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The Annual Summary for 2019 is available on our website at www.mndhia.org. Outstanding management is represented on these pages. When you are looking on-line at ads from our sponsors you can click on that web address and visit their website. Data will also be published in the Dairy Star, and will be included in facebook postings and in the coming issues of Minnesota DHIA News. We do not plan to publish and mail the glossy book. The on-line version is in the book reading format and you may print that if you wish. If you would like a copy printed and mailed from the office please call us. This is the 25th year that we have been using the cloud to handle DHIA data, and this is where you will find the annual summary from now on.

View your reports at your convenience!

Web Reports, which allows you to access your regularly ordered reports online, is the same valuable service with a new updated look. **The link is available at mndhia.org.**

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-To Login: Username – Herdcode, Password – Release Code

(Call 800-827-3442 to get code)

-You will need to click “Subscribe”

-Click on the Web Reports Tab in the middle of your screen and select enroll in Web Reports.

-Then re-click the Reports & Data Tools and you can view your reports online.

Free

Free RFID Tags from the Board of Animal Health

USDA is providing free half duplex white RFID tags with the 840 series number. Distribution is through the Board of Animal Health and tags can be ordered on line at BAH.STATE.MN.US or by simply googling MN Board of Animal Health. THESE ARE ONLY BUTTON TAGS and cannot be made into a combo tag.

There is a forms dropdown and towards the bottom there is a line "Order RFID for Replacement Heifers." They will need their premises ID to order and 3 lines above the Order line is "Forgot your premises ID?" in case you did forget it. See the Official tags article below.

Orders can be placed for up to 200 RFID tags, they are for replacements only, and the number of tags provided is based on herd size with a goal of providing one years worth of tags for heifer calves.

Some herds may not want to or be able to use these tags if you have a system that requires full duplex tags such as robotic calf feeders or electronic meters. Some of those systems need to use half duplex so the dairy should know your own requirements. There may be herds that prefer the combo tags or may want to check with Holstein about using these tags for registering animals.

Thoughts on COVID-19, the coronavirus from Dan DeBano:

The health and safety of our members and employees is of utmost importance and therefore, we are doing our part to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Please follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in regards to hygiene and attempting to adhere to the 6 feet distance recommendation.

Proactive good hygiene practices are of the essence;


- No high-touch interactions like handshakes
- Maintaining safe distances of 6 feet + during conversation
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Wipe down your laptop with sanitizer wipes after each farm visit
- Keep hand sanitizer in your vehicle and use it frequently (before and after farm visits, after fueling your vehicle...)
- Don't touch your eyes, mouth, or nose.

Field representatives will continue to conduct testing under safe conditions. We will respect any producer who may request to postpone testing until this unusual situation passes. We may suggest a switch over to owner sampler. Many Milking Parlors are tight. This is a good time to re-evaluate where field techs setup your work space; a different location other than the parlor pit might be in order. If you are not using a flask pail, this may be one method of social distancing where the farm can collect the flasks and carry the pail to you. For stanchion barns; one option to switching flasks is to stand at a 90 degree angle from the producer. This is one way to avoid face to face interaction. Most dairy farms use milking gloves and Field Techs should be wearing those type of gloves.

From Bruce Dokkebakken: Common sense should prevail. Some of what is written above should be happening every day anyway. Work things out with the dairy so everyone understands. Finally, I am pretty concerned with anyone who does not take this Virus seriously. As one of our sage Field Techs told me; "I'd rather we look back at this in a year and wonder why we took all these precautions than look back and wonder why we didn't."

IS SHE PREGNANT?
CONFIRM IT WITH MILK

Milk Pregnancy Testing through Minnesota DHIA is accurate, cost effective, simple, and safe.



We offer **“Tweeners” test packets for milk pregnancy testing** cows between DHIA Sample Days. Check with your DHIA Field Technician or call Centre Labs at 800.369.2697 for details, shipping options and prices. The PAGs we test for are found throughout the milk, so unlike the SCC test, we do not need a representative sample – any squirts will do!

