

Pa.DHIA Sets Spring Conferences

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — It is time once again for the Pa.DHIA technicians to meet for their annual spring conference.

Each year Pa.DHIA holds three seasonal sets of conferences (spring, summer and fall) to further update and educate each technician.

Spring conference allows time for each technician to interact and to exchange ideas with each other, as well as being able to interact with the guests who attend each meeting, such as extension agents and artificial inseminator personnel.

There are a total of 14 conferences held at different locations. Each technician selects the appropriate conference closest to his or her area. This allows each group of technicians to be relatively small, which contributes to better interaction as well as being able to assist in keeping traveling time at a minimum for most technicians.

This year's conference promises to be as exciting as ever with the ability for each technician to give their dairymen Westfalia Dairyplan reports on test day.

The conference agenda includes a round-table discussion facilitated by Dean Amick, Pa.DHIA director of field operations. This discussion is set up in a way that each technician has the opportunity to ask quesitons or voice any concerns.

The topics of discussion during the round-table forum are to include the new Innovative Program, flexibility of programs, as well as scheduling.

The highlight of the conference is to be the introduction of the revised Herd Summary I, which allows the dairymen more flexibility in the recording of his feed information.

A new update will be implemented on each technician's computer to assist in handling the new revisions.

Each of the meetings is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Technicians should remember to bring their laptop computer, Westfalia Dairy Plan Manual, and their DHIA technician manual to the conference.

For more information, call (800) 344-8378.

Pa.DHIA Schedule 1995 Spring Conferences

MARCH 17..... At the Millerstown Fire Hall.

For CUMBERLAND, JUNIATA, PERRY,

DAUPHIN and SNYDER counties.

MARCH 21...... At Hoss's Steak and Sea House, in Exton.
For BUCKS, CHESTER and
MONTGOMERY counties.

MARCH 22..... At Blue Mountain Family Restaurant.

For LEBANON, BERKS and

SCHUYLKILL counties.

MARCH 23...... General Lee's Family Restaurant, Gettysburg.
For ADAMS, FRANKLIN,
and YORK counties.

MARCH 29..... Candlelight Restaurant, in Donegal. cwt.

For ARMSTRONG, WASHINGTON, O
FAYETTE, WESTMORELAND, SOMERSET, and INDIANA counties.

MARCH 30...... Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Huntingdon. For HUNTINGDON, FULTON and MIFFLIN counties.

MARCH 31...... The Ranch House, south of Claysburg.

For BLAIR, BEDFORD,
and CAMBRIA counties.

APRIL 4...... At Sinbad's, in Wysox.

For BRADFORD and SULLIVAN counties.

APRIL 5...... At Mountainview Restaurant, in Clifford. LACKAWANNA, SUSQUEHANNA, WAYNE, and WYOMING counties.

APRIL 6...... At Bonanza, in Mansfield.

For POTTER and TIOGA counties.

APRIL 7...... At the All American Truckstop, in Milton.
For UNION, LYCOMING, MONTOUR,
NORTHUMBERLAND, LUZERNE and
COLUMBIA counties, and NEW JERSEY.

APRIL 11...... At Auntie Em's Restaurant, in Clearfield.
For CLEARFIELD, ELK, CENTRE, CLINTON,
JEFFERSON, and MCKEAN counties.

APRIL 12...... At the Howard Johnsons' in Mercer.
For MERCER, BUTLER, VENANGO,
LAWRENCE and BEAVER counties.

APRIL 13...... At the Dutch Treat in Spartansburg.

For CRAWFORD, ERIE, and WARREN counties, and NEW YORK.

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 - 2.39 bu. 4.28 cwt. Wheat, No. 2 - 3.45 bu. 5.75

Barley, No. 3 - 1.83 bu. 3.92

Oats, No. 2 - 1.56 bu. 4.87 cwt. Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.32 bu. 8.88 cwt.

Ear Corn 61.25 ton 3.06 cwt. Alfalfa Hay - 92.50 ton 4.63 cwt.

Mixed Hay - 91.00 ton 4.55 cwt. Timothy Hay - 85.00 ton 4.25 cwt.

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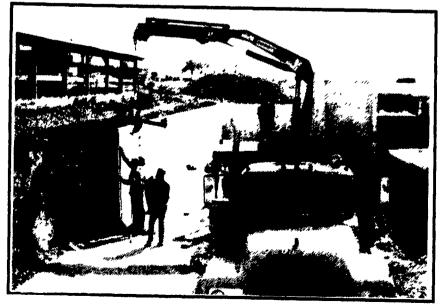
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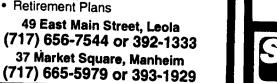


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