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Minnesota DHIA 2019 District Meeting Information

We invite all members; please come to hear our speakers and enjoy a lunch. You are more than welcome to attend any of the meetings regardless of district. All districts will elect delegates to the Minnesota DHIA Annual Meeting. MN DHIA directors will be elected in the Northwest and Southwest Districts

Lunch is free of charge. Please call our office to pre-register 1(800) 827-3442 ext. 0
Email or text admin@mndhia.org

Or

RSVP Online at mndhia.org/2019-district-meetings

Your Lameness Team

West Central and Central District

Stearns, Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Pope, Swift, Stevens, Todd, Traverse and Yellow Medicine counties and South Dakota North of Highway 212.

February 19th at 11:45am at Cornerstone Buffet
223 E Kraft Dr, Melrose, MN 56352

Metro District

Carver, Hennepin, Le Seuer, McLeod, Meeker, Scott, Sibley and Wright counties.

February 22nd at 11:45am, Unhinged Pizza
425 Merger St, Norwood

Always a hot topic! Lameness is the subject of new research and discussion at the U of M.

Erin Wynands, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota working with Dr. Gerard Cramer is offering a unique opportunity to discuss lameness challenges with your fellow dairy folks. The goal is to understand the barriers you are facing, to influence future research to combat lameness in Minnesota Dairy herds.

Erin will be on the program for the meeting and will lead a Lameness focus group after the district meeting, from 1:15 to 2:30. If you are willing to participate in that discussion, she will provide you with a **\$50 gift card** for your time. This segment is limited to the first 8 registrants.



Fine Tuning your Dairy

Northwest District –Board Election

Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Wadena and Wilkin counties.

February 21st, 11:45am at the Holiday Inn
1155 Hwy 10, Detroit Lakes



Invited speaker, Jim Salfer, University of Minnesota Extension Educator, will lead a discussion on a variety of management topics. Jim gets out to a number of dairy farms throughout the state addressing a variety of topics. Get ideas from your neighbors and collaborate. What can we do to control feed costs, what sources of bedding are available, what strategies are there for raising heifers, and whatever else comes up for discussion.

Meeting start with lunch at 11:45,
followed by our guest speaker
-District business meeting will be held
during lunch and delegate will be elections
held

Southwest District - Board Election

Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Waseca and Watonwan counties and South Dakota south of Highway 212.

February 25 11:45amth at Pizza Ranch New
Ulm,

1927 S Broadway St, New Ulm, MN 56073

Dollars to Decisions

Our guest speaker is Joleen Hadrich 'Associate Professor Department of Applied Economics University of Minnesota. Farm Management and Production Economics are her subject areas.

Joleen has been working on combining farm financial records and DHIA data to calculate the financial impact of various management decisions.



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Northeast District

Anoka, Aitkin, Barron, Benton, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Ramsey, Sherburne, Saint Louis, Washburn and Washington counties.

Tuesday **February 26**, 11:30am

at the Central Minnesota Farm Show

Location: St. Cloud at the River's Edge Convention Center Board Room

Lunch is free of charge, but we need a count in order to have food present.

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The district meeting will begin at 11:30 and we will have lunch while we visit. You will have a chance to visit the farm show and hear the speakers



Dairy Comp 305 Users Meetings

What are you going to hear about?

"Cow Care"

Invited Speaker Craig Walters of VAS will discuss the use of the free CowCare module that you all have on your Dairy Comp 305.

"What's New at VAS" will be the second presentation and includes the New Vision and VAS new Platform Demo. New management at VAS is driving changes in how you can access and enter your data, as well as more education on how to use it. Hear from MN dairy producers who already use this free feature.

Have Questions? This is a great opportunity to get live support on your Dairy Comp Program.

District Meeting will start at **11:45am** with lunch. Software meeting is after lunch.



South Central District

Dakota, Dodge, Goodhue, Rice, Steele and Wabasha counties.

