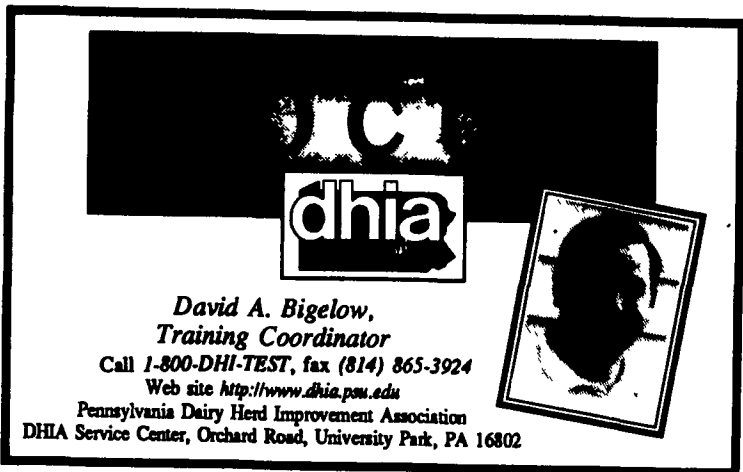


Pa.DHIA Plans Corporate Meeting



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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association has finalized its program for the ninth annual meeting of the corporation to be held on Feb. 13 and 14 at the Days Inn Penn State, in State College.

The program is split, with the annual meeting to be held Feb. 14, while educational programs start during the previous evening.

At 7 p.m., Feb. 13, James Boyer, Pa.DHIA data processing director, is to present a workshop on computer hardware and software.

Specifically, he is to focus on information needed before buying a computer and what equipment or programing is needed in order to download dairy herd information from the Pa.DHIA mainframe computer to the computer at home.

Another workshop is to be presented by Boyer, following the annual meeting the next day. That workshop is to focus on the Internet, and is to be a hands-on seminar.

Specifically, Boyer is to teach what is needed for accessing the Internet, accessing Pa.DHIA through the Internet, and how to download Pa.DHIA herd data into

a home computer through the Internet.

According to Dixie Burris, space is limited for the workshops and they are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to participate, call Burris immediately at 1-800-344-8378.

The annual corporate meeting is set to start with a breakfast buffet at 7:15 a.m., followed by a general session.

Presiding over the meeting is to be Pa.DHIA Vice President Norm Hershey, a dairyman from Lancaster County.

Pa.DHIA President Lane Soltenberger, a dairyman from Franklin County, is to provide a welcome and call to order.

Dave Dowler, an agricultural and dairy extension agent from Mercer County, is to provide a presentation on new trends in managing feed stuffs.

The special guest speaker is to be James Ferguson, VMD, an associate professor with the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. He is to speak about true protein and milk urea nitrogen and how to use it to better manage a dairy herd.

In addition, there is to be a business meeting, finance report, and reports from the Data Processing Committee, General Manager David Slusser, the Resolution Committee, and the president.

In addition, Sonny Meyerhoffer, director to the National DHIA is to report on activities there.

Following the business meeting and reports, an awards luncheon is scheduled to be held at the Day's Inn with Patty McMurray, from Eighty-Four, scheduled to serve as master of ceremonies. State Dairy Princess Angela Werley is scheduled to be guest speaker. Entertainment has also been scheduled.

An alternative program has been organized for interested spouses. Janice Derr is to lead the group making money roses and woodward angels, playing games and making crafts. In addition, there are opportunities to shop in downtown State College, at the Nittany Mall nearby, or at some of the Penn State Campus stores.

Also being offered are tours of the Pa.DHIA Service Building, and the Central Milk Testing Laboratory.

For more information, call 1-800-344-8378.

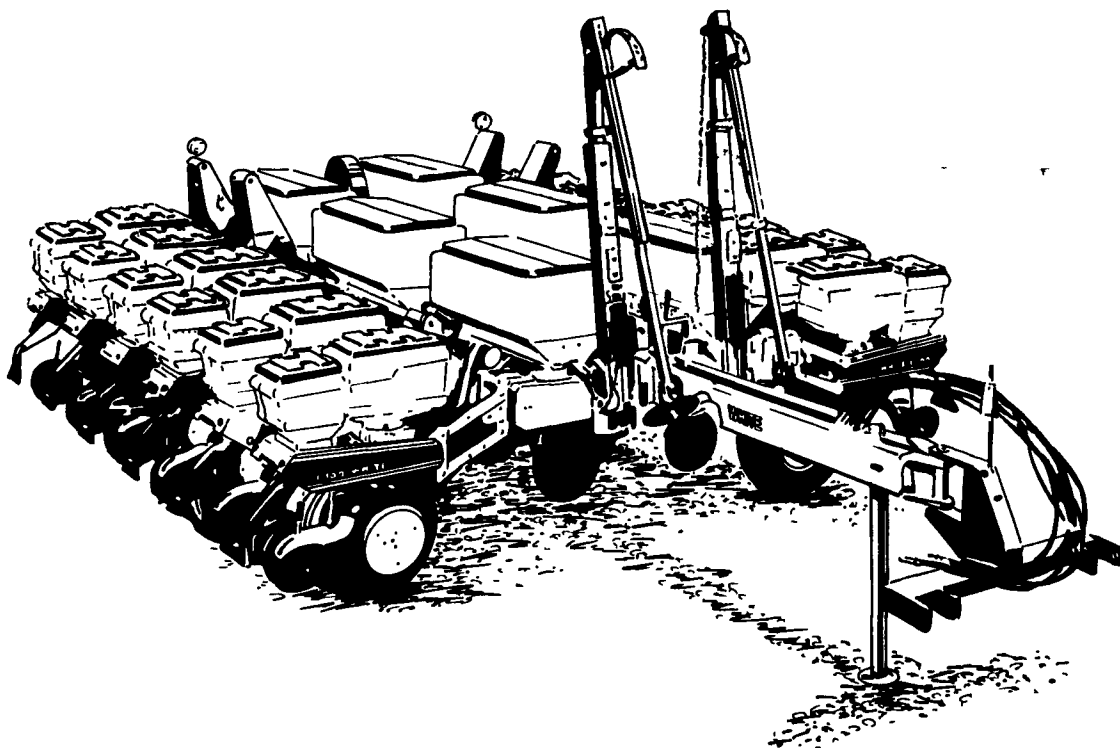
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- Barley, No. 3 — 3.185 bu., 6.82 cwt.
- Oats, No. 2 — 2.27 bu., 7.08 cwt.
- Soybeans, No. 1 — 7.245 bu., 12.10 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 79.84 ton, 3.99 cwt.
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