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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pa. DHIA recently completed another field training seminar on July 12, at the Holiday Inn in State College.

Congratulations to Theresa Shick of Jefferson County, Laura Fitch of Tioga County, and Susan Lander of Franklin County for completing their studies.

The field training seminar is just one of several steps in the training procedures at Pa. DHIA. Before attending the five-day field training seminar all new technicians receive the initial training. This training involves working directly with an appointed

trainer from Pa. DHIA. All aspects of the testing procedures are covered. Also included in the initial training is getting familiar with the laptop computer. The overview of responsibilities, sample handling and equipment procedures are covered in depth. Pa. DHIA recognizes the importance of on-the-farm training. This involves the trainer being present with the newly hired technician and training to explain how to perform in a parlor herd, pipeline herd as well as a bucket herd. At this point in the training process, practical situations such as managing a circuit and recognizing a rule infraction are covered. Communication to both the

dairymen and the Pa. DHIA staff is important for a successful circuit. Therefore there is much time spent on how to handle different situations that may arise in the field.

As the trainee completes two weeks of employment, the trainer once again completes another round of training. This involves being together at six different herds where an evaluation takes place to determine if more in depth training is needed.

The field training seminar follows shortly after the two-week evaluation. The period between the two sessions allows for different situations to arise that bring about more questions.

This gives each new technician the exposure they need to gain more experience. This also allows for communication situations between the Pa. DHIA staff and the dairymen on their circuit.

The five-day field training seminar covers in depth the Quick Barn Sheet on the laptop computer

A special emphasis is put on the correct usage of the computer, as well as having each technician become familiar with each option on the option screens. The correct procedure for starting a new herd

and the correct procedures in handling split herds is also taught in this seminar.

Professionalism and also circuit management is taught along with many different examples on how to handle different situations that come up in the barn.

An in-depth study of feed and

forage is taught along with the different formulas needed to calculate milk price.

A special emphasis is placed on the laptop computer at the field training seminar with its constant usage. Our main objective is to make each technician familiar and

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From the left, Susan Lander, Theresa Shick, and Laura Fitch complete a field training seminar continuing their professional development as Pa. DHIA field technicians.

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**Potato - Late Blight  
University of Wisconsin Field Trials, 1994**

Treatment	% Infection
Untreated	61.1
Bravo Zn	1.5
Bravo Zn	3.4
Penncozeb DF	10.4
CHAMP Formula 2	10.8

Data courtesy of Dr. Walter R. Stevenson, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, 1994.

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