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## Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of com-

modity 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 - 2.14 bu. 3.82 cwt.
- Wheat, No. 2 - 3.41 bu. 5.70 cwt.
- Barley, No. 3 - 1.74 bu. 3.71 cwt.
- Oats, No. 2 - 1.65 bu. 5.15 cwt.
- Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.11 bu. 8.53 cwt.
- Ear Corn 56.05 ton 2.80 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay - 105.00 ton 5.25 cwt.
- Mixed Hay - 104.25 ton 5.21 cwt.
- Timothy Hay - 111.25 ton 5.56 cwt.

## 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 11/19/94 and 11/26/94

Number of Herds Processed	920
Number of Cows Processed	61,047
Number of Cows Per Herd	66.3
Milk Per Cow (Lbs)	18,692
%-Fat3.69	
Fat Per Cow (Lbs)	690
%-Protein	3.21
Protein Per Cow (Lbs)	600
Average Days in Milk Per Cow	318
*Value for CWT Milk(\$)	13.20
*Value for CWT Grain(\$)	7.85
*Value for CWT Hay(\$)	4.31
*Value for CWT Silage(\$)	1.58
*Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)	.27
*Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$)	2,467
*Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs)	
A: Grain	7,480
B: Hay	2,120
C: Silage	14,983
D: Day Pasture	64
*Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	
A: Grain	587
B: Hay	91
C: Silage	236
D: Pasture	18
*Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)	933
*Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)	1,534
*Grain to Milk Ratio	1:2.4
*Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)	4.99
Avg Level For 843 SCC Herds	325,224

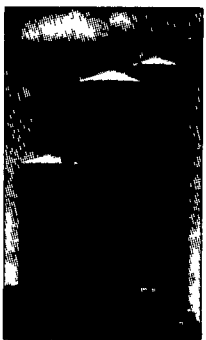
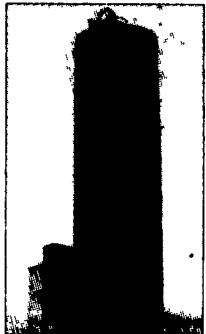
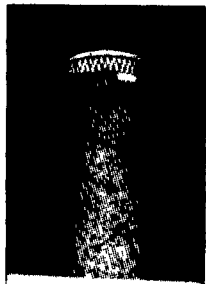
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