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## Pa. DHIA Expansion

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pa. DHIA continues to grow into competitive territory with the new addition of a technician in central New York. Having graduated from Cornell

University and being a former 1992 Broome County dairy princess, Becky Silvanic of Whitney Point, New York, is up and running as a Pa. DHIA technician, already serving six herds in the Cortland-Chenango counties (New York) area.

## Farmland Trust, Ag Preserve Board Focus On Helping Plain Sect Farmers

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Also included in the discussion was the need to explain both preservation programs to township planning commissions so that townships may become more sympathetic to preservation and be able to clear up misconceptions individuals may have about farm preservation.

To date more than 200 farm totally 14,000 acres are on the waiting list. In 1998, the preserve board will be required to use a ranking system when selecting farms to preserve with state monies. The Preserve Board wants to make certain that an even handed approach is used in ranking when funds become available and will use Trust funds in helping to purchase easements on farms that may not rank as

high.

"Confidence from the public has grown since the Ag Preserve Board was established in 1980 and the Farmland Trust in 1988," Stouffer said. "We have had tremendous increasing support from agribusiness."

This support enabled the Trust to preserve more farms and exceed the funding of last year's goal.

Both organizations will continue working in the same direction characterized by closely working together.

In the past, joint board meetings of both preservation organizations met annually. But, Stouffer said that they plan to conduct smaller meetings several times throughout the year to focus on strategies.

Becky grew up on a 61-cow dairy farm as well as worked on various farms during her college years which gave her a mix of different situations which in return prepared her for a role as a Pa. DHIA technician.

Since the age of nine, Becky has been a member of several 4-H clubs which included dairy as well as other pertinent clubs.

When asked what she likes most about being a Pa. DHIA technician, Becky said, "I like being around cows, seeing different farms and how they are operated."

Pa. DHIA invites the dairy industry in welcoming Becky aboard and feel free to contact Pa. DHIA at 1-800-344-8378 if we can assist with your dairy operation.

## Average Farm Feed Costs For 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.

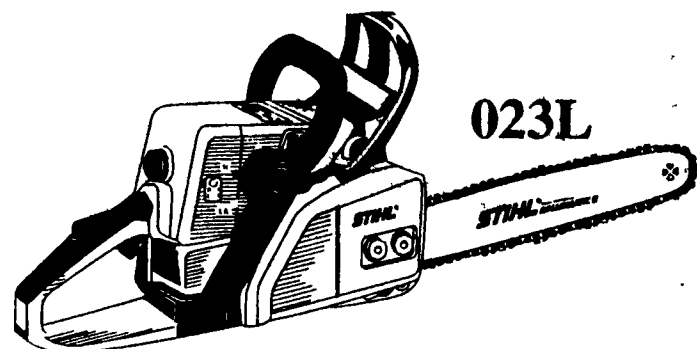
Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No.2y — 3.045 bu., 5.45 cwt.

Wheat, No. 2 — 4.02 bu., 6.71 cwt.  
Barley, No. 3 — 3.12 bu., 6.68 cwt.  
Oats, No. 2 — 2.26 bu., 7.05 cwt.  
Soybeans, No. 1 — 7.21 bu., 12.04 cwt.  
Ear Corn — 82.12 ton, 4.12 cwt.  
Alfalfa Hay — 137.50 ton, 6.875 cwt.  
Mixed Hay — 133.90 ton, 6.70 cwt.  
Timothy Hay — 122.50 ton, 6.125 cwt.

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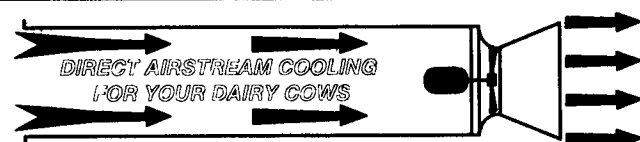


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