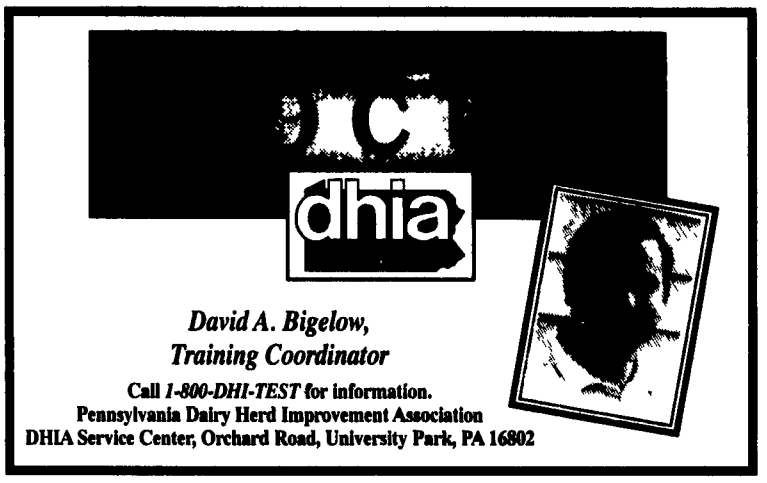

Pa.DHIA Fall Conferences

(NOTE: All conferences are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Sept. 29..... Millerstown Fire Hall.
Cumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin and Snyder counties. Take Millerstown exit of Rt.22/322.

Oct. 2..... Hoss's Steak and Sea House, In Easton.
Bucks, Chester, Lancaster and Montgomery counties. Located a half-mile south of turnpike along Rt.100.

Oct. 3..... Blue Mountain Family Restaurant.
Lebanon, Berks, and Schuylkill counties. Exit 8 of I78.

Oct. 4..... General Lee's Family Restaurant
Adams, Franklin, and York counties. Rt.30 west, before Gettysburg Battlefield.

Oct. 5..... Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Huntingdon
Huntingdon, Fulton and Mifflin counties. Rt.22, in Huntingdon.

Oct. 6..... The Ranch House
Blair, Bedford, and Cambria counties. Old Rt.220, south of Claysburg.

Oct. 10..... Candlelight Restaurant
Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset, and Indiana counties. Exit 9 of the turnpike.

Oct. 11..... Auntie Em's Restaurant, Clearfield
Centre, Clinton, Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, McKean, and Jefferson counties. Exit 19 of I81.

Pa.DHIA Sets Fall Conference Dates

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The locations and dates of the technician's fall conferences have been confirmed.

Each year, Pa.DHIA holds three conferences — spring, summer and fall — to further update and educate each technician.

Fall conference is mandatory and allows time for each technician to interact and to exchange ideas with each other, as well as being able to interact with the guests who attend each meeting, such as extension agents and people working with artificial insemination.

There are a total of 14 conferences held at different locations. Each technician selects the appropriate conference closest to his or her area. This allows each group of technicians to be relatively small, which contributes to better interaction as well as being able to assist in keeping traveling time at a minimum for most technicians.

This year's conference promises to be as exciting as ever with the ability for each technician to give his or her dairymen Westfalia Dairy Plan reports on test day.

The conference agenda includes round table discussion facilitated by Dean Amick, director of field operations. This discussion is set up in a way that each technician has the opportunity to ask questions or voice any concerns.

Motivation and sales will be covered as a follow-up to the summer conference agenda.

The new nutrition program will be covered in depth. Our goal is to familiarize every technician with the finished product. Making sure each technician has the proper instruction as to how to understand this new program will bring out its fullest potential.

Fall conference allows time to give each technician a certification exam. This exam covers different areas of the responsibility of a Pa.DHIA technician.

This certification exam is given in compliance with National DHIA's quality certification specifications. Those specifications include that a DHIA technician must be tested at least once a year to measure his or her progress.

Fall conference is just one way that allows Pa.DHIA technicians to receive the proper education to complete their jobs in a competitive manner.

Please feel free to contact Pa.DHIA at (800) 344-8378 if we can assist with your dairy operation.

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 - 3.01 bu. 5.39 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.95 bu. 6.60 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.58 bu. 3.37 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.49 bu. 4.65 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.96 bu. 9.95 cwt.
Ear Corn 70.88 ton 3.54 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 91.75 ton 4.59 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 79.25 ton 3.96 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 75.00 ton 3.75 cwt.

Oct. 12..... Howard Johnsons, Mercer
Mercer, Butler, Venango, Lawrence, Beaver, Armstrong counties. Exit 2 of I80.

Oct. 13..... Dutch Treat, Spartansburg
Crawford, Erie, Warren, New York. Located along Rt.77 in Spartansburg.

Oct. 16..... Sinbad's, Wysox
Bradford and Sullivan counties. Along Rt.6 in Wysox.

Oct. 17..... Bonanza, Mansfield
Potter and Tioga counties. Take Mansfield Exit of Rt.15.

Oct. 18..... Mountainview Restaurant, Clifford
Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wyane, and Wyoming counties. Located along Rt. 106.

Oct. 19..... All American Truck Stop, Milton
Union, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, and New Jersey counties. Exit 32 of I80.

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Pork Candidates To Be Elected

SUMMERDALE (Cumberland Co.) — The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 1996 Pork Producers Delegate Body will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, in conjunction with a board of directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council at the Region VI Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Agricultue in Summerdale.

All Pennsylvania pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due under the national 100% checkoff may be considered as a delegate candidate and participate in voting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of election.

For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, 1631 Grim Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530, 610-285-6519.

Poultry Pointers

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placing a tiny cube of sponge soaked in retinoic acid at the tip of the wing bud. This causes wing tip formation to occur prematurely and also causes extra digits to form. The leg limb bud reacts similarly.

These are just a few examples of how chick embryos have served to foster understanding of living processes. Embryos also provide a means for testing the effects external agents, such as pharmaceuticals and pesticides, may have on living systems. Another important use of embryonated eggs is vaccine production not only for poultry, but for other domestic species and for humans.

The pathogen-free egg is an ideal environment for producing pathogen-free vaccines. A relevant publication has recently become available: "Egg Uses and Processing Technologies," by J. S. Sim (University of Arizona Press, 1994).

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