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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 months.

Annual Meeting Highlights

- Retiring Directors Leonard Hoen Jr of Norwood and Peter Kasper of Owatonna were thanked for their service. Hoen served 25 years over 2 different stints, and represented you well at Board meetings, National DHIA meetings, and Lab meetings. His wisdom and common sense were sought out and appreciated. Kasper served 9 years and Pete seemed to always be thinking about DHIA whether he was in a meeting or not. His willingness to speak up was a blessing.
- Officers elected for 2024 were President Dave Scapanski of Sauk Rapids, Vice President Peter Seitzer of St. Peter, and Secretary-Treasurer Holly Thompson of Plainview.
- Directors seated for new 3-year terms on the Board of Directors were Holly Thompson, Kathy Bauer of Faribault, and Angie Barlau of Waverly.
- Other continuing Directors are Mark Bechtold of St. Cloud and Brian Kimm of Pelican Rapids.
- Award Winners announced at the Meeting were:
 - Outstanding Service - Darcy Froehlich of Kerkhoven sampled 140,532 cows on 241 sample days. 13 of those herds are over 1,000 cows. In addition to using different kinds of meters and software, Darcy handles 2 different brands of robotic milking systems.
 - Outstanding Service - Tiffany Knott of Redwood Falls who tested 127,754 cows on 239 sample days in 2024. This includes 8 farms with over 2,000 cows. Tiffany uses 5 different kinds of weighing devices and 3 different data collection apps, and uses a wand to read RFID tags on sample day in some parlors.
 - Rising Star – Loretta Franke of Lafayette started with DHIA in 2023. She is part of the large herd crews, handles 4 robotic farms, and in February tested over 7,000 cows in 31 herds. This includes some relief testing where she has become very valuable.
 - Spirit of DHIA – Susan Smith of Ridgeland, Wisconsin has another full time job but still tests 17 herds per month and averages 12 tests per herd per year. Her turnaround time is a remarkable 2.0 days (sample day to mail date).
 - Recognized for the most ELISA tests (PG, Johne's, Leukosis) ordered were Field Techs Katie Shaw of Long Prairie, Ron Lange of Lewiston, Becky Bitzan of Garfield, and Tracie Vikla of Lonsdale. Over 150,000 milk samples have been ELISA tested in the past 2 years at Centre Labs.
 - Field Techs who lead in ear tag sales (both RFID and management tags) are Stephanie Tienter of Harmony, Don Heise of Lake City, and Tracie Vikla. Minnesota DHIA has sold over 825,000 tags since 2003.
- We are blessed to have many smart and dedicated field techs serving our smart and dedicated dairy farmer members in 4 states. Thank you to all. Special thanks to those who serve and lead us on the Board of Directors.

Video of the 2024 Member meeting speakers is available! You will find recordings of the Winter meetings on youtube.com/@MinnesotaDHIA. This is our new YouTube channel.

Price changes in 2024

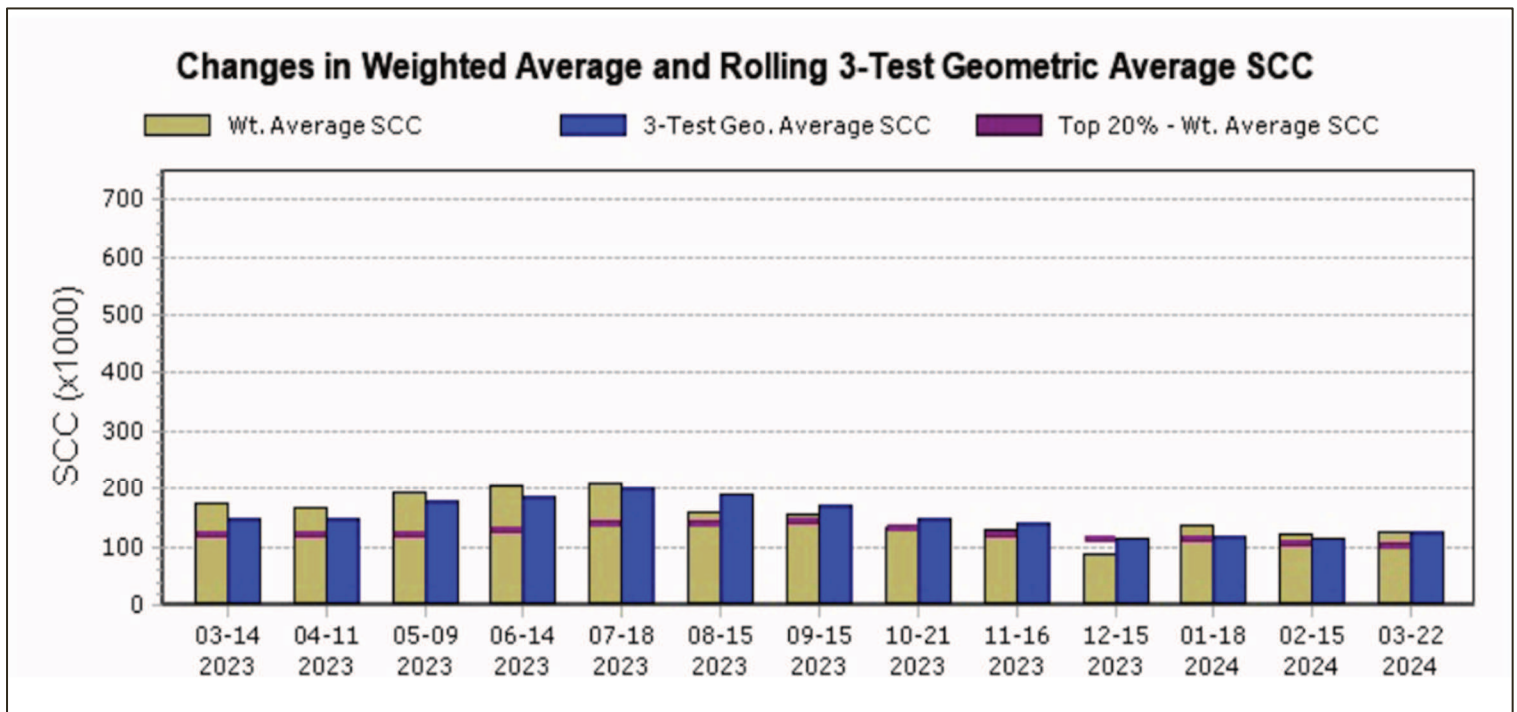
With ever increasing costs in lab, field, and administration we increased the base price for herds by a few cents per cow to help cover postage, workers compensation insurance, liability insurance, Spee-Dee delivery, gas prices, and health insurance benefits as well as the cost of lab chemicals for standard tests as well as the ELISA tests. The new charges started April 2.

