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Annual Summary Data

See our website www.mndhia.org for the remarkable accomplishments and management triumphs of our DHIA members in calendar 2023. We will be adding more information as time allows. The popular Scorecard which is widely used by consultants has been up for a couple of weeks.

Some of the Annual Summary data is shared via Facebook and also in the Dairy Star. Local associations have also been provided with their information.

Minnesota DHIA Annual Meeting scheduled March 26 in Rogers from 10:45 to 2:30. There will be reports and discussion groups, but no featured speaker this year. If you are a member and interested in attending, please call Nancy Zander at (763) 233-7843 or email nancyz@mndhia.org for more information. Only delegates get per diem, but everyone who lets us know ahead of time gets lunch!

Price changes in 2024

With ever increasing costs in lab, field, and administration we will be increasing the base price for herds by a few cents per cow to help cover postage, workers compensation insurance, liability insurance, speedee delivery, gas prices, and health insurance benefits as well as the cost of lab chemicals for standard tests as well as the ELISA tests.

We are involved with National DHIA and some international DHIAs in the development of a new meter that is designed to be smaller and lighter and sample directly into the vial that is shipped to the lab. This should save time on sample day and enable easier sampling in some of the low line parlors but it requires an investment.

The scorecard for 2024 use is included in this member message as well. It is designed to help you pinpoint the areas where you excel as a manager, as well as identifying opportunities for improved production and profit. There is a cheat sheet on our website (mndhia.org) to make it easier to find the data if you are having trouble.

Central Plains Dairy Expo is coming up on March 19-21 in Sioux Falls, SD. We will be in booth AF104, located in arena in the same spot as last year. We will also have a DART expert from DRMS at our booth on Wednesday afternoon. Stop in and meet our new Director of Member Services and Support, Amy Loeschke, and our data handling specialist Alicia Vogl and look at the new Herd HQ tool.

IS SHE PREGNANT?

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Highlights from 2024 Member meetings

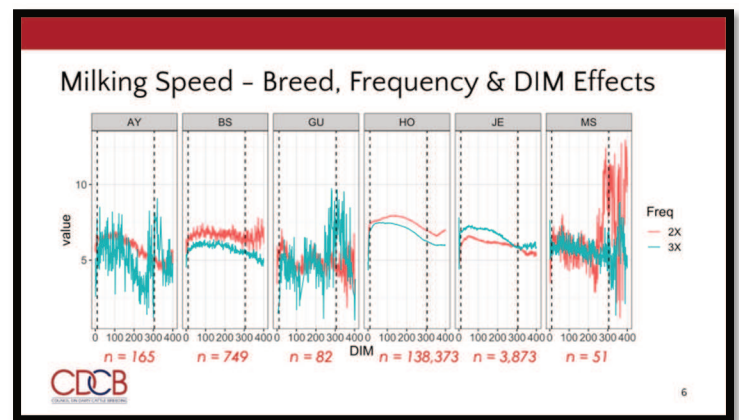
Seven presenters gave excellent talks on subjects important to today's dairy industry during our five online member meetings, held February 15-29. These are a few highlights of what you may have heard if you attended:



“Everything on the farm has changed, and we need to understand, those changes are huge. Even when you have a good year, you had stress all the way through it.” – **Ted Matthews**

“CDCB's milking speed evaluation is one of about 15-20 ongoing research projects. It will be based off quantitative data that comes from milking equipment, not from farmer opinion as in some other evaluations.”

– **Katie Schmitt**



“The biggest bottleneck to having too many lame cows is actually not finding enough lame cows. Here is how to look for lameness on a systematic basis.” – **Dr. Gerard Cramer**

Informative sessions also included speakers:

- Dave Scapanski, who spoke on state and national DHIA initiatives
- Pat Baier with highlights from the new HerdHQ tools
- Dr. Brad Heins, who talked about ongoing research at the WCROC Morris dairy station
- Dr. Luciano Caixeta, who spoke on selective dry cow therapy and dry off best practices

Recordings of these presentations are available on our new YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@MinnesotaDHIA, or simply scan this QR code. Please subscribe! Thank you to all who attended and participated in these meetings.



