

Top Pennsylvania DHIA Herds By County For July

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County	Rank	Name	Score	Count	Score	Count	Score	Count	Score	Count		
WASHINGTON	268	HAMILTON BROS	125146	918	3	7	805	3	2			
	83	CO HILL FARMS	237711	897	3	8	792	3	3			
	39	MARION PYLE STONE	24807	923	3	7	777	3	1			
	72	JOHN & J B MARCHBZAK	23158	822	3	6	742	3	2			
	93	PLAINFIELD FARM PART	23257	889	3	8	712	3	1			
	WAYNE	51	KBV&GRARDA BURLBIGH	24373	906	3	7	787	3	2		
		54	DAVID&SHRILA BANICKY	23522	900	3	8	774	3	3		
		72	HIGHLAND FARMS	23304	817	3	5	756	3	2		
		42	DALB WOROBBY	22117	801	3	6	745	3	4		
		47	CON ACRES	23117	756	3	3	736	3	2		
74		CARL SHEPSTONE	21460	727	3	4	733	3	4			
94		ROWE BROS	22195	847	3	8	702	3	2			
37		AL WAR FARM	20922	733	3	5	700	3	3			
58		ART & BARB RUTLEDGE	21730	771	3	5	695	3	2			
89		TRI NON FARMS	21095	760	3	6	693	3	3			
WESTMORELAND	52	ALTON C OLVER	21514	805	3	7	689	3	2			
	72	HARRY R MARKER	27319	894	3	3	885	3	2			
	60	JOHN & ROBERT GRAHAM	23524	863	3	7	766	3	3			
	40	HIXSON FARM	23145	900	3	9	743	3	2			
	82	BILL JBRANNIB SBLEMBO	21685	821	3	8	701	3	2			
	67	JAMES B MC QUAYDE	21390	818	3	8	698	3	3			
	57	KRITH C WALTERS	22084	807	3	7	693	3	1			
	170	CATALINA DAIRY	21736	853	3	9	691	3	2			
	41	WILLIAM BUTTERMORE	21021	644	3	1	689	3	3			
	ADAM S & JANICE DEER GREEN HILL FARMS	94	ADAM S & JANICE DEER	20297	806	4	0	683	3	4		
44		GREEN HILL FARMS	21731	796	3	7	682	3	1			
WYOMING		76	INSINGA HOLSTREINS	25910	888	3	4	804	3	1		
		77	COUNTRY HEAVEN HOL	23856	834	3	5	796	3	3		
		47	MEADOW POND FARM	24195	823	3	4	759	3	1		
		40	MELVIN Z MUSSER	23880	868	3	6	746	3	1		
		72	T + R FARM	23378	836	3	6	744	3	2		
		68	AMOS M STOLTZFUS	22805	877	3	8	742	3	3		
		VENANGO	165	DICK-MAR FARMS	24294	895	3	7	793	3	3	
			52	JERRY-KATHY BEARY	22525	848	3	8	748	3	3	
	61		GAYLORD R WAGNER	21319	823	3	9	713	3	3		
	102		MITCHELL DAIRY	20897	807	3	9	675	3	2		
WARREN	47		RICHARD HARRINGTON	24266	899	3	7	808	3	3		
	35		RONALD HUNTER	25268	847	3	4	806	3	2		
	52		ROLLING ACRES	23668	833	3	5	783	3	3		
	57		ARM VIEW HOLSTREINS	21919	703	3	2	725	3	3		
	42		MARTHA BEARDSLEY	21734	839	3	9	686	3	2		
	68		JARED LINDELL	20417	758	3	7	680	3	3		
	YORK	70	WAYNE-ROGER SHERWOOD	23773	871	3	7	773	3	3		
		73	SCOTT & APRIL COOPER	29106	1034	3	6	900	3	1		
		74	SMYSERS RICHMAN FMS	27463	1019	3	7	843	3	1		
		104	WALK LB HOLSTREINS	26129	953	3	6	824	3	2		
87		GLEN & DAWN ANDERSON	25263	773	3	1	803	3	2			
63		LEONARD GREEN	23720	877	3	7	784	3	3			
RUTTERS		59	RUTTERS	25106	905	3	6	783	3	1		
		112	CALVIN HOSTETTER	23635	860	3	6	770	3	3		
		88	WAYSBAR FARM	23972	844	3	5	753	3	1		
		101	EARL FUHRMAN	23444	824	3	5	742	3	2		
	23	KATE-ANN	22715	752	3	3	738	3	2			
	143	ELVIN G MOLISON	22651	792	3	5	727	3	2			
	108	LYNN WOLF	22268	788	3	5	726	3	3			
	41	WILLIAM MYERS	22690	771	3	4	719	3	2			
	102	STUMP ACRES	22487	866	3	9	712	3	2			
	63	ELVIN L DBITER	21557	727	3	4	694	3	2			
NEW JERSEY	337	MYERWOOD FARMS	26135	939	3	6	791	3	0			
	120	GREEN VALLEY FARM	21515	704	3	3	718	3	3			
	46	WILLIAM KRKKNDALL	21225	796	3	7	693	3	3			
	67	DRAKES ACRES	20737	757	3	7	691	3	3			
	NEW YORK	69	HALL, BERNARD B	26223	957	3	7	837	3	2		
		109	POWELL FARMS	23900	871	3	6	779	3	3		
		394	HIDDEN VALLEY FARM	24824	855	3	4	768	3	1		
		77	RON, KAREN, & RON CHASE	24007	901	3	8	748	3	1		
		100	HUGH L MARTIN	23323	834	3	6	746	3	2		
		1036	WINSOR ACRES	22658	781	3	4	687	3	0		
63		STEVEN LOCKE	21376	795	3	7	686	3	2			
MARYLAND		143	QUEEN ACRES JERSBYS	19569	962	4	9	756	3	9		

