Reports On Spring Conferences

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pa. DHIA completed the 1995 Spring Conferences. The Spring Conferences are just one part of the educational process at Pa. DHIA.

With the ever-increasing changes taking place in the dairy industry, it is vitally important that Pa. DHIA keeps their technicians updated.

Along with the Summer and Fall Conferences, the Spring Conferences allow the time needed to

update each technician.

The Spring Conference is mandatory and it is required that each technician bring his or her computer to receive the latest computer updates.

This year's Spring Conference agenda included a roundtable discussion to voice any concerns or ideas. Dean Amick, director of Field Operations, facilitated the roundtable discussion.

An update of the innovative programs was given by Amick. The importance of being flexible in today's DHIA market was greatly stressed.

Recognition was given to each technician who has completed one year of employment. The respective region manager presented these awards.

David Bigelow, training coordinator, covered the Due Process (rules) of Pa. DHIA and National DHIA. Along with covering the

rules, Dave had the opportunity to remind technicians about the availability of Optional Reports that the dairyman has the ability to select.

The highlight of the conference was the introduction of the new Nutrition Program.

The new Nutrition Program gives the dairyman the flexibility to record up to 13 feeds. At the same time the dairyman may report the feed on a dry matter basis.

Along with that introduction an update was given to each technician, which allows them to present eight ready-made Westfalia Dairy Plan reports for each dairyman. Along with the opportunity to tailor-make virtually any report the dairyman requests, Pa. DHIA technician service is even greater.

If we can assist you in your dairy operation, call Pa. DHIA at 1-800-344-8378.

Pa.DHIA Hires Yoder

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pa. DHIA is happy to have James T. Yoder as part of their team.

James brings a wealth of farming knowledge as well as a strong leadership background to his DHIA circuit in Somerset County.

Having a full circuit, James still finds time to be involved in several different organizations such as the Somerset County Republican Committee, Lincoln Township Republican Committee, Somerset County Beef Producers Association and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

Once growing up in Lincoln Township, Somerset County, he participated in the Steaks and Chops 4-H Club. For three years James was president of that club.

Upon graduation from Somer-

n the Steaks and



James Yoder

set Area High School in 1993, James had a great love for the agriculture industry. It was at this point that he decided to devote much time to the pastime he loved so much.

Currently James also farms 100 acres consisting of hay and small grains.

Some hobbies that he participates in are hunting and fishing.

When asked what he likes most about working as a technician, he responded by saying he enjoys working with his dairymen, and likes the flexible hours.

James currently resides with his father and mother, Buddy and Clara

Pa. DHIA invites the dairy industry to welcome James as part of their team.

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Offers Same-Day Reports

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Modern technology continues to play a major part in today's dairy industry.

The advent of the laptop computer has revolutionized dairy record analysis to even greater heights. Not only does the Pa. DHIA technician have the ability to enter basic herd information into the laptop computer, but the technician now has the ability to create reports on test day.

At Pa. DHIA, we feel that having this information available in such a timely fashion, will create yet another way the dairymen can use our service to better manage their herds.

Currently the Pa. DHIA technicians enter herd data into the Quick Barn Sheet Program. After data collection is complete, the data collected will then be transferred or updated to the Westfalia Dairy Plan program.

The Westfalia Dairy Plan program processes milk, breed, herd health and veterinary information for daily management and decision making. Dairy Plan gives you the information you need, just the way you want it by creating your own reports or by using the several reports that come with the system.

Not only can Dairy Plan present herd data in a report format, but Dairy Plan can present data in a graph format. The sophistication of this program will allow the dairymen to select which program best suits their needs. Reports are lists of cows in useful ways. Graphs are visual charts of your data. Dairy Plan has many different options for customizing reports and graphs.

Vet checklists are also available through Dairy Plan at Pa. DHIA. A "vet checklist" can include activities such as pregnancy checks and dry-off dates.

Technicians Have Same-Day Reports

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Recently Pa. DHIA completed its Spring Conferences and same-day reports were the central theme.

Along with being educated on how to create reports and graphs, technicians were given eight already-made reports installed into each laptop computer. The reasoning behind this installation was to give each Pa. DHIA technician the quick ability to turn to a popular report without actually designing a special report on their own.

Included in the eight reports

- 1. Cows to Inject with BST
- 2. Cows to take off BST
- 3. Quick Overview Report4. Persistence Report
- 5. Cows Due to Calve
- 6. Cows to check for Pregnancy7. Vet Action List sorted by ac-
- tion
 8. Vet Action List sorted by name

The quick definition of each report includes:

- 1. Cows to inject with BST This report is designed to allow a dairyman to know when each cow is qualified to be injected with BST.
- 2. Cows to take off BST This report is designed to allow a dairyman to know when each cow should be taken off BST.
- 3. Quick Overview Report This report gives an overview of each cow in the herd. Each cow is listed from high to low milk according to test day production.
- 4. Persistence Report Cows in the herd are listed by alphabetical

order. A total test day milk production along with each test day weight for the last 5 months is listed. A current status of the cow is also listed.

5. Cows Due to Calve - This report is similar to the Reproductive Report that is currently available. This report can be very instrumental in a dairyman's breeding program.

6. Cows to check for pregnancy - Current list includes cows that are eligible to be pregnancy checked.

7. Vet Action sorted by Action-Required "Vet Action" needing action will be addressed accordingly by date and action.

8. Vet Action List sorted by name - Required "Vet Action"

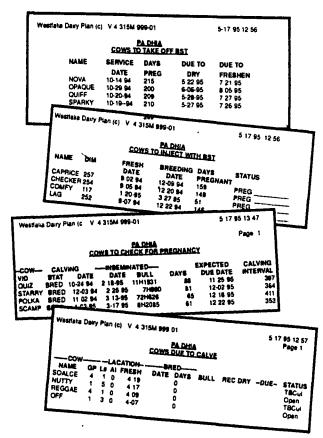
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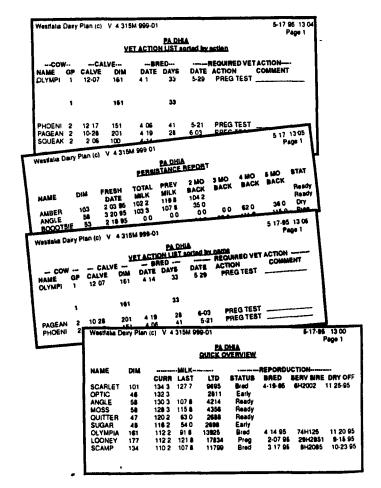
Feel free to ask your technician

to present their already-made reports at your farm.

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Left, top to bottom:Cows to take off BST, Cows to inject with BST, Cows to check for Pregnancy, Cows due to Calve Right, top to bottom:Vet Action list sorted by action, Persistance Report, Vet Action List sorted by name, Quick overview