We are involved with National DHIA and some international DHIA's 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 its development requires an investment that will also be covered by this price increase.

The Udder Health Monitor report contains a host of information for those who want to take a deeper dive into mastitis management. One piece that may be of interest is the 3-test geometric average SCC, shown below. We hear that some of your milk processors are now looking at this again. Compared to the weighted avg SCC, geometric average reduces the impact of any single SCC on the average for the 3-month period.

All graphs and charts provided in the Udder Health Monitor indicate the benchmark set by the top 20% of herds within 3 herd size categories (over 9,000 comparison herds available). More analysis, such as infection and cure rates, watch lists, and more are stratified by lactation number and stage in this report.

If you would like to see this report on your herd, please call Alicia at 763.233.7856 or email her at aliciav@mndhia.org. This is currently available as one of many "Reports on Demand". This means the information is available any time and does not need to be ordered on sample day. The data will be current as of the latest sample day. The report will be emailed to you at no charge.





Kinder Ground
Where compassion grows

Kinder Hoof Care Trimmer Training



A Hoof trimming course is offered to farm staff or professional trimmers who want to gain experience and understanding of maintenance trimming and treating lesions. Dates are June 12 (Univ. Minnesota), 13 and 14 (Hutchinson) and costs \$750 per person. The course is taught by expert instructors Dr. Gerard Cramer, University of Minnesota, and Jamie Sullivan, Rippleview Hoof Care Ltd. Register at: kinderground.networkforgood.com/events/68779-kinder-hoof-care-trimmer-training or use the QR code above.

Manure Testing available at the DHIA Lab!

Manure management plans depend on the nutrient content of your animal waste product. Centre Labs, Minnesota DHIA's Lab in Sauk Centre, is a certified lab facility that can analyze animal waste for its nutrient values. Free, postage paid, testing kits are available from Centre Labs. Contact the lab at 763.233.7866 for free shipping supplies.

Trusted, timely results:

- Solid or liquid manure analysis for integration into farm management and regulatory compliance programs
- Certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Results provided in a few business days.
- Testing kits include container, sampling instructions, lab information form, and postage paid return package.

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Available Analysis:

Basic Package: \$31.00

Moisture, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium

Expanded Package: \$39.00

Moisture, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Organic Nitrogen

Micronutrient Package: \$54.00

Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Organic Nitrogen, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, Sodium, Sulfur, Zinc

