

Pennsylvania DHIA

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ia: Cooperation with country personnel, dairymen, DHIA Personnel, Statistical Performance, Neatness and Appearance. Technicians may only win this award once. It is required that a technician win this award prior to consideration for the Herb Gilmore Memorial Superior Technician Award. The winners each received a jacket and a check for \$25. The winners of this award are, Region 1, Cindy Davis, Erie County; Region 2, Laurie Grove, Huntingdon County; Region 3, Carol Jordan, Lycoming County; Region 4, Arlan Crider, Franklin County.

Rookie of the Year

The PA DHIA Rookie of the Year award was established to honor new technicians who have shown exceptional aptitude in learning the job of a PA DHIA

Technician. These individuals must have worked at least six and no more than 18 months and have demonstrated outstanding cooperation with the state and local DHIA associations in conducting an efficient and accurate testing program. This award consisted of a jacket. There are two categories for this award; one for full-time employees and the other is for part-time employees. This year's award for full-time employees went to Richard Bedford, Bradford County. The award for part-time employees went to Ginger Bowman of Bedford County.

Putnam Memorial Award

The Putnam Memorial Award was initiated in 1983 in honor of Dexter N. Putnam for his contributions to PA DHIA. Mr. Putnam was an extension dairyman from 1957 until his retirement in 1982. Dexter's dairy extension responsibilities included working with DHIA technicians to improve their accuracy in reporting data on DHIA forms. This award is given annually to the technician who commits the fewest errors per 1,000 cows tested. Technicians may only win this award once.



Merit Award Winners from Region 1: Left to right front row; Anne Brooks, Centre County; Jean Wolfe, Jefferson County; Ralph Rudy, Centre County; Theresa Shick, Jefferson County; Dave Hitchcock, Warren County. Second row: Darren Little, Centre County; John Simpson, Butler County; Larry Brol, New York; Terry Willow, Snyder County with Region Manager Dean Aden.

This year's winner received an embroidered jacket. The award for 1998 went to George Cashell of Franklin County.

Retirement Awards

There was only one recipient of the retirement award. This year PA DHIA honored Dean Cheek who retired after almost 42 years of service to Pennsylvania DHIA.

In recognition of his years of service he was given a grand Nittany Lion statue engraved with his name. Due to illness, the award was accepted on his behalf and we wish Dean a speedy recovery.

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Years of Service acknowledgement: Randy Mayes with 20 years of service.

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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 — 2.72 bu., 4.86 cwt.

Wheat, No. 2 — 2.72 bu., 4.54 cwt.

Barley, No. 3 — 1.39 bu., 2.98 cwt.

Oats, No. 2 — 1.52 bu., 4.74 cwt.

Soybeans, No. 1 — 6.15 bu., 10.27 cwt.

Ear Corn — 81.91 ton, 4.10 cwt.

Alfalfa Hay — 121.25 ton, 6.06 cwt.

Mixed Hay — 104.25 ton, 5.21 cwt.

Timothy Hay — 108.00 ton, 5.4 cwt.



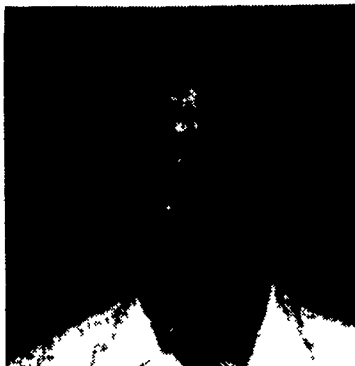
Years of Service acknowledgement: Ken Smith with 30 years of service.



Exceptional Service Award for region 3 is left Diane McIlwain presented by Region Manager Linda Sticklin.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Paul Martin with 20 years of service.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Jay Risser with 45 years of service to PA DHIA.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Joe Hays (left) and John Simpson with 25 years of service.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Leonard Miller with 35 years of service.



Years of Service acknowledgement: Shane Henry (left) and Jim Batz with 15 years of service.



Distinguished Service Award winner Carol Jordan (left) of Lycoming County with Region Manager Linda Sticklin.