

Pa.DHIA To Hold Records Workshops

The ability for technicians and other agribusiness personnel to understand and interpret DHIA records is very vital to the dairy industry.

As the dairy industry continues to turn up the treadmill of progress, Pa. DHIA is preparing its technicians with the proper tools to interpret dairymen's records more thoroughly.

The advent of the new nutrition program on the revised Herd Summary I, and the basic understanding of the record analysis of Pa. DHIA reports allows us the opportunity to better educate the technicians and other agri-business personnel.

There is a tremendous need for people such as nutritionists, vets, artificial inseminators and other professional agribusiness people to receive sufficient updating concerning the records that are available through Pa. DHIA.

To give our technicians and other professional agriculture personnel the opportunity to receive more education on Pa. DHIA records, several workshops will be held throughout the state.

Our main goal for the workshops is to attract small group settings, which enhance more interaction between the members of the group.

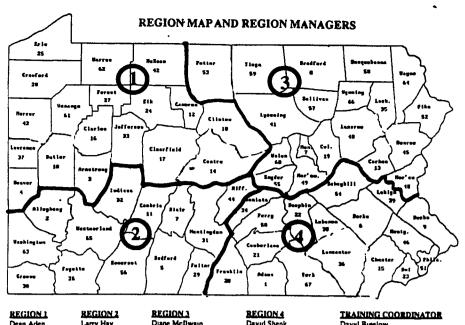
The agenda for the workshops will include covering the revised Herd Summary I, which includes the format of the new nutrition program. The Reproductive Report will be covered concerning what information is available on the report and how it can best be used.

Discussion will also be initiated on how same-day test Westfalia Dairy Plan reports can be utilized. Somatic Cell Count will be discussed along with the benefits of good management involved with proper use of the Somatic Cell Count Report.

Currently, plans are being made to schedule these mini workshops. Each workshop is esti-

mated to last about 2½ hours. All agri-business personnel who are interested in being involved with such a workshop

are urged to contact the Pa. DHIA region manager who represents their area.



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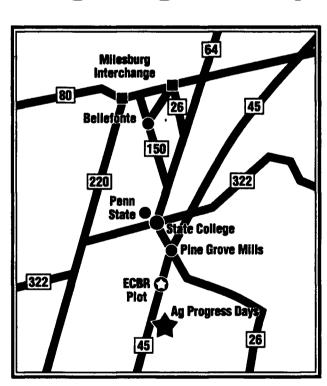
See the First

EPA Approved Corn Borer Resistant Hybrids

at Ag Progress Days

On Wednesday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted Ciba Seeds the first ever registration for the commercial marketing, sale and use of hybrids genetically engineered for protection against European Corn Borer. The product will be available as Ciba Seeds' MaximizerTM hybrid corn and will be identified as having KnockOutTM built-in corn borer control.

According to Fred Lepley, executive vice president at Hoffman Seeds, "European Corn Borer annually costs U.S. corn producers nearly \$1 billion in yield losses. This year has been particularly tough on Eastern corn growers.



Ag Progress Days will be held August 15th, 16th, & 17th at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center, nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45. "Maximizer hybrids increased yields 14.3 Bu/A in 1994 field trials compared to non-ECBR hybrids when exposed to these pests."

A test plot featuring the new hybrids can be seen at Ag Progess Days (see map for location). More information can be obtained at Hoffman Seeds' booth.

Introductory quantities of Maximizer hybrids will be available from Hoffman Seeds for the 1996 growing season. Hoffman is an associate producer of Ciba Seeds and also sells and distributes Funk's G® brand hybrids.



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