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regulations in their farming enterprises. This often becomes a challenge.

"Many conservation practices have been adapted on a wide scale basis," Wehry said. "A wise use of our natural resources can be achieved through voluntary compliance. We are at a crossroads, and the turn we take will allow us to build on the conservation benefits derived from the 1985 and 1990 farm bills, or we will lose all we have achieved."

"The variety of programs administered at the ASCS office give rise to an array of paperwork that causes the most intellectual to scratch his head. Seventy-five percent of the farmers in my community are assessing if it is worth the necessity of jumping through all the hoops. For this reason I question if we are regulating away the effectiveness of our farm programs. We need to look at what we

have achieved and maintain these results.

"Programs such as whole-farm base, which provides farmers with greater flexibility in management decisions, will allow the ag community to maximize profits and insure a stable food supply. The ag producer must be a specialist in many areas. I devote 70 hours per week in my operation, and my major concern still is how my bills will be paid. Food production is an important issue, and farmers have met this need with the cheapest, safest, most abundant food supply in the world. I believe this administration needs to consider the economic needs of the farm community while developing the 1995 farm bill. If we give farmers the management tools to be successful, we will successfully meet the food needs of the nation," Wehry said.

Lancaster DHIA Reports Status

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.)—Lancaster DHIA's (LDHIA) board met recently at the lab in Manheim. Committees met in the morning with the full board convening after a light lunch.

The number one goal of LDHIA has been to bring new herds into the DHIA system. As of this meeting sixty-nine (69) new herds have been enrolled. The board commends the technicians for their success and we welcome these new members.

Jere High, lab manager, reported the lab is running well. The lab is achieving accuracy along with a quick turnaround time of lab results. The advice given by DHIA labs at Mid-East, Vermont, and Tennessee is proving out nicely. The installation of lab equipment and computer programming by Ohio DHI is of very high quality. LDHIA members have benefitted from the cooperative attitude exhibited by these DHIA cooperatives.

For the members information,

the lab is showing a monthly profit. Also, Ohio DHI has programmed the computers to test and report SNF. This testing option is now available to members, by request, at a cost of two (2) cents per cow.

Phil Dukas, CEO of NDHIA, visited with members of LDHIA's

districts) from which board members are elected. Most of the by-laws will remain exactly the same.

National DHIA's new herd/cow profile program was discussed. Delegates to the National DHIA convention in March voted to proceed as quickly as possible with



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executive committee in March to review our application for service affiliate status. Everything appears in order as of our April meeting. All requirements of NDHIA will be achieved.

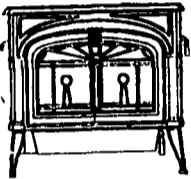
A by-laws committee, of five board members, is working to revise our by-laws to suit our new status. Items being addressed include number of board members, term limits, and areas (dis-

this new program. LDHIA members are hearing of new testing programs. These new testing programs are dependent on the successful testing of the herd/cow profile program which will change the Official DHI System rules. Another 12 to 18 months are needed by NDHIA to complete testing. If you have any questions please contact your board member.

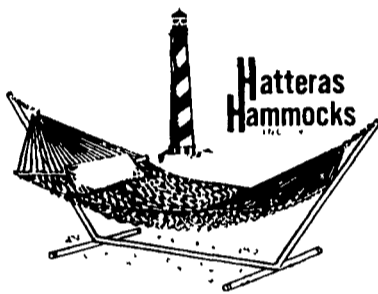
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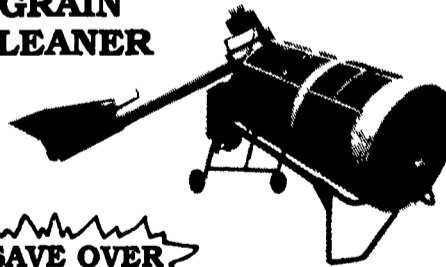
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