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Master Growers Present 5-Acre Corn Club Awards

Record Corn Production, Carryovers Could Hamper 1995 Prices

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.)
— "Unbelievable production" of corn created a record U.S. harvest in 1994, and huge carryovers could negate any possible spring rallies for corn this year, according to a Penn State economist.

H. Louis Moore, professor of ag economics, spoke to nearly 250 corn growers and industry representatives on Monday during the opening of the two-day Pennsylvania Crops Conference at the Embers Inn.

Moore was one of many speakers at the first annual conference that combined the meetings of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association with the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council.

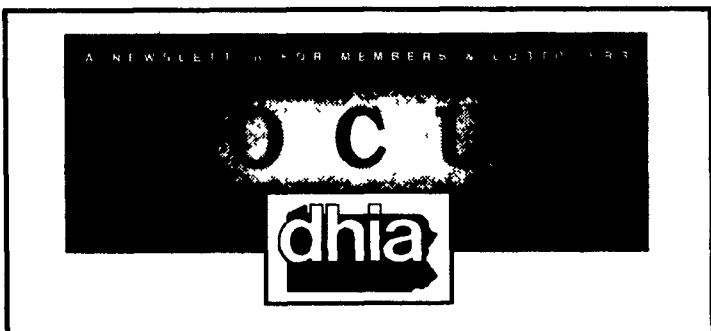
Moore said that the USDA's Crop Report indicated that the country's corn harvest in 1994 totalled 10.1 billion bushels, a record. The record broke the previous one set in 1992 at 9.48 billion bushels.

Also, wheat harvest totalled

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First place winners in the 5-Acre Corn Club contest. From left, Mark Crist, ear corn class, hand harvest; John Crist, shelled grain class, regular harvest size; and Norman Jodkinos, shelled grain class, 3-acre plus harvest size. Winners are listed on page A20.



Pennsylvania is putting an increased emphasis on AM/PM DHIA testing and innovative programs to position DHIA for the next century. Recently announced changes in pricing place AM/PM plans in a more favorable light against the traditional twice a day regimen, and new experimental types of test may help some dairymen save additional money on their monthly DHIA bills.

In the last year alone, about 20 percent of DHIA members have switched from 2X programs to

AM/PM programs, and the move to AM/PM hasn't slowed yet. In just the closing weeks of the year, more than a hundred herds changed testing schemes, continuing a trend that was strong throughout 1994.

"There's no doubt that AP is the wave of the future," said Dean Amick, PA DHIA's director of field services. "We're now at 2/3 of all herds on test using AP, and I wouldn't be surprised if that num-

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ADC Reports Strong Position

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — The Atlantic Dairy Cooperative is in strong financial shape, evidenced by the refunds paid to members and extra dividends recently and according to its current financial health going into the middle of its fiscal year, according to Curtis Akers, director of ADC District 12.

During the annual banquet meeting of the Quarryville and Strasburg/Paradise locals, Akers reported on the condition of the cooperative and gave his outlook on the future.

According to Akers, predictions are for the 1995 milk price to be down slightly from 1994, and milk production to be increased.

Furthermore, with the passage of the General Agreement on Tar-

iffs and Trade (GATT), he said the initial years of its implementation will have a "dampening effect on milk prices."

However, he said that while the first several years of GATT will result in a lowering of the milk price, due to the opening of the U.S. market to processed dairy products, the end result should

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Juniors Honored At York Holstein Meeting

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SHREWSBURY (York Co.) — Junior members took the spotlight at the annual York County Holstein dinner and meeting, held January 13 at the Shrewsbury Fire Company meeting hall.

Milk, butterfat and protein production awards for 1994 at the county level were presented to four junior club members. Also honored were recipients of Junior All-Pennsylvania honors for both 1993 and 1994.

Snagging the bulk of the junior production awards was Brad Walker, Thomasville, winning in the three-year-old, four-year-old and aged cow categories.

Walker's aged cow, Cold-springs Levi Taffy, topped all three production categories with a lactation record of 5-10, 305 days, 30,884 pounds of milk, 1077 pounds of fat and 1002 pounds of protein. He also made a clean sweep of the three-year-old competition with Warns Sexy Lady and a 3-05, 305 day lactation of 27,129 milk, 1,038 fat and 831 protein.

In the four-year-old production

competition, Walker's entry Walk-Le Marvel Skip took honors with a 4-04, 300-day total of 27,704 milk

and 825 protein. Winner in the butterfat category for four-year-olds was Dar-Dale Ryan Rita,

owned by Shannon Doll, Brod-becks, with a 4-06, 301-day butterfat total of 929 pounds.

Two-year-old categories were shared by Dixie Doll, Glen Rock, and Jacob Hushon, Delta. Dixie Doll's Dar-Dale Joey Blackie was the milk and protein winner with a 2-03, 304-day lactation of 21,284 milk and 647 protein. White-Oak-Vu Leadman Jamaca, owned by Jacob Hushon, topped the butterfat category with a 2-03, 305-day protein total of 715 pounds.

Seven York County junior Holstein members are recipients of Junior All-Pennsylvania recognition. Named All-Pennsylvania junior-three-year-old was Dar-Dale Starbuck Alicia, owned by Daphe Doll, Glen Rock.

Reserve All-Pennsylvania winners were the fall calf, Stewart-ridge Astre Jazzie, owned by Jacob Hushon, Delta; winter yearling Gentle Touch Chr Val Roxy, owned by Amy Trimmer, East Berlin; fall yearling Dar-Dale Fancy Paul Sophia, owned by Dixie Doll, Glen Rock; junior-two-year-old White Oak Vu L-Man Jazman, owned by Joshua Hushon, Delta; and senior-two-year-old Dar-Dale Mantis-Tristie,

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York County junior Holstein club advisor Patty Hushon, left, presents awards for high milk, butterfat and protein production to, from left, Brad Walker, Jacob Hushon, and Dixie Doll.