

Meet George Cashell

DAVID BIGELOW **Training Coordinator**

STATE COLLEGE (Dauphin Co.)—George Cashell, a PA DHIA technician, said that change can be good, as long as cooperation between all individuals is mutual.

Being a part of the dairy industry all of his life, George brings a wealth of knowledge to his dairymen in Franklin County and the Maryland area.

Having attended and graduated from Sherwood High School in Montgomery, Maryland, he immediately plunged into the agriculture industry.

Some of his past experience includes being a herdsman and managing farming enterprises. Also, being a self-employed dairy farmer, which included a partnership with his son Paul, allowed him the experience to interact in a partnership mode.

Over the years many organizations and associations have taken advantage of the leadership ability that George possesses. Having him serve on a committee can only enhance the ability for that committee to function at its best.

Some of the committees and boards of directors that he served on included the Pennsylvania Holstein Association where he served also on the executive committee, the Franklin County DHIA board, the 4-H Dairy Council where he served both as president and vice president, the Franklin County Development Committee where he had the opportunity to serve as president, Charter member of the Franklin County Fair board where he served as president for three years and also was



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the livestock manager, chairman of the 1988 Jr. Holstein Convention, chairman of the State Holstein Youth Committee for four years, executive board of the State Junior Dairy Show for two years and has been responsible for the placement of cattle at the Pa. All American Dairy Show for the past seven years.

When questioned about what he thinks about the future of DHIA, George is quick to admit that in these times of changes, people need to cooperate and not pull in different directions. He also added that change is good, and we must not ever be satisfied to just stand by and let things happen on their

Since becoming a DHIA technician, he has seen the system at Pa. DHIA go through many changes, mainly the change from the paper barnsheet to the computer. One of

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.

the advantages that Pa. DHIA technicians enjoy, is having the ability to tailor make virtually any report the dairymen may want on

Through the 10½ years that he has been a Pa. DHIA technician. he has served as president and vice president of the Technician Association and has serve on many various committees.

Currently he tests 32 herds, which makes up 2,800 cows per month in his circuit. George also serves as a senior technician, which involves training of other technicians, promoting Pa. DHIA and filling-in for sickness and

George has received the Rookie of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award. He has also been a recipient of the Merit Award.

Corn, No. 2y - 2.85 bu. 5.09 cwt. Wheat, No. 2 - 3.74 bu. 6.25

Barley, No. 3 - 1.55 bu. 3.32

Oats, No. 2 - 1.61 bu. 5.02 cwt. Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.66 bu. 9.44

Mixed Hay - 83.00 ton 4.15 cwt. Timothy Hay - 85.00 ton 4.25

Ear Corn 70.51 ton 3.53 cwt.

Alfalfa Hay - 79.00 ton 3.95

Milkhouse Wastewater Field Day Set

HOLIDAYSBURG (Blair Co.) - Milkhouse waste water handling is surfacing as one of the biggest nuisances to dairying and a major concern of environmental agencies.

Blair County Agricultural Agencies have planned, through the financial assistance of the Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture and the Blair Conservation District, an informational field day on July 18 at 10 a.m. dealing with milkhouse waste concerns and disposal options.

The field day will be held at the Rodrick and Trudy Hinish dairy farm located just south of Williamsburg on Clover Creek Road.

The field day will feature information on milkhouse waste water handling options that meet current milk sanitation and DER guidelines, waste water pumping options, and a tour of the Hinish dairy farm which boasts several new innovative installations. A complimentary luncheon will be served following the demonstrations and farm tour to all who register with the Blair Conservation District by calling (814) 696-0877

by July 14.

Representing the Department of Environmental Resources will be Zeke Brehm, operations chief for the water management program. Zeke will be explaining DER's guidelines and regulations on milkhouse waste. From the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be Paul Hoge, milk sanitarian, who will focus on milkhouse waste's relation to farm inspections.

Following the brief informational session, Mr. and Mrs. Hinish will be offering a tour of their newly remodeled dairy operation, which features a flat barn milking parlor, a milkhouse waste transfer system and manure transfer system, a new open front barn with a flush system, a separator and an earthen, liquid storage pond located across the highway. Contractors and dealers in the various systems will be on hand to provide information as well.

Dealers in several types of milkhouse water pumps and irrigation systems will also be exhibiting their equipment.

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