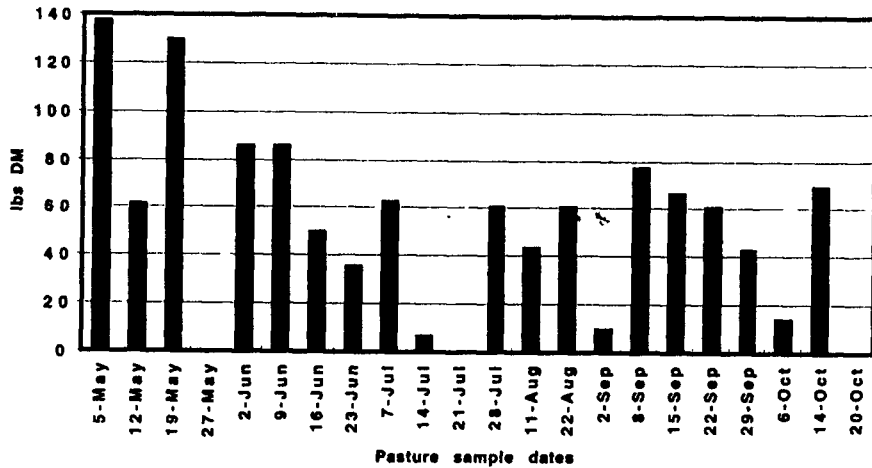


1998 Pennsylvania Pasture Growth Study

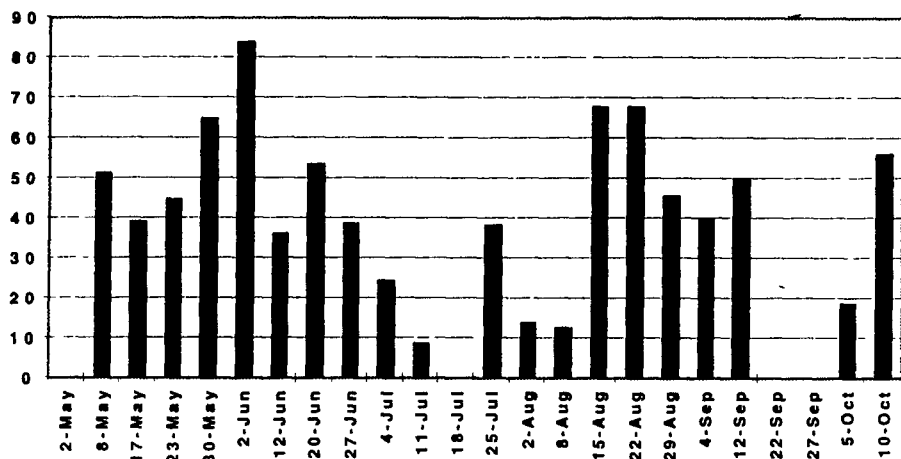
(Compiled by Craig Williams, Tioga County extension agent)

The following is pasture grass growth from Berks and Somerset county. Notice how fast the grass grows in the peak times of the year. To keep up with this growth, we must keep the cows moving around the paddocks. News reports from England and Ireland say they are averaging 125-150 % faster growth this spring than their normal. In the upcoming weeks I will show the comparison for last year to this year. We have had lots of rain here in Tioga County, If it warms up and the sun comes our grass growth is ready to take off.

Berks Growth /Day



Somerset Pasture Growth Rates



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food-borne illness is caused by improper food handling.

Hoffman said more management and testing techniques, such as those in the Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance Program, must be developed for producers and processors. This program, which is voluntary and is the only one of its kind in the U.S., has reduced instances of SE-positive poultry plants in the state from 38% to 9%.

Processors must develop better packaging and storage techniques, Hoffman stated. At the processing level he feels irradiation may be the ultimate answer to food safety, but the economic feasibility of building irradiation plants must be examined even before tackling the problem of consumer acceptance of eating irradiated foods.

Overcoming the political opposition to the use of vaccine to prevent avian influenza is another challenge for poultry scientists, Hoffman said. Currently the USDA bans vaccine use, and foreign buyers have threatened to embargo chicken and egg products from treated birds.

Hoffman cautioned that although animal rightists, who

believe animals have the same rights as humans and should not be under human control, have so far alienated legislators with their outrageous behavior and illegal activities, they may become more moderate in their approach. If they do, Hoffman feels they may get support for their view that all animals should be totally free.

To be successful in their careers, Hoffman told the students they should be likable by not being negative and argumentative and should be self-starters, doing tasks that need to be done before they are assigned.

In other banquet activities club members received awards, the new officers were announced, and club advisor Dirk Wise reviewed the club's activities for the year.

Award winners were: Highest Grade Point Average - Heather Lehman; Highest Grade Point Average in Poultry Science - Jason Martin; Most Active Club Member - Stephanie Bowman; and Most Active New Club Member - Matt Molnar. The new officers for 1998-99 are: President, Stephanie Bowman; Vice President - Jason Martin; Secretary-Treasurer - Tom Karr; and Ag Student Council Representative - Matt Molnar.

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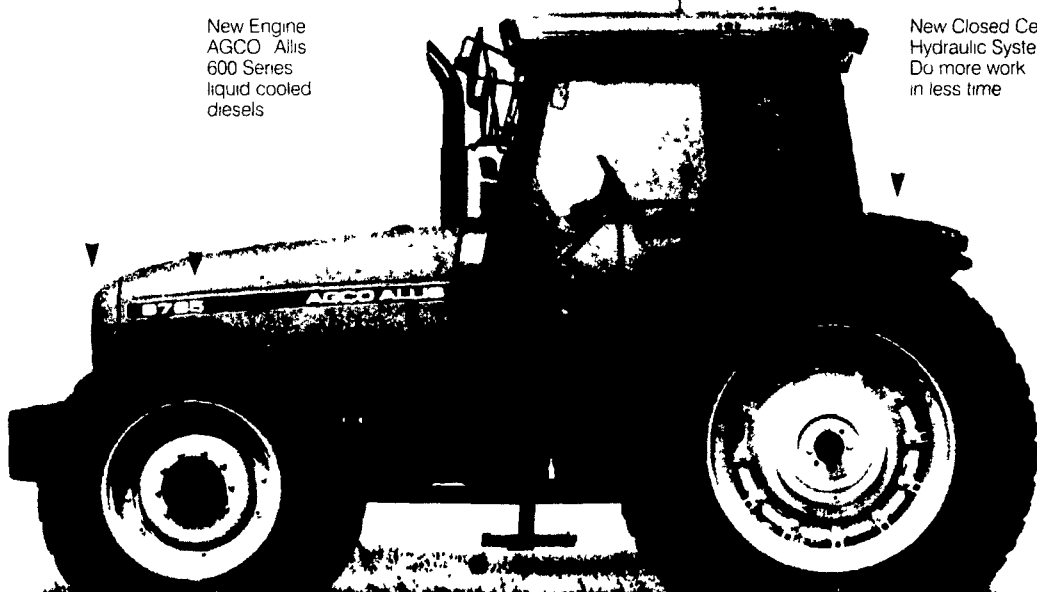
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