

Polish Delegation Visits Pa.DHIA

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Recently a delegation of Polish officials toured the facilities at Pa. DHIA. The group consisted of regional directors and agents of extension in Poland.

The tour was given in conjunction with several other activities during a two-week stay in the State College area. During that time the delegation had a chance to tour several agriculture sights.

This is an exchange program where directors and agents from each extension group visit each other's program. This serves as a learning experience for each group. Ideas that are exchanged are taken back to Poland for further scrutiny.

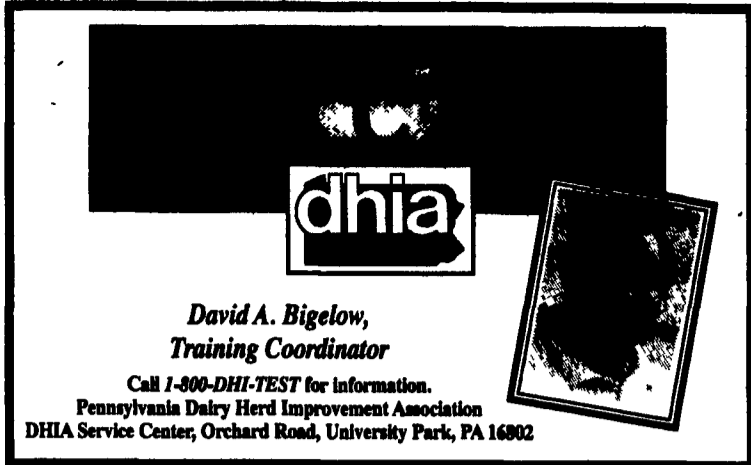
Pa. DHIA Manager Dave Slusser and his wife Kaye completed a project in Poland working with dairy farmers to boost milk production. In the process, they developed a working relationship with

the Extension Service of Poland and several of the agents who toured the facilities here in Pa. DHIA services and in their infancy in Poland, as the Slussers witnessed when they lived on the dairy farms in Poland.

While visiting Pa. DHIA, the delegation remarked several times

on the high production and superiority of American cattle. They were amazed to see the high records of American cows.

American agriculture is far more advanced than the Polish counterpart. This serves as an excellent opportunity for educating the Polish agents.



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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 - 3.0 bu. 5.36 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 3.65 bu. 6.10 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 1.62 bu. 3.47 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 1.42 bu. 4.42 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 5.62 bu. 9.39 cwt.
Ear Corn 69.50 ton 3.48 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 75.5 ton 3.78 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 80.50 ton 4.03 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 85.00 ton 4.25 cwt.



Pat Toretti, senior computer programmer for Pa.DHIA, demonstrates the abilities of modern data processing equipment and technology to serve dairy farmers.



Standing in front of the Pa.DHIA laboratory and data processing center Dave Slusser, general manager of Pa.DHIA, and his wife Kaye, greet a group of visiting extension workers from Poland. From the left are Edward Matouzak, Barbara Szblewska, Katarzyna Grzymata, Andrzej Apolinarski, Dave and Kaye Slusser, Edmund Scibisz, and Roman Kobzinski.

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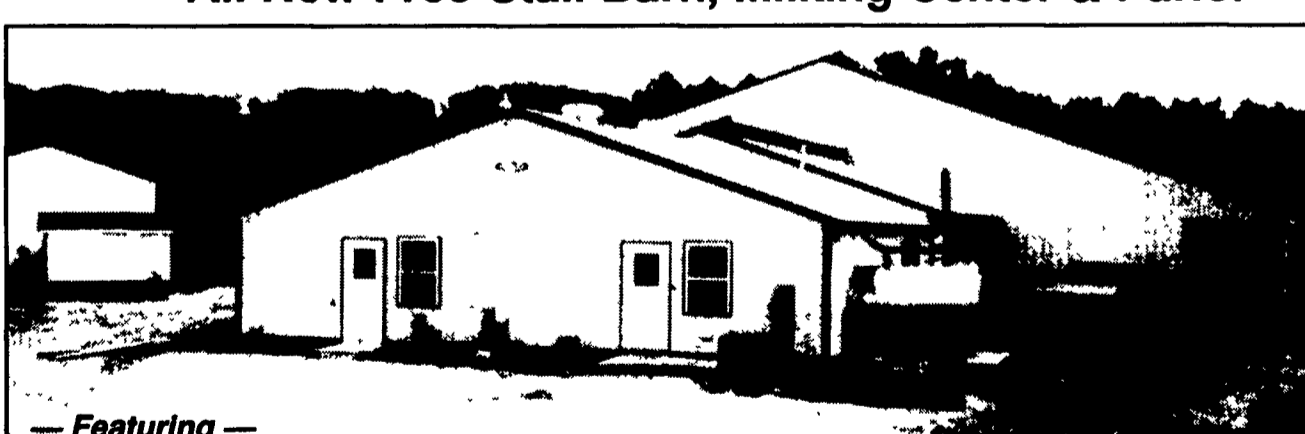
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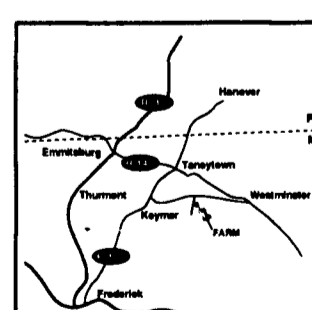


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