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Pa.DHIA Announces New Directors

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Two people who recently were elected to serve their districts as state directors took their seats with the other 16 board members on April 26.

The new directors are, from District 6, William Itle, of Valewood Farm, in Loretto, Cambria County,



William Itle



Mark Eby

and from District 14, Mark Eby, of Mount-Top-Vue Farm, in Canton, Sullivan County.

William Itle

Itle's district includes Somerset and Cambria counties. He previously served as a Pa.DHIA state director from 1986 to 1992.

The Valewood Dairy consists of 600 acres with a milking herd of about 160 registered Holsteins, and 120 replacement heifers. The rolling herd average at the end of September last year was 20,866 pounds of milk, 786 pounds butterfat, and 680 pounds of protein.

The dairy is a family corporation and produces, processes and distributes milk. William and wife Joyce have three children, Carissa, 20, Cortney, 18, and Lindsey, 15. "Grandpap started with Pa.DHIA in the 40s and we've been there every since," he said. "Without the current management information, we could not operate."

In addition to the dairy operation and his DHIA responsibilities, William also volunteers service for the local high school's junior achievement program, as well as serving as a director on the board of the Cambria County Mutual Insurance Company.

Mark Eby

Mark Eby's Mount-Top-Vue Farm herd consists of about 80 Holsteins, registered and grade, that lead Sullivan County for production last year with an average of 26,095 pounds milk, 1,119 pounds butterfat, and 814 pounds of protein. His herd has been on test for 12 years.

He and his wife Loretta purchased their 250-acre farm in 1991 and two children, Laura, 5, and Krista, 1.

Mark was originally born in Lancaster County and moved as a child with his family to Sullivan County. In 1983, he went into partnership with his father, and now has taken over the farm.

As director for District 14, he represents DHIA members in Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Luzerne, and Wyoming counties,

in addition to his home county.

He is currently president of the Sullivan County DHIA Committee, and has served as vice president of the Sullivan County Extension Board of Directors.

In other community leadership positions, he is an elder in the New Life Church.

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 - 2.63 bu. 4.70 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.49 bu. 5.83 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.75 bu. 3.75 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.58 bu. 4.93 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.34 bu. 8.92 cwt.
Ear Corn 64.63 ton 3.23 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 90.50 ton 4.53 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 85.50 ton 4.28 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 85.50 ton 4.28 cwt.

SCC To Review

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facing the commission to propose a package of regulations, that the board should recommend what it had, and allow the governmental and public review processes to give final form to the regulations.

Since the April meeting, commission staff has been putting final touches on the board's recommended package (printing a legible package of the board-recommended regulations), and also circulating them among various review agencies in order to come up with further recommendations that address legal concerns.

As of this week, that staff review was not yet completed, but

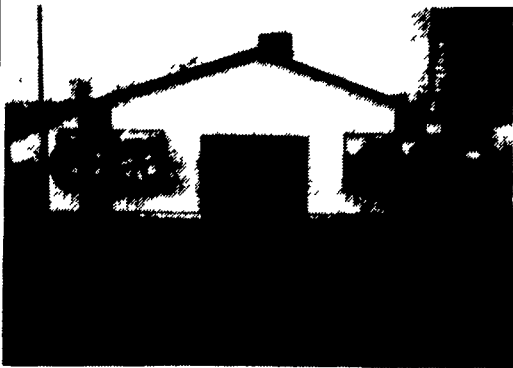
according to a letter mailed this week from Mike Krempasky, executive secretary of the state Conservation Commission, to advisory board members, the "... staff expects to recommend only two changes to the commission."

According to letter, the first change has been suggested by DER Secretary Jim Seif. His suggestion is to shorten review times for voluntary nutrient management plans, so as to encourage voluntary planning.

The second recommendation concerns the advisory board's recommendation for a definition for "farming resources" that who include those who board horses to fall under the law.

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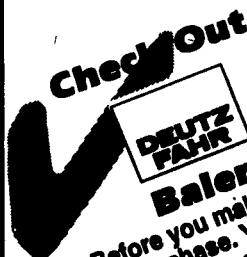
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