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## Dog Days Of Summer

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The dog days of summer are upon us once again.

How to keep up milk production becomes a problem this time of year. One way to alleviate this is to make sure that your fans are in working order. First make sure that you have enough fans to cool your cows.

Here are some reminders about your fans.

1. Check and tighten all V sprinklers at a feed bunk should encourage longer feeding time, resulting in an increased dry matter intake or at least prevent a reduction in intake during the really hot stretches.

belts. Replace cracked or old ones.

2. Clean fans regularly.

3. Each fan should be able to move air about 10 times the diameter of the fan. A 24-inch should be able to move air 24

feet. Don't over stretch the capacity of the fan.

4. Be sure that the fan angle is positioned properly for maximum effect on the cows.

5. Fans in combination with

### 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 — 2.54 bu., 4.54 cwt.

TOWANDA (Bradford Co.) — The public is invited to attend a reception honoring Bradford County Extension Dairy Agent Jacob Guffey on his retirement from Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Guffey retired July 31 after working as county agricultural agent in Bradford County, for more than 40 years.

During this time he provided education to adults and youth involved in the dairy industry. He was also actively involved with the County's 4-H Youth Development Program.

For the past 14 years he has

Wheat, No. 2 — 2.30 bu., 3.83 cwt.

Barley, No. 3 — 1.39 bu., 2.98 cwt.

Oats, No. 2 — 1.38 bu., 4.30 cwt.

Soybeans, No. 1 — 5.33 bu., 8.90 cwt.

Ear Corn — 80.00 ton, 4.00 cwt.

Alfalfa Hay — 111.50 ton, 5.58 cwt.

Mixed Hay — 115.75 ton, 5.79 cwt.

Timothy Hay — 112.50 ton, 5.63 cwt.

served as the county Extension director.

The reception will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the Wysox Fire Hall.

Special presentations will be given starting at 2:30 p.m.

There is no reservation fee, however, the planning committee requests persons planning to attend make a reservation by Sept. 4.

Contact the Extension Office at (717) 265-2896 or e-mail BradfordExt@psu.edu to make your reservation.

Contributions are being accepted for a gift. Persons wishing to contribute may drop off or send the contribution to Reception, Bradford County Extension Office, P.O. Box 69, 701 South Fourth Street, Towanda, PA

18848.

A book of letters and notes are being compiled into a notebook for Jake. If you would like to include your message, please send it to the above address.

The planning committee is arranging a picture display for the reception. If you have a picture of Jake that you would like to share please send to the Extension Office.

Be sure to include your name and address on the back so the picture can be returned, and include information on when and where the picture was taken and names of other persons in the picture.

The planning committee would appreciate all reservation, contributions, letters, and pictures to the Extension Office by Sept. 4.

## July Milk \$13.53

ALBANY, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied regulated milk dealers (handlers) under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during July 1998 will be paid by handlers on the basis of a uni-

form price of \$13.53 per hundredweight (29.1 cents per quart).

The price for the corresponding month last year was \$11.67 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Ronald C. Pearce also stated that the price was \$13.41 in June 1998. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

A total of 9,718 dairy farmers supplied handlers regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders with 1,014,547,421 pounds of milk during July 1998. This was a decrease of 1.4 percent (about 14 million pounds) from last year.

The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$137,211,627.04. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not premiums, deductions authorized by the farmer, or assessments.

Regulated handlers used 390,877,780 pounds of milk for Class I, 38.6 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test, and skim milks. For July 1998, handlers paid \$13.30 per hundredweight (28.6 cents per quart) for Class I milk compares with \$13.12 a year ago.

Handlers used 156,150,625 pounds of milk for Class II products, 15.4 percent of the total. Class II products include fluid cream egg-nog, ricotta and cottage cheeses, ice cream, and yogurt. Handlers paid \$11.18 per hundredweight for this milk.

Milk used to manufacture Class III products including butter, cheese (other than ricotta and cottage cheeses), and whole milk powder totaled 448,802,349 pounds (44.2 percent of the total).

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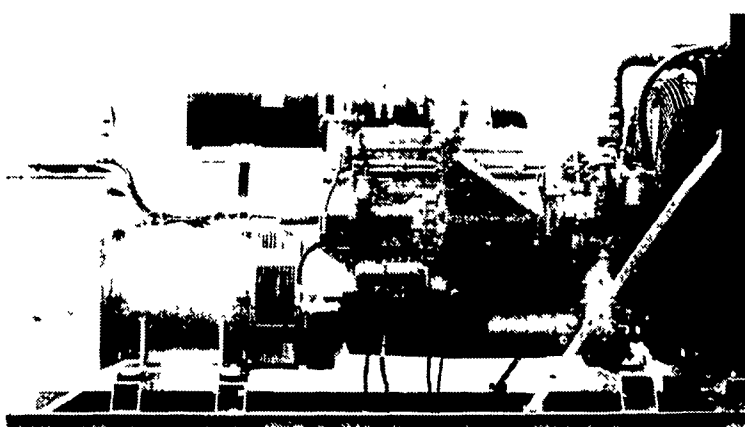


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