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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 - 2.8 bu. 5.01 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.7 bu. 6.18 cwt.

Barley, No. 3 - 1.72 bu. 3.67 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.65 bu. 5.15 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.62 bu. 9.38 cwt.
Ear Corn 71.19 ton 3.56 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 79.25 ton 3.96 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 81.25 ton 4.06 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 82.50 ton 4.13 cwt.

Sticklin Completes Training

DAVID BIGELOW
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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Enthusiastic, cheerful and hardworking are three adjectives that can best be used to describe Linda Sticklin, a 14-year employee of Pa. DHIA.

Currently Linda is responsible for servicing a 29 herd circuit which includes the counties of Tioga, Bradford and the state of New York.

Along with the responsibilities of a technician, Linda also assists Diane McIlwain, region manager. These duties include training and promoting Pa. DHIA in northeast Pennsylvania and New York.

Recently Linda completed the Westfalia Systemat training course, which was held at State College. Satisfactorily completing the training course gives Linda even more flexibility in her training duties.

One thing Linda said she enjoys



tion pumping gas. This allowed Linda to meet many people.

Upon graduation from Wellsboro Senior High School, Linda became deeply involved in the agricultural industry. Along with working for Pa. DHIA, Linda has been a partner in a family-run dairy for 28 years.

Some hobbies that Linda said she enjoys are bowling, bingo, gardening and just simply meeting people.

Linda is a member of the First Methodist Church, Grange and the Bowling Association.

Pa. DHIA is proud to have such a dedicated person working as part of their team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda for her assistance in many past projects. We look forward to working together, even more in the future.

Please feel free to contact Pa. DHIA at 1-800-344-8378, if we can be of any assistance with your dairy operation.

Linda Sticklin

most about her job is meeting people. While growing up she had the opportunity to work at a gas sta-

Pa.DHIA Promotes Mayes

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association is pleased to announce that Randy Mayes of Burnham, now holds the position of help desk operator.

In this position, Randy is responsible for answering computer problem questions, oversee the computer repairs and keep an in-

ventory on the computers.

Randy comes to us from the Mifflin County area where he served as a field technician for 18 years. He was responsible for maintaining a 30-herd circuit, which equaled 1,700 cows.

Upon graduation from Chief Logan High School in Burnham, Randy worked on a dairy farm for one year and became a DHIA technician.

Randy is an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Burnham, a member of the Blue Rock Sportsmen's Club and a member of the Boy Scout Association.

In the past, he has been a recipient of the Merit Award at Pa. DHIA. Some of the activities that Randy enjoys are playing church league softball, hunting and fishing.

When asked what he enjoys most about working at the help desk, Randy quickly responded that he enjoys working with people. The idea of just helping somebody through a problem sends a good feeling through one's body, Randy said.

Randy and his wife, Gail, have two children, Justin and Brandy.



Randy Mayes

Hickory Hill Farm

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dren - Wayne II, (age 16) and Page, (age 14), as well as three part-time college students. On June 6, a herdsman from the University of Wisconsin joined the Hickory Hill Farm family.

Many plaques and awards grace the office walls at Hickory Hill Farm, some from the Holstein Friesian Association of America. Others from the Maryland Coop Milk Producers, including a Silver Quality award. These are reminders of the success Hickory Hill Farm had before they went out of the dairy business. Now that they are back in business, Wayne Armacost says that his family hopes to do it again.

"We believe there will continue to be a dairy business," he says confidently. People will continue to drink milk. When deciding what to do with the barns, we researched our options, then we decided to milk cows again. The dairy industry has had its problems over the years, but I think it

still has just as much stability as any other business."

Armacost says that his faith is in the Lord. "I always think of a passage in Zachariah," he said, "that says 'Not by power, not by might, but by my spirit, sayeth the Lord'. That's what we are holding onto," he says. "All things are guided and directed by the Lord," he says confidently.

Just before leaving his office to direct a concrete truck about to pour a new section of floor, Mr. Armacost glances at the television screen that looks out over his milking area.

It is sparkling clean and ready for the 4 p.m. milking. Outside, two part-time college students fork piles of feed to the cattle. In the distance, the hum of a tractor can be heard on a hillside. The scene is peaceful . . . idyllic. Hickory Hills Farm is humming too, with the activity that comes with new life, and the production of milk!

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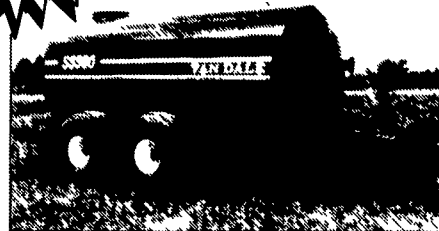


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