982054) and Covey-Farms Olympic Magnet (number 145356).

The achievement is a milestone for the 124-year-old association, according to Rob Schroll, general manager.

"This marks another of the positive steps that the Ayrshire Association continues to make. We began registering cattle in 1875, and registration has increased the profitability of countless herds since then."

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 11/12/94 and 11/19/94

B: Hay	90
C: Silage	236
D: Pasture	19
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	927
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,534
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.6
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.99
Avg Level For 953 SCC Herds	339,731

*Member-generated figures

Number of Herds Processed	1,051
Number of Cows Processed	63,345
Number of Cows Per Herd	60.2
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,593
%-Fat	3.71
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	690
%-Protein	3.21
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	597
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	318
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	13.24
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	8.21
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.29
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.53
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.28
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,462
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,072
B: Hay	2,099
C: Silage	15,453
D: Day Pasture	67
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	581.

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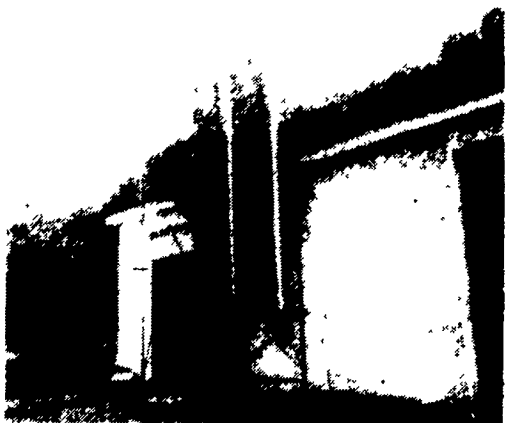
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