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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 2/19/95 and 2/26/95

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Number of Herds Processed            | 1,028  |
| Number of Cows Processed             | 67,389 |
| Number of Cows Per Herd              | 65.5   |
| Milk Per Cow (Lbs)                   | 18,781 |
| %-Fat                                | 3.65   |
| Fat Per Cow (Lbs)                    | 687    |
| %-Protein                            | 3.20   |
| Protein Per Cow (Lbs)                | 602    |
| Average Days in Milk Per Cow         | 318    |
| *Value for CWT Milk(\$)              | 13.01  |
| *Value for CWT Grain(\$)             | 7.71   |
| *Value for CWT Hay(\$)               | 4.22   |
| *Value for CWT Silage(\$)            | 1.53   |
| *Value for Pasture Per Day(\$)       | .28    |
| *Value for Milk Per Cow Per Year(\$) | 2,444  |
| *Feed Consumed Per Cow Per Year(Lbs) |        |
| A: Grain                             | 7,359  |

## Northeast DHIA, Cornell Set New Direction

ITHACA, N.Y. — Northeast Dairy Herd Improvement Association (Northeast DHIA) and Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S) jointly announce a new direction Northeast DHIA has set for its long-term relationship with CAL S. In response to Northeast DHIA's vision for the future, Northeast DHIA will focus on providing services to its members by applying computer technology to on-farm herd management service and support to replace those currently provided by Cornell Dairy Records. Northeast DHIA is evaluating options to enhance record processing services for greater flexibility, responsiveness, and economies of operation. Alternative processing organizations will be interviewed. It is expected that a recommendation will be given to the Board of Directors in mid-April. Members and industry leaders will be involved in helping to define the specifics of a new record system

to help define any changes in reports or in the RMS program.

David Chamberlain, President of Northeast DHIA and a dairy producer from Wyoming, NY, noted, "With this new direction set, we can now work to define the specifics of the future records system and set the timetable for a smooth transition."

Nelvin Empet, General Manager Northeast DHIA, commented "Northeast DHIA is committed to meeting the needs of the dairy producer and the dairy industry in this information age. We look forward to continuing and building on the long-term, cooperative relationship with Cornell for Research and Extension education programs."

Cornell will continue to focus on research and extension programs, but discontinue the service provided by the Cornell Dairy Records. The Animal Breeding Group and Dairy Management Group of the Department of Ani-

## Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| B: Hay                                | 2,106   |
| C: Silage                             | 15,263  |
| D: Day Pasture                        | 63      |
| *Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$)       |         |
| A: Grain                              | 567     |
| B: Hay                                | 89      |
| C: Silage                             | 234     |
| D: Pasture                            | 18      |
| *Total Feed Cost Per Cow Per Year(\$) | 909     |
| *Income Over Feed Costs Per Year(\$)  | 1,535   |
| *Grain to Milk Ratio                  | 1:2.5   |
| *Feed Cost Per CWT Milk(\$)           | 4.84    |
| Avg Level For 942 SCC Herds           | 340,933 |

\*Member-generated figures

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.

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|--------------------------------------|
| Corn, No. 2y - 2.38 bu. 4.26 cwt.    |
| Wheat, No. 2 - 3.52 bu. 5.88 cwt.    |
| Barley, No. 3 - 1.86 bu. 3.98 cwt.   |
| Oats, No. 2 - 1.55 bu. 4.84 cwt.     |
| Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.28 bu. 8.82 cwt. |
| Ear Corn 60.55 ton 3.03 cwt.         |
| Alfalfa Hay - 88.75 ton 4.44 cwt.    |
| Mixed Hay - 91.25 ton 4.56 cwt.      |
| Timothy Hay - 88.75 ton 4.44 cwt.    |

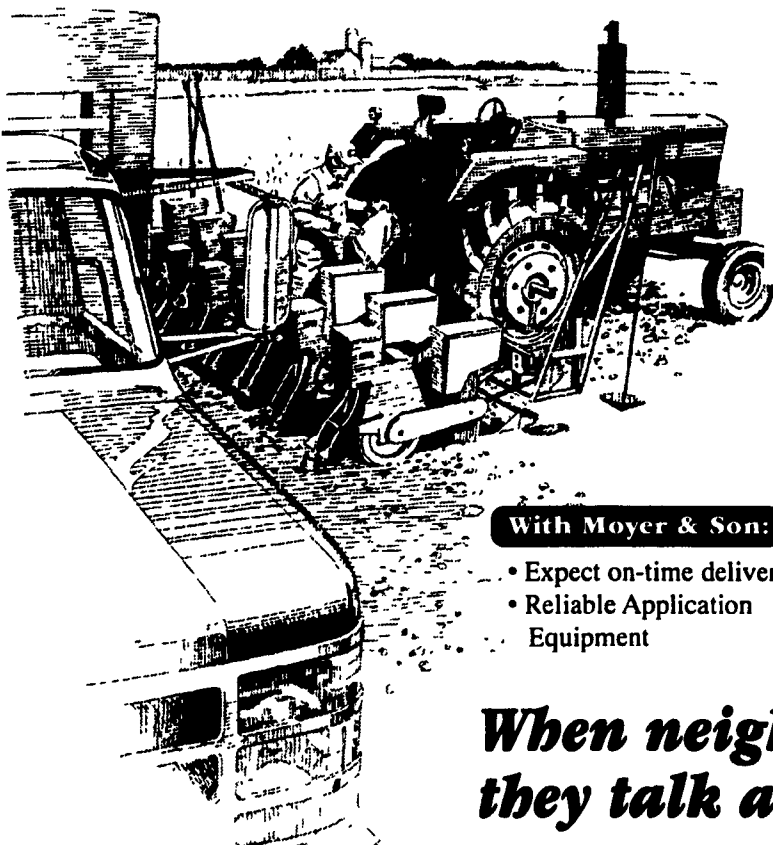
mal Science have been asked to develop plans for creation of a research center with the objectives to continue genetics and management research in dairy and other species. At the core of sustaining this emerging new facility is a commitment by Northeast DHIA to continue to provide the university with the data needed to conduct these research and extension functions for the dairy industry.

A goal is to minimize the changes DHIA members and other users will see during the transition to the new records system.

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