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Annual Meeting

Minnesota DHIA's 54th Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday March 17 at the Bison Creek Entertainment Center in Buffalo. The meeting starts at 11 a.m.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Steven Sievert, who is the Technical Director for National DHIA and the Manager for Quality Certification Services. Sievert also serves as Chair, ICAR Subcommittee for Measuring, Recording & Sampling Devices, and just completed his work as head of the ICAR taskforce on Sensors. He combines common sense with great technical knowledge. Sievert knows what happens on farms on sample day, as well as the lab and Dairy Records arms of DHIA. His main topic will be the challenges and opportunities that technologies have created for the DHIA system and dairy farmers. Steven recently moved to Red Wing Minnesota.

We are still looking for a few delegates. The deadline to nominate someone or volunteer is Friday March 4. Please call the office at 763.233.7844 or email nancyz@mndhia.org if you are interested in being a delegate or would just like to attend the meeting.

Financials

Minnesota DHIA is and has always been audited by an independent auditing firm. The one we have used for a few years now is used by many farm cooperatives in the Midwest. As usual, this year they provided our Board of Directors with an audit "with no qualifications" meaning that everything is in order and none of their conclusions need any qualifying statements. Hats off to Lisette and Nancy for their good work, and this year, to Heidi as well.

We used to publish the financial reports in the annual summary but we do not do that anymore since the annual summary is Web only and we do not want to share our financials with our competitors. Complete copies of the audit are available to members and are discussed at District Meetings.

We will share that due to lab consolidation and some other cost cutting we enjoyed a good year. Our revenues for the year were over \$4.6 million and our increase in net assets for the year was just over \$450,000.

Our current ratio is \$13.47 to \$1.

We are looking forward to the installation of new lab equipment that can offer additional tests as well as the purchase of new samplers currently under development.

Bruce Dokkebakken

Happy Milestone Anniversary to Dale Woodward of Eyota who celebrates 35 years of service. We thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Dale stepped up to test more herds in his area this year due to the loss of a Field Tech to health issues.

Dart on-farm software has been around for 30 years and is used in daily management in 2,850 herds around the United States. Over 70 Minnesota DHIA members use PC Dart and we have been providing licensing and support for over a decade. The price has changed very little over that time. PC Dart was developed by DRMS, which in turn is owned by DHIA.

You will be pleasantly surprised by the pricing and the features of PC Dart. Users can view dozens of 2-5 minute videos on the website which cover a host of topics. Three longer videos for new users are also there for your viewing pleasure. You can also enjoy the optional “Tip Tuesday” which is a quick email tip that may make PC Dart use more valuable or even easier.

Of course unlimited live support is provided by Minnesota DHIA, backed up by the support staff of DRMS located at Iowa State University in Ames.



- 1 Used by **herds ranging in size** from 13 to 13,000 cows
- 2 Retains all data recorded during each animal's **lifetime**
- 3 **Comprehensive default reports and unlimited custom reports** featuring over 1,000 database items and the ability to use extensive filters, logic and grouping. Send your reports to PocketDairy for viewing on your mobile device
- 4 **Edit** system ensures proper information is recorded on the correct animal
- 5 **No charge for unlimited technical support** from experts with dairy background and an average of 15 years of experience with dairy herd management, PCDART, PocketDairy and DHIA
- 6 **Herd management analysis** with drill down capabilities available through Trackers: Activity, Conception, Maternity, Heifer and Inventory
- 7 **Vet Check day** management and simplification
- 8 **Affordable** monthly fee with no large up-front purchase
- 9 Access to **Money Corrected Milk** to compare profitability of individual cows when making breeding and culling decisions
- 10 Powerful **Timed AI** management system
- 11 Flexible and extensive **protocol and chore management system**
- 12 Can exchange data with over 25 **milking machine**, robotic and heat monitoring systems
- 13 Access to **award-winning companion mobile programs** PocketDairy and Vet Check Maxx which allow cowside input and sync to PCDART. Make quick work of group checks and vet check day with RFID features.
- 14 Use the free DART Safe feature to easily schedule automatic cloud backups that can be shared with consultants
- 15 **Import mating files and breed classification data**
- 16 **Scatter and line graphs** for cow and herd data
- 17 **Close-up group module** to ensure proper movement and analysis of transition cows
- 18 **Hoof care events** can be recorded as health events and hoof care history can be viewed in a standard report
- 19 Flexibly **import non-standard files** and data through powerful edit system
- 20 Easily **import genomic** test results and create custom reports to utilize this data
- 21 **Simple** Windows-based point and click
- 22 Robust **embryo transfer** capabilities to effectively track donor dams, recipis and implantation date
- 23 **Network** capability with multiple computers
- 24 **Customizable** user-defined fields and graphs
- 25 Available in **English and Spanish**

January Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC, then Log SCC

Producer Name	City	SCC	Cows	Producer Name	City	SCC	Cows
*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	29	73	FILK FARMS	HUTCHINSON	77	87
*KEVIN HANSON	FOSSTON	37	82	*TIMOTHY A. STOLTMAN	LITTLE FALLS	77	58
*CHARLES WILL	UNDERWOOD	41	8	NOLT FAMILY FARM	DODGE CENTER	77	125
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	42	59	BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	78	287
GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON, WI	45	144	STELLING FARMS	MILLVILLE	78	294
*JOE WUETHRICH	BROWNTON	46	27	TRAIL SIDE HOLSTEINS	FOUNTAIN	78	696
*GREG & SANDY WALZ	RICHMOND	48	35	*DAVID FLOM	DENNISON	78	30
*DEVOINE KRUSE	CALEDONIA	49	240	*SCOTT&MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	79	731
GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	50	40	RICHARD&MICHELLE SCHWEER	MILBANK, SD	79	47
*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	52	58	JASSEL HOLSTEINS	ALEXANDRIA	80	89
*JERRY & BEV POHLMANN	GREY EAGLE	52	68	*PAT&MIKE DUNCANSON	WINONA	80	105
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	52	143	*DARRELL LUHMANN	ROCHESTER	81	140
*JAMES C PFEIFER	OWATONNA	52	54	YOUNGS DAIRY	BENSON	81	115
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	52	517	*CORY AND KRISTEN SALZL	LITCHFIELD	81	20
RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	SHELL LAKE, WI	53	111	*DARREN & SONYA KERANEN	OSAGE	81	153
PINE-VUE FARMS	ROLLINGSTONE	53	103	SCHEFERS BROTHERS	PAYNESVILLE	82	73
HIGH POINT DAIRY	MELROSE	54	144	*TOM AND SUE HOLST	LANESBORO	82	179
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	54	295	CLARK FARMS,LLC	ROLLINGSTONE	82	592
ZUMBRO VIEW FARMS LLC	ZUMBROTA	54	77	JOHNSON DAIRY	HERON LAKE	82	97
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	LITTLE FALLS	55	143	NOSBUSH DAIRY	FAIRFAX	83	923
SASS FARMS	CHATFIELD	57	257	BROOKSIDE DAIRY	CLITHERALL	83	511
*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	CALEDONIA	58	182	TERRA MCCREE HOLSTEINS	BYRON	83	67
*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	MONTGOMERY	58	46	GORENTZ DAIRY	DENT	84	161
*JEREMY BEYER	UTICA	58	40	WRIGHT WAY DAIRY FARM	OSAGE	85	44
MC NAMARA FARMS	SPRING VALLEY	59	47	WINGERT REG HOLSTEINS	HARMONY	85	99
JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN	WINONA	62	228	*JEFF PETERMEIER	MELROSE	86	43
*MATT BERKTOLD	LAKE CITY	63	191	SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	86	243
KIMM'S DAIRY	PELICAN RAPIDS	64	85	WALTER BROS FARM	PLUMMER	86	435
WOLF CREEK DAIRY	DUNDAS	65	455	AVON HEIGHTS	DODGE CENTER	87	90
*MIKE & KAREN SCHILLER	FREEMPORT	65	89	LINDAHL FARMS	LINDSTROM	87	113
DUX WILLIE	STEWARTVILLE	65	29	SMITH FAMILY FARMS	ROSE CREEK	87	425
*W DALE MILL	LEWISTON	65	148	*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	ZUMBRO FALLS	88	74
RISING HEITS	LAKE CITY	65	9	SHIR-MAN HOLSTEIN FARM	FOUNTAIN	88	46
*DALE & LINDA SCHROEDER	RICHMOND	66	72	*MARVIN RADEMACHER	BELGRADE	88	47
*DUANE&KAREN TIMM	PLAINVIEW	68	121	HERSHEY FARM	ST CHARLES	88	51
VALLEY ACRES DAIRY	LEWISTON	68	933	*CALVIN AND TAMMY BEUMER	HILLMAN	89	84
*GORDON & MICHELE MANSHAEM	CHETEK,WI	68	42	SUNSHINE DAIRY LLC	ARLINGTON	91	93
CALVARY HOLSTEINS	PINE ISLAND	69	88	*MIKE MENZE	OTTERTAIL	91	81
*JOHN SAUBER	LAKEVILLE	69	59	*RANDY AND LUANN WAGNER	WEBSTER	92	363
ROGER AND SANDY ERICKSON	BECKER	69	46	*JIM EVANS	PIPESTONE	92	113
TWIN SPRUCE	ROSE CREEK	70	84	GREEN ACRES ORGANIC DAIRY	GOODHUE	93	198
*STACY & JULIE MILLER	PLAINVIEW	70	95	SCHULTE FARMS	CALEDONIA	93	233
KRAIG&RACHELLE KRIENKE	LESTER PRAIRIE	71	608	DANINGER INC	FOREST LAKE	93	95
MERDAN DAIRY INC	AVON	71	82	PRIGGE FAMILY FARM	WINONA	94	316
*REID STRANSKY	OWATONNA	73	49	BITZAN BOVINES	GARFIELD	94	72
SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	MAYER	74	142	*ANDY AND LINDA RIEKE	FRANKLIN	97	55
*ZACHARY AND MARY KASTEN	CALEDONIA	74	84	SUNSHINE ACRES	ST CHARLES	98	229
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	THEILMAN	75	290	*NICK PRAMANN	CLEARWATER	98	93
*BRIAN & JULIE LIBBESMEIER	WATKINS	76	64	MUNDT FAMILY FARM	UTICA	98	250
*JOHN AND CONNIE DONNAY	GLENCOE	76	58	DAVID BANDLI	RICE LAKE, WI	98	42
VOGT DAIRY LLC	SAUK CENTRE	77	312	FAIRVIEW DAIRY	KENYON	98	321