February 27th at Hy-Vee

Owatonna

1620 S Cedar Ave, Owatonna

Southeast District

Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Olmsted and Winona counties.

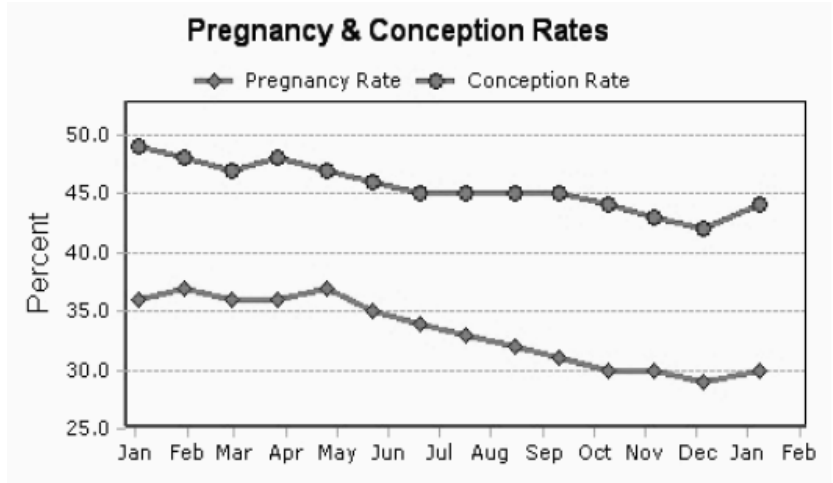
February 28th at the Green Mill

Winona,

1025 US-61, Winona, MN 55987

Check out your Free Report: Herd Evaluator

What's your herd's status? This month's free report, Herd Evaluator, provides a summary of your herd's performance. This report shows your current test day, previous test day and your test day a year ago, and the top 25% of herds so you can compare 5 key areas, including milk yield, milk quality, turnover, reproduction, and herd inventory. Each of these categories includes a colorful graph of your progress over the last twelve tests on the left side of the page. This is especially useful for pointing out the seasonality in some numbers (such as pregnancy rates and somatic cell counts, both of which tend to get worse in warmer months).



From the graph you can easily see that this herds pregnancy and conception rates have been declining since May. Have you changed breeding technicians? What else has changed on your farm?

Reproduction	Current	Prev. Test	01-03-18	Top 25%
Heat Detection Rate	73	67	62	68
Days to 1st Service	73	74	77	70
Calving Interval	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.5
Pregnant Cows (%)	54	52	55	57
Pregnant Heifers (%)	41	42	20	34
Do Not Breed (%)	9	~~~~~	~~~~~	~~~~~
Projected Age 1st Calving (Mos.)	22.7	~~~~~	~~~~~	22.6

Are you detecting heats efficiently or getting animals bred? How do your numbers compare to the Top 25% of herds? Start the new year on the right foot and use this report to make goals for your herd in 2019.

Access Dairy Comp Data Free on your Smart Phone

- Add items to cow cards to customize your page layout
- View individual cow production, events, and items for all lactations
- View your favorite Dairy Comp 305 reports
- Invite your herd's support team to connect with your dairy and access any data relevant to their role or expertise

Free to upgrade if you are on a support plan

Contact our support team at (800)827-3442 Heather Ext. 37 or Patty Ext. 17 to get more information on how to setup the new platform on your devices

CowCare Module coming soon!!



