

Pa.DHIA Schedules Technician Conferences

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The schedule for the 10 annual Pa.DHIA spring technician conferences starts March 21 and runs through April 10, at various locations throughout the state.

Attendance at the spring and fall conferences is mandatory for technicians. It is time spent providing technicians with updates on new technology and policy, as well as reviewing programs, field work and technician observations.

All conferences begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The spring conference is just one of three annual conferences held to further update and educate each technician. Also, mini-conferences are held monthly to address any questions or concerns each technician may have concerning the job.

The main topics to be presented at this year's series of spring conferences include a new billing system, as well as a review of all reports and programs included in the Pa.DHIA packages.

Along with these activities, time will be spent analyzing the Westfalia Dairy Plan reports and the Customized Optional reports that are currently available.

Technicians should be reminded to bring their computer and printer to the meeting they are to attend.

If other attendance arrangements need to be made, the region manager should be contacted immediately.

Please feel free to contact Pa.DHIA at 1-800-344-8378 if we can assist with your dairy operation.

PA DHIA Spring Conference Schedule

MARCH 21
Millerstown Fire Hall, located at Millerstown Exit of Rt.22/322. For Cumberland, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin and Snyder counties.

MARCH 25
Candlelight Restaurant, in Donegal, at Exit 9 of the Pa. Turnpike. For Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset, and Indiana counties.

MARCH 26
The Dream Restaurant, in Hollidaysburg, along Rt.22, east of town. For Blair, Bedford, Cambria, Huntingdon, Fulton, and Mifflin counties.

MARCH 27
At the Mountain View Restaurant, along Rt. 106, in Clifford. For Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties, and New York.

APRIL 1
At the All American Truckstop, at the 180 Exit 32 in Milton. For Union, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne, New Jersey, Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties.

APRIL 2
At the Bonanza in Mansfield, off of Rt.15. For Potter, Tioga, McKean, and Bradford counties.

APRIL 3
At the Howard Johnson, at the 180 Exit 2 at Mercer. For Mercer, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Venango, Lawrence, Armstrong, Jefferson, and Warren counties, and New York.

APRIL 6
At the Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Exton, located along Rt. 100, about 1/4-mile south of Pa. Turnpike. For Bucks, Chester, Lancaster and Montgomery counties.

APRIL 9
Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, at 178 Exit 8. For Lebanon, Berks, and Schuylkill counties.

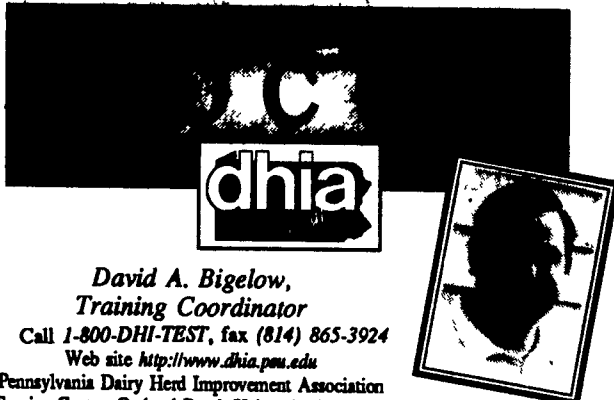
APRIL 10
At General Lee's Family, along Rt.30 West, east of the Gettysburg Battlefield. For Adams, Franklin, and York counties.

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 — 3.035 bu., 5.43 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 — 4.085 bu., 6.82 cwt.



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Barley, No. 3 — 3.155 bu., 6.75 cwt.	Alfalfa Hay — 137.50 ton, 6.875 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 — 2.27 bu., 7.08 cwt.	Mixed Hay — 132.50 ton, 6.625 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 — 7.23 bu., 12.074 cwt.	Timothy Hay — 125.00 ton, 6.25 cwt.
Ear Corn — 81.64 ton, 4.082 cwt.	

Young Farmers Announce Meeting, Workshop

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association has announced two important dates.

A planning meeting to host the 1999 National Young Farmers Education Institute in Pennsylvania is scheduled Saturday, March 22 at 5 p.m. at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey.

Members and guests are invited to serve on committees and to have their suggestions be heard for the success of the institute.

The Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association Leadership

Workshop is scheduled Tuesday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Embers Conference Center in Carlisle.

Speaker at the workshop is Nate Lehman, advanced training development specialist. The topic is "Seven Basic Skills For Effective Management." Cost for the workshop is \$10 per person. Registration includes lunch, breaks, and handouts.

Deadline for registration is March 22. Make checks payable to Richard W. Hoppes, PYFA Education Coordinator, 419 Farview Rd., Hamburg, PA 19526.

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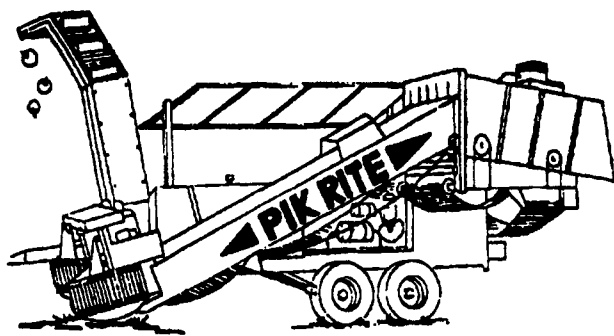


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