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Pa.DHIA Holds Meeting On Out-Of-State Records

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UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Recently the field staff at Pa.DHIA held two workshops in northern New Jersey and one workshop in southwestern New York.

The record meetings involved Dean Amick, director of field operations, and David Bigelow, training coordinator.

Included on the itinerary for discussion and explanation were the milk urea nitrogen testing, the newly established performance economics, herd summary I, herd summary II, reproductive report and the somatic cell count report.

Discussion of goals and areas of improvement on reading records were discussed.

A round table discussion was held in order to update the membership on the status of the organization as well as answering any

questions.

The staff at Pa.DHIA feel that it is important to continually update the membership on any new changes through the record meetings. This allows the members to share their thoughts and ideas in different areas.

The staff in return can present these ideas to the different advisory committees for further scrutiny.

In recent months the cooperative has continued to grow in out-of-state membership areas. Though continuous updating and educating of the membership on records as well as any changes we hope to see a steady growth in new members.

Pa.DHIA services members in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia and Missouri. Please feel free to contact the office at (800) 344-8378, if we can assist with your dairy operation.

4-H Offers Leadership Training In Shooting Sports

YOUNGSVILLE (Warren Co.) — Pennsylvania 4-H is conducting a shooting sports leader training program and instructor certification course for adults interested in working with youths ages 8-18.

It will be held May 17-19, at Camp Harmony Heart, Jermyn (near Scranton).

According to Sanford Smith, Warren County Extension Agent, the workshop will be funded in part by a \$2,500 grant from the National Rifle Association through their "Friends of the NRA" program and a \$600 grant from the Federal Cartridge Company.

Programming will involve spe-

cialized training and certification for instructors in the NRA/4-H rifle, pistol, and shotgun shooting sports programs.

Archery participants will receive National Archery Association Level 1 certification. Program participants will be certified to organize 4-H project clubs and conduct instruction in these program areas.

Several related projects and activities will also be introduced during this year's training including "Woodworking for Wildlife," "Wildlife Through The Seasons," "Endangered Species" and the Penn State 4-H Habitat Evaluation contest.

Spring Conferences

The field staff at Pa.DHIA would like to extend a welcome to all county agents, artificial insemination personnel, nutritionists and other agribusiness people to attend one of the spring technician conferences.

The lineup of spring conferences promises to be as educational as ever. The theme of this year's conferences is, "Back to Basics, Forward to the Future."

An extended amount of time is to be spent on interpretation of records as well as an allotment of time for a roundtable discussion.

All agribusiness people are asked to call Norma Homan, (800) 344-8378, for reservations by March 13.

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 - 3.86 bu. 6.90 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 - 4.93 bu. 8.23 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 - 2.96 bu. 6.32 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 - 2.16 bu. 6.72 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 - 7.18 bu. 11.99 cwt.
Ear Corn 93.33 ton 4.67 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay - 110.50 ton 5.53 cwt.
Mixed Hay - 104.50 ton 5.23 cwt.
Timothy Hay - 104.25 ton 5.21 cwt.

The 4-H shooting sports program has grown rapidly in Pennsylvania with over 2,300 youths ages 8 to 18 completing projects in this program area in 1995.

4-H members receive training in marksmanship, firearm safety and handling. They also have the opportunity to compete in county, regional and statewide contests.

Air pistol, air rifle, archery and .22-caliber rifle contests are held for teens at 4-H State Achievement Days at Penn State University

Pa.DHIA Spring Conferences

MARCH

22, Friday — At Millerstown Fire Hall, located off Rt. 22/322 at Millerstown Exit. For Cumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, and Snyder counties.

25, Monday — At Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Exton, located a half mile south of the Pa. Turnpike along Rt. 100. For Bucks, Chester, Lancaster and Montgomery counties.

26, Tuesday — At Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, located off of 178 at Exit 8. For Lebanon, Berks and Schuylkill counties.

27, Wednesday — At General Lee's Family Restaurant, located along Rt. 30 West, before Gettysburg Battlefield. For Adams, Franklin and York counties.

28, Thursday — At Hoss's Steak and Sea House, along Rt. 22, in Huntingdon. For Huntingdon, Fulton and Mifflin counties.

29, Friday — At The Ranch House, along Old Rt. 220, south of Claysburg. For Blair, Bedford and Cambria counties.

APRIL

1, Monday — At Candlelight Restaurant in Donegal, located at Exit 9 off of the Pa. Turnpike. For Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset, and Indiana counties.

2, Tuesday — At the All American Truckstop in Milton, located off of 180 at Exit 32. For Union, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Columbia, and Luzerne counties.

3, Wednesday — At Sinbad's, located along Rt. 6 in Wysox. For Bradford and Sullivan counties.

4, Thursday — At Mountainview Restaurant, along Rt. 106 in Clifford. For Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming counties and New Jersey.

5, Friday — At the Bonanza in Mansfield, located off of Rt. 15 at the Mansfield Exit. For Potter and Tioga counties.

10, Wednesday — At the Dutch Treat in Spartansburg, along Rt. 77. For Crawford, Erie, and Warren counties and New York.

11, Thursday — At Howard Johnson's in Mercer, located off of 180 at Exit 2. For Mercer, Butler, Venango, Lawrence, Beaver and Armstrong counties.

12, Friday — At Days Inn in Clearfield, located off of 180 at Exit 19. For Clearfield, Elk, Centre, Clinton, Jefferson, and McKean counties.

NOTE: All Pa.DHIA Spring Conference meetings are set to be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ty in August.

For more information about the 4-H Shooting Sports program and this training contact Smith at the

Warren County Cooperative Extension office in Youngsville at (814) 563-9388.

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