Carbon Nitrogen Ratio: \$11.00

For composting purposes

March Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows	Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	19	50	*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	CALEDONIA	81	184
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	30	285	GATEWOOD FARM	WILLMAR	82	74
SWEET DREAMS AYRSHIRES	LAKE CITY	30	8	D&L JOHNSON DAIRY FARM	WINONA	84	238
PINE-VUE FARMS	ROLLINGSTONE	42	114	*RONALD BEHOUNEK	HAYFIELD	84	291
VOGT DAIRY LLC	SAUK CENTRE	44	318	*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER	PLAINVIEW	85	133
GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	47	37	*MICHAEL & KACIE KURTH	STEWART	86	102
*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	ZUMBRO FALLS	48	78	BEAVER OAK DAIRY	ALTURA	86	130
JASSEL HOLSTEINS	ALEXANDRIA	49	74	KUGATH FARMS	COLOGNE	86	23
HIGH POINT DAIRY	MELROSE	49	155	FUNKS MIDWAY DAIRY	MELROSE	87	808
JOHNSON DAIRY	HERON LAKE	49	79	MERTON + TRUDY NELSON 2	ELLENDALE	87	23
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	CALEDONIA	50	495	GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON,WI	89	136
BURKE DAIRY INC	SEBEKA	51	180	*MICHAEL BANSE	EITZEN	89	106
*ROGER ALTENDORF	BELGRADE	51	57	*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	LAKE CITY	89	125
CURRIER BROTHERS	MANTORVILLE	52	97	*ROBERT AND JEANNETTE SHEEHAN	ROCHESTER	89	63
*MATT BERKTOLD	LAKE CITY	52	196	DELBERT BECHTOLD	ST JOSEPH	89	38
*BRIAN AND JULIE LIBBESMEIER	WATKINS	52	62	PAUL SCHILLING	FORT RIPLEY	89	54
*JEREMY BEYER	UTICA	52	38	*ADAM WHITEAKER	MANTORVILLE	89	66
CHUCKKLAPHAKE JARRETTBORG	SAUK CENTRE	53	128	GLEN-D-HAVEN HOLSTIENS	ALTURA	90	280
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	THEILMAN	54	300	MCANDREWS DAIRY	SAUK CENTRE	90	465
KIMM'S DAIRY	PELICAN RAPIDS	55	77	*BRUCE AND RUSS NELSON	FERGUS FALLS	90	87
*JIM AND MARY EVANS	PIPESTONE	55	7	*PAT & MIKE DUNCANSON	WINONA	90	94
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	FREEPOR	55	28	HILKE ERIC	ALTURA	90	187
*ROGER ALDINGER	WINONA	56	114	*RICHARD LAMBRECHT	BELLE PLAINE	90	103
*KEVIN HANSON	FOSSTON	56	84	DUX WILLIE	STEWARTVILLE	91	32
*MICHAEL DALQUIST	RANDALL	58	31	BLONIGEN DAIRY	BOWLUS	92	62
*ANDREW PRIMUS	MELROSE	59	39	MARSHALL KORN	ATWATER	92	56
BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	60	300	*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	93	78
SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	60	250	PATNODE DAIRY LLC	CORCORAN	93	98
ACKERMAN FARMS	SAUK RAPIDS	62	108	LOREN & LUKE OLSON	HUTCHINSON	93	38
*DEVOINE KRUSE	CALEDONIA	63	243	ZAHBULLS HOLSTEINS LLC	PLAINVIEW	94	488
*DARIN WALCHESKI	PIERZ	63	70	*SCOTT & MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	94	748
LAX-PIETIG DAIRY LLC	FAIRFAX	65	1051	*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	MONTGOMERY	95	49
RONALD WIRTH	RIDGELAND,WI	66	50	HEINTZ BADGER VALLEY FARM	CALEDONIA	95	192
*OLAF F + MERTON NELSON	ELLENDALE	67	9	*DANIEL & ANNETTE GREGOR	MONTGOMERY	95	59
SCHROEDER BROS LLC	CALEDONIA	68	153	EMERY DAIRY	DENNISON	95	160
LUX-URY HOLSTEINS INC.	EDEN VALLEY	70	121	INTRIGUE DAIRY	COSMOS	95	54
BORST FAMILY DAIRY LLC	ROCHESTER	70	271	BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	MINNESKA	96	321
*JIM & MARILYN SCHUMER	ST STEPHEN	70	76	KUECHLE DAIRY	WATKINS	96	243
*GARY SCHLAUDERAFF	FRAZEE	71	651	*PETER + DAVID BURFEIND	GOODHUE	96	402
*JEFF PETERMEIER	MELROSE	71	54	WRIGHT WAY DAIRY FARM	OSAGE	96	42
*TREVOR DICKE	GOODHUE	72	95	THISTLE DEW DAIRY	WESTBROOK	97	133
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	72	558	ANNEXSTAD DAIRY FARMS INC	ST PETER	97	207
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	PAYNESVILLE	73	59	PRIGGE FARMS LLC	WINONA	98	318
TRAIL SIDE HOLSTEINS	FOUNTAIN	75	728	STELLING FARMS	MILLVILLE	99	298
KRAIG & RACHELLE KRIENKE	LESTER PRAIRIE	75	633	PEDLEY DAIRY	OCHEYEDAN	99	311
HYDE-PARK HOLSTEINS	ZUMBRO FALLS	77	778	*JASON MEISSNER	EVANSVILLE	99	56
ZUMBRO VIEW FARMS LLC	ZUMBROTA	77	80	FELTMANN DAIRY	NORWOOD	100	192
SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	MAYER	78	150	IMPOLA DAIRY	SEBEKA	100	102
*NICK + DENNIS TATGE	FARIBAULT	78	257	STADICK FARM INC	NEW ULM	101	175
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	80	150	*DARRELL LUHMANN	ROCHESTER	101	145
*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	80	56				