December Milk Quality Leaders ranked by SCC, then Log SCC

*denotes herd owner name used in lieu of farm name

SCC in thousands i.e. 68=68,000

Name	SCC	#Cows	Name	SCC	#Cows
GREGORY DAIRY LLC	30	88	VOGT DAIRY, LLC	74	320
HIGH POINT DAIRY	34	139	*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER	74	120
DAHRING DAIRY FARM	35	72	*PHILIP & SHEREEN HAUGE	75	42
*BRANDON + JILL MARSHIK	39	90	KUECHLE DAIRY	76	251
CIRCLE DRIVE HOLSTEINS	40	15	*AARON YURCZYK	76	56
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	41	79	HIDDEN HILL DAIRY LLC	76	358
*RICK AND ANN STOCKER	42	84	*KEVIN+CAROL SCHAFFER	76	25
BOETTCHER DAIRY	43	174	*TIM HINRICHS	77	111
*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	44	81	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND	78	320
*MARK KLEHR	44	56	*JIM NELSON	78	54
*JAMES & BETH OLSON	45	68	MARK RUEGEMER	80	75
*MATT BERKTOLD	46	172	KRONEBUSCH FARMS LLC	80	511
*DALE & KATHY DALQUIST	46	31	*CARLTON ZIMMERMAN	80	54
HAPPKE HOLSTEIN FARM	47	114	BEAVER OAK DAIRY	81	133
RKB DAIRY	47	126	*STACY & JULIE MILLER	81	94
PRIGGE FAMILY FARM	49	274	MONTAG DAIRY	81	68
*SCOTT GATHJE	50	71	*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	81	116
KARA-KESH HOLSTEINS	51	11	*ED MOLDENHAUER	81	330
HOEFS' DAIRY	52	293	*LARRY AND DIANNA BRAEM	81	38
TODD MANTEUFFEL	52	25	*DARREL&LISA MAUS	82	70
TWIN SPRUCE	52	86	LONE OAK FARM	82	30
*DAVID & CINDY HOESE	52	24	GROTH FAMILY FARMS	82	56
*JOHN WENNINGER	52	36	*ROBERT & RANDY SLIVNIK	82	55
*GREG & SANDY WALZ	54	55	ACKERMAN FARMS	83	104
HESSE FAMILY DAIRY	54	72	LUX-URY HOLSTEINS INC.	84	125
*DAVID SMITH	56	19	*JAMES & GARY SOBECK	84	289
CASEY O'REILLY DAIRY	57	94	DNA FARMS INC	84	89
BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	58	303	RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	85	118
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	59	153	KELLER DAIRY	85	119
*BRANDON STOMMES	61	97	*BRUCE&JAN FUNK	85	61
*GARY RYDEEN	61	34	BERGLANE	85	38
TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS	62	46	*DALE & LINDA SCHROEDER	86	78
*AARON & TIFFANY RUTHER	63	160	*MARVIN RADEMACHER	86	54
MARSHALL KORN	63	65	*LLOYD AND JULIE BLOMMEL	87	156
MUNDT DAIRY	64	198	MASCHKA DAIRY	87	270
*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	65	170	CHAMBERLAIN HOLSTEINS	87	146
HOLKER DAIRY	66	68	*CHRIS & DEANNA EMMERT	87	74
*ANDY & DARIENNE FRICKSON	66	114	TRU-LAN GUERNSEY	87	8
BEAVER OAK REDS	66	12	DREAM RIDGE JERSEYS	87	29
CZECH ROADSIDE ACRES	67	561	*TIM&SARAH AHO	88	158
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	67	255	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	89	178
BURKE DAIRY INC	68	193	CLOVER GLEN SWISS	89	41
*JOSH AND JON FRENCHICK	68	33	SAUFFERER BROS	89	16
BROOKSIDE DAIRY	69	480	SANDHILL DAIRY	91	352
JOHNSON DAIRY	69	111	*RON & PATTY STROBEL	91	40
SCHMITT DAIRY	70	92	*JON & LISA ZWEBER	92	122
*RICHARD B BITZAN	70	67	*NICK PRAMANN	92	102
*DEVOINE KRUSE	71	229	BORST FAMILY DAIRY LLC	92	277
*ADAM WHITEAKER	71	70	DAVID BANDLI	92	44
*BRUCE & JODI HEIM	74	378	LEROY DROPPS	92	18
			RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY	92	531