Farmers Should Beware Of Silo Fire Danger

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dry weather in many parts of Pennsylvania may be causing an increased risk of tower silo fires from a lack of proper forage moisture content and/or from poor fermentation of silage, which in turn could lead to the production of greater amounts of volatile gas that can ignite a silo fire.

Dennis Murphy, professor of agricultural engineering and a farm safety expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, explains that the moisture content for forages stored in a silo should be between 45 and 65 percent. If the moisture content falls below the 45-percent level, fire risk increases. He adds that several gases, including hydrogen and methane, are by-products of fermenting silage.

"If excess gases are present, they could burst into flames if

exposed to a source of ignition, such as static electricity or sparks created during the loading or blowing of silage," Murphy said. "Other potential ignition sources are barn lights or other electrical equipment near or at the base of unloading chutes."

Murphy says farmers should take the following precautions to help reduce the risk of silo fires:

- Test the moisture of the forage being ensiled.
- Water down silo unloading chutes.
- Provide plenty of ventilation around the silo, especially at loading areas and up chutes. "Use a barn fan to keep extra oxygen moving up the silo chute," advised Murphy. "This helps prevent the generation of excess silo gases and dilutes the gases present, keeping them from reaching explosive concentrations."

• Clean out chaff and other debris from the silo chute and from the rungs or frame of chute doors.


Murphy said farmers also must remember that besides the potential fire hazard, silo gases are toxic, especially in the first 48 to 60 hours after filling. "If you must enter the silo within the first 48 to 60 hours, protect yourself by wearing a self-con-

tained breathing apparatus," he said. "If you don't have access to one, stay out of the silo."

"Dangerous levels of silo gas may be present for an additional two to three weeks," he said. "To enter without a self-contained breathing apparatus during this period, ventilate with the silo

blower. Open all doors, run the blower fan for 20 minutes and leave it running while you are in the silo. Enter only after you have put on a respirator for toxic dust, and have a second person with you to assist in an emergency.

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