Minnesota DHIA Scorecard for 2022 Use

* Use yearly average values when available, not current test day.		All Cows, RHA Milk, December 2021						
PRODUCTION MEASURES	Your Herd	<16,000	17-18,999	19-20,999	21-22,999	23-24,999	25-26,999	>27,000
Herds in Group	xxxxxx	40	69	92	128	141	154	150
Average Cows per Herd		71	95	90	111	176	250	374
RHA Pounds of Milk		14,425	17,620	20,058	22,034	24,025	25,989	28,856
Average Mgmt. Level Milk, All Cows		52	62	69	74	81	86	95
Average Peak Milk lb, 1st Lactation		56	64	71	76	86	92	92
Average Peak Milk lb, All Cows		64	75	83	88	96	102	111
Average Days in Milk		202	198	189	187	177	171	170
MASTITIS								
Raw SCC (in 1,000s)		330	314	283	267	216	192	164
Percent Infected (%)		28	25	25	23	18	16	14
Percent New Infections(%) Yr		8.8	7.8	7.4	7.3	6.4	5.6	5.0
IDENTIFICATION								
Percent Identified by Sire, 1st Lact.		47	72	76	77	89	95	96
REPRODUCTION								
Percent Dry 40 to 70 Days (%)		47	58	63	66	69	78	83
Pregnancy Rate (%)		12.0	11.6	13.6	14.4	16.4	19.5	21.3
Heat Detection Index (%)		22	26	30	33	39	45	48
Days to First Served		121	112	103	97	89	84	82
Services per Conception		1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Management Calving Interval		15.7	15.2	14.7	14.4	13.7	13.1	13.1
GENETICS (Adjusted for Genetic Trend)								
Average NM\$, Service Sire		486	540	682	645	662	700	770
Average NM\$, 1st Lact.		65	44	110	142	172	218	294
Average NM\$, 2nd Lact.		4	20	62	102	116	169	236
Average NM\$, 3rd+ Lact.		-55	-44	-24	25	24	79	136
REPLACEMENTS								
Average Age Freshening, 1st Lact.		30	28	28	27	26	25	24
Percent Herd, 1st Lactation (%)		33	36	36	38	38	37	37
Percent Cull Rate, 1st Lactation (%)		8.8	10.4	11.1	13.0	12.5	10.2	10.8
Annual Turnover Rate (%)		36.4	35.4	37.5	41.5	41.9	38.1	39.1