419,000 cows pregnancy tested and counting

March Milk Quality Leaders ranked by SCC, then Log SCC

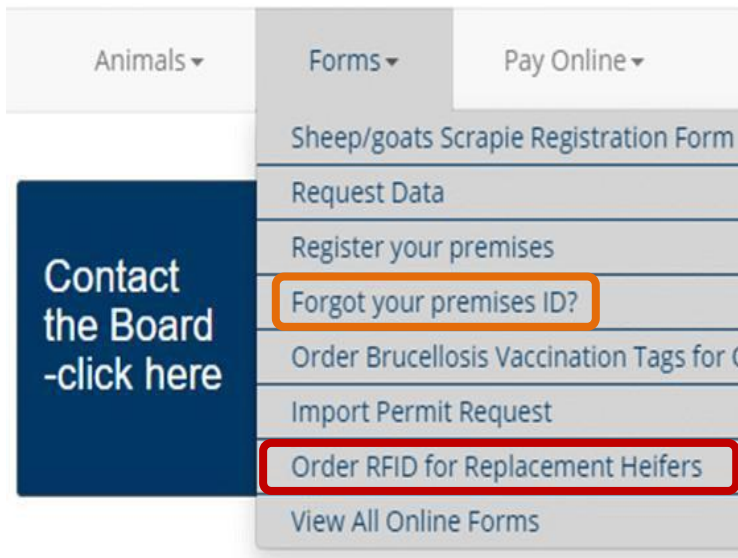
Name	SCC	# Cows	Name	SCC	# Cows
STARLIGHT ACRES	21	7	SCHROEDER BROTHERS	75	165
LEISEN FARMS INC.	29	65	*DALE & LINDA SCHROEDER	75	74
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	33	66	BEAVER OAK REDS	75	5
DELBERT BECHTOLD	39	47	GEHL ACRES FARM	76	142
TWIN SPRUCE	40	85	DNA FARMS INC	76	80
HIGH POINT DAIRY	41	124	CRAZY DAISY DAIRY	76	115
*CHARLES & MARY SCHORNACK	42	50	*LAWRENCE SUCHY	76	53
*JAMES & BETH OLSON	42	74	THOMPSON FAMILY DAIRY	76	240
*JEFFREY & KORINNA ROHDE	44	68	*LYNN + RACHEL MILLER	77	105
JOHNSON DAIRY	45	95	SCHMITY HOLSTEINS	78	194
*KEVIN HANSON	46	85	*LAWRENCE PENNINGS	78	72
*DEVOINE KRUSE	47	230	BREEZY POINT FARM LASKA	79	137
ACKERMAN FARMS	48	107	HESS FARMS	79	114
*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	49	74	*STEVE MARTIN	80	64
LUX-URY HOLSTEINS INC.	49	130	BERNDT DAIRY	80	86
SELKE FARMS	50	244	*MIKE AND DONNA TELLERS	81	54
HOEFS' DAIRY	51	284	RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC	82	232
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	51	247	REMIGER DAIRY LLC	82	132
MOGER FARMS	51	50	*TOM AND SUE HOLST	83	174
CASEY O'REILLY DAIRY	52	82	*SCOTT GATHJE	83	70
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	53	457	*SCOTT FEINE	83	70
IRISH RIDGE DAIRY LLC	54	84	*BRANDON STOMMES	83	93
*BERNARD JIRELE	54	29	SANDHILL DAIRY	84	351
SCHREIBER BROS	54	54	SUNSHINE ACRES	84	213
*JEREMY AND EMILY SMITH	57	34	DAN KREKELBERG	84	62
*ROBERT AND JEANNETTE SHEEHAN	58	60	*MATT BERKTOLD	84	187
WOLF CREEK DAIRY	59	463	*MARK BROSIG	85	231
RKB DAIRY	59	128	BREEZY WILLOWS FARM	85	38
*LLOYD AND JULIE BLOMMEL	60	156	*ROB & AMIE RUTHER	85	127
*LESTER DONNA BANSE	60	175	*STACI SEXTON	86	61
RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY	60	539	RON HENGEMUHLE	86	219
*GARY LEHNERTZ	61	191	VOGT DAIRY LLC	87	322
RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	63	107	*BRUCE & JODI HEIM	87	374
MERDAN DAIRY INC	63	84	R K D DAIRY	87	127
OAK LANE DAIRY	63	132	CRONK DAIRY	87	35
MARSHALL KORN	63	55	*STEVE&DEB HEUER	87	31
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	64	42	*MARK KLEHR	88	60
MID LANE DAIRY	64	22	*AARON & TIFFANY RUTHER	88	161
BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	65	310	*BRANDON + JILL MARSHIK	88	91
SONNEK FARMS	66	90	JC DAIRY	88	144
MARSHLAND FARMS	67	103	CLEAR CREST FARM,LLC	89	730
*NICK + DENNIS TATGE	68	249	*MICHAEL REDALEN	89	231
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	69	78	*TIM&SARAH AHO	90	164
CURRIER BROTHERS	70	114	GRAZIN ACRES	90	88
TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS	70	53	TROENDLE FARMS	90	107
*ADAM WHITEAKER	71	56	*STEVE & LORRIE HELLMANN	90	44
MEADOW FRONT FARMS	72	121	MEL & SPENCER HACKETT	90	141
BURKE DAIRY INC	73	180	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	92	191
SASS FARMS	73	249	BROOKSIDE DAIRY	92	508
*DUANE&KAREN TIMM	74	110	*ROGER ALDINGER	92	105
*ISIDORE & JANET LOEFFELHOLZ	74	69	PANEK DAIRY	92	130

Official Tag Options

The Board of Animal Health has run out of the steel NUES tags and will no longer be offering them. It is expected that by 2023 the only Official Tag will be the RFID "840" tags. These are available from Minnesota DHIA starting around \$2.35 each. It is popular to pair them with management tags.

In the meantime, we have developed and been selling All Flex plastic tags with the NUES numbers on them. These cost about 40 cents each, and are expected to be official until 2023. These tags are easier to read with better retention than the steel tags, and they are lower cost than the RFID tags. For more information contact Muril at Minnesota DHIA.

You will need to provide your premises ID to order any official tag from any source. All dairies in Minnesota have premises IDs as part of the "licensed to sell milk". The Board of Animal Health will provide that number to you on their website or by calling 651.296.2942.



Quick Tips: Preventing Accidents on the Farm

- Develop—then follow—a comprehensive and effective farm safety program.
- Prevent or avoid accidental injuries through positive actions, such as planning, preparing, reducing hazards, using protective equipment, training your help, and working and driving in ways that minimize the chance of mishap.
- Constantly be on the lookout for possible accident situations.
- Keep your mind on the job at hand.
- Take safety breaks throughout the work day to help you stay more alert and safer.

Source: Indiana Rural Safety and Health Council

Milestones:

Congratulations to Ron Gruber from Freeport who is celebrating 40 years of service and John Kelzer of Randall who is celebrating 25 years of service this month.

We thank you for your dedication to our members.