Minnesota DHIA Scorecard for 2024 Use

* Use yearly average values when available, not current test day.

All Cows, RHA Milk, December 2023

PRODUCTION MEASURES	Your Herd	<18,000	18-20,999	21-22,999	23-24,999	25-26,999	27-28,999	>29,000
Herds in Group	xxxxxx	64	94	87	108	118	95	60
Average Cows per Herd		81	91	105	153	240	383	495
RHA Pounds of Milk		15,430	19,656	22,028	24,049	25,987	27,968	30,679
Average Mgmt. Level Milk, All Cows		56	68	74	80	86	91	100
Average Peak Milk lb, 1st Lactation		69	69	74	81	85	91	97
Average Peak Milk lb, All Cows		82	81	89	96	102	109	118
Average Days in Milk		196	194	188	180	173	169	166
MASTITIS								
Raw SCC (in 1,000s)		354	322	256	222	205	181	153
Percent Infected (%)		26.8	26	22	19	18	15	13
Percent New Infections(%) Yr		7.8	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.1	5.5	4.4
IDENTIFICATION								
Percent Identified by Sire, 1st Lact.		60	74	77	87	95	94	99
REPRODUCTION								
Percent Dry 40 to 70 Days (%)		49	63	67	71	77	81	86
Pregnancy Rate (%)		11	12	15	17	18	20	23
Heat Detection Index (%)		19	28	31	40	43	48	52
Days to First Served		123	107	101	89	86	82	79
Services per Conception		1.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.9
Management Calving Interval		15.8	15.1	14.4	13.9	13.4	13.0	12.9
GENETICS (Adjusted for Genetic Trend)								
Average PTA\$, Service Sire		663	785	785	805	853	895	957
Average PTA\$, 1st Lact.		144	183	254	299	362	421	508
Average PTA\$, 2nd Lact.		71	180	190	240	301	350	444
Average PTA\$, 3rd+ Lact.		22	68	139	138	193	233	309
REPLACEMENTS								
Average Age Freshening, 1st Lact. (months)		35	28	27	26	25	24	24
Percent Herd, 1st Lactation (%)		32.9	35.4	35.7	35.4	36.0	36.1	35.4
Percent Cull Rate, 1st Lactation (%)		10.5	15.4	11.4	10.2	11.3	10.1	10.1
Annual Turnover Rate (%)		35.6	45.3	40.2	39.4	40.0	38.9	37.6

February Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows	Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	17	50	SUNSHINE DAIRY LLC	ARLINGTON	78	92
SWEET DREAMS AYRSHIRES	LAKE CITY	25	9	SOUTHVIEW DAIRY LLC	COLOGNE	80	123
*JIM AND MARY EVANS	PIPESTONE	33	113	*RYAN KNISLEY	EDEN VALLEY	80	60
JASSEL HOLSTEINS	ALEXANDRIA	36	78	*RICHARD LAMBRECHT	BELLE PLAINE	80	103
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	LITTLE FALLS	36	146	MCANDREWS DAIRY	SAUK CENTRE	82	456
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	41	283	*RANDY WAGNER	WEBSTER	83	362
SCHULTE FARMS	CALEDONIA	42	261	COUNTY LINE DAIRY LLC	FREEPORT	83	163
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	THEILMAN	42	295	*JOHN AND CONNIE DONNAY	GLENCOE	84	60
VIRCHOW DAIRY	GLENVILLE	42	33	DELBERT BECHTOLD	ST JOSEPH	85	38
BURKE DAIRY INC	SEBEKA	47	181	*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	ZUMBRO FALLS	85	76
TWIN SPRUCE	ROSE CREEK	50	86	CLARK FARMS,LLC	ROLLINGSTONE	86	715
PINE-VUE FARMS	ROLLINGSTONE	51	111	*DEB HEUER	LITCHFIELD	86	31
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	52	148	BORST FAMILY DAIRY LLC	ROCHESTER	87	274
*TREVOR DICKE	GOODHUE	53	96	RONALD WIRTH	RIDGELAND,WI	87	50
GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON, WI	54	137	INTRIGUE DAIRY	COSMOS	88	55
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	FREEPORT	54	36	*JOHN CASPER	MENOMONIE,WI	89	82
HAPPKE HOLSTEIN FARM	PIERZ	56	103	ERICKSONS DAIRY	BECKER	90	55
*MATT BERKTOLD	LAKE CITY	58	199	FAIRVIEW DAIRY	KENYON	90	249
*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	58	55	*MARK BROSIG	ALTURA	91	248
*MICHAEL BANSE	EITZEN	58	102	*SCOTT & MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	93	765
*JEFF PETERMEIER	MELROSE	59	52	SCHEFFLER DAIRY	ZUMBROTA	93	155
KRAIG & RACHELLE KRIENKE	LESTER PRAIRIE	62	632	GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	94	37
ACKERMAN FARMS	SAUK RAPIDS	62	106	*PETER + DAVID BURFEIND	GOODHUE	94	405
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	CALEDONIA	63	499	*DAN BRASCH	BROWNTON	94	20
GLEN-D-HAVEN HOLSTIENS	ALTURA	63	278	HEINTZ BADGER VALLEY FARM	CALEDONIA	95	194
SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	64	249	LUX-URY HOLSTEINS INC.	EDEN VALLEY	95	119
*NICK + DENNIS STATGE	FARIBAULT	64	256	*JOHN LARSEN	MANTORVILLE	96	44
MARSHALL KORN	ATWATER	64	55	*PAUL & ANDREW MIRON	HUGO	97	147
KOLTES DAIRY LLC	ST. CLOUD	65	131	SCHERPING FARM	FREEPORT	97	72
VOGT DAIRY LLC	SAUK CENTRE	66	321	*PAUL SCHUMACHER	HOUSTON	98	76
LAX-PIETIG DAIRY LLC	FAIRFAX	67	1067	RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	SHELL LAKE,WI	99	103
*ROGER ALDINGER	WINONA	67	115	STELLING FARMS	MILLVILLE	100	294
*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	67	71	LINDAHL FARMS	LINDSTROM	100	116
*ANDREW PRIMUS	MELROSE	68	40	*MATTHEW BEDNAR	WILLOW RIVER	100	63
*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	MONTGOMERY	69	48	*ROGER AND MICHELLE BENRUD	GOODHUE	101	99
*DARIN WALCHESKI	PIERZ	69	72	*BOB & KAYLIE GRUBER	PIERZ	102	281
SWEDE ALLEY JERSEYS	SOUTH HAVEN	69	13	LUBBEN DAIRY	EDGERTON	102	424
HIGH POINT DAIRY	MELROSE	70	152	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	ROLLINGSTONE	102	204
KUECHLE DAIRY	WATKINS	70	239	*CHAD BOHN	LITCHFIELD	102	18
WALNUT ROW FARM LLC	SPRING GROVE	70	23	*DANIEL & ANNETTE GREGOR	MONTGOMERY	103	61
TRAIL SIDE HOLSTEINS	FOUNTAIN	71	720	*DON AND SALLY WEISENBECK	DURAND,WI	103	435
BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	71	303	PEDLEY DAIRY	OCHEYEDAN	103	316
*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	CALEDONIA	72	185	IHRKE FARMS	EYOTA	103	122
*DARRELL LUHMANN	ROCHESTER	72	142	*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	LAKE CITY	103	122
PATNODE DAIRY LLC	CORCORAN	73	98	GRIEBELS BLACK AND WHITE	NEW ULM	104	69
*PAUL KAJER	NEW PRAGUE	75	16	*STACY & JULIE MILLER	PLAINVIEW	104	74
DANINGER INC	FOREST LAKE	75	123	BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	MINNESKA	105	318
REUTER FARMS	HASTINGS	76	137	*JOHN & KRIS MILLER	PLAINVEIW	105	380
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	76	548	RYLAARSDAM DAIRY FARMS	CHANDLER	105	263
FUNKS MIDWAY DAIRY	MELROSE	77	795	JIM KLAPHAKE	SAUK CENTRE	106	58