

# Minnesota DHIA News

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## New Measurement Added to the Condensed Report

Want your herd summarized and individual cows on the same report? Then the 365- Condensed Report is what you are looking for. We have now added “Lbs. Fat + Protein”. To see this information on individual cows or on groups see page 2 of the Condensed Report.

| BarnName | DIM | Peak Milk | Last Milk | Test Milk | Pct Fat | Pct Pro | Lbs F+P |
|----------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
|          | 198 | 124       | 109       | 75        | 3.1     | 3.2     | 4.7     |
|          | 163 | 115       | 106       | 106       | 3.1     | 2.9     | 6.4     |
|          | 142 | 115       | 106       | 100       | 2.9     | 2.6     | 5.5     |
|          | 119 | 124       | 106       | 106       | 3.3     | 3.0     | 6.7     |

| Category | Num Cows | DIM | Peak Milk | Last Milk | Test Milk | Pct Fat | Pct Pro | Lbs F+P |
|----------|----------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| All      | 217      | 181 | 117       | 91        | 93        | 3.8     | 3.1     | 6.3     |
| Milking  | 183      | 164 | 118       | 95        | 93        | 3.8     | 3.1     | 6.3     |
| 1st      | 82       | 184 | 107       | 87        | 86        | 3.7     | 3.1     | 5.8     |
| 2nd      | 63       | 154 | 127       | 103       | 98        | 3.7     | 3.1     | 6.6     |
| 3+       | 38       | 138 | 130       | 101       | 102       | 4.0     | 3.1     | 7.1     |

## What are your Goals?

The new year is fast approaching so now is an appropriate time to look at your goals. It is important to know where you are at to know what you can achieve. One goal to start with may be lowering you SCC.

### Goal – Lower SCC

SCC is the most common indicator of udder health. Every herd may have a different goal but overall, the target should be an SCC less than 200,000.

Addressing SCC issues not only reduces your incidences of mastitis, but also reproduction and lameness improves.

SCC is located in multiple places on the Herd Summary. Your current SCC, SCC from the last 12 tests and an average for the last 12 tests is located under Production averages on the Herd Summary.

| Date     | Raw SCC | LS SCC | Number Infections | Fresh Infections |
|----------|---------|--------|-------------------|------------------|
| 10-16-18 | 132     | 1.9    | 7                 |                  |
| 08-29-18 | 178     | 2.4    | 12                | 2                |
| 07-23-18 | 112     | 2.0    | 8                 | 1                |
| 06-25-18 | 401     | 2.8    | 12                | 1                |

The 365 Condensed Report and 370 Flex Reports are also useful tools when looking more in-depth into your current SCC.

## Preventing Winter-Related Slips, Trips and Falls on the Farm

Some simple steps you can take to avoid injury are:

- be especially careful when carrying large or heavy objects that obstruct vision
- keep sand and salt handy and use regularly to help keep walkways clear of ice
- watch for slippery surfaces and walk slowly and carefully
- wear footwear with a good non-slip tread - be careful when working with animals that might slip and fall and injure you
- clean ice off steps and platforms and keep them clean and dry to avoid ice buildup
- be extremely cautious when climbing on and off of tractors and machinery
- keep walkways and stairs free of clutter
- ensure adequate lighting for outdoor areas
- use railings on steps and walkways
- allow extra time for chores and don't rush or run

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## Annual Summary Update

The Minnesota DHIA Board of Directors has voted that for the calendar year 2018, in order to be published in the year end annual summaries, herds will need to have 10 tests in the calendar year. This applies equally to electronic meter, robot, and traditional tests.

## DOES AGE AT FIRST CALVING MATTER?

Our information comparing RHA lbs. of milk to average age at freshening for first lactation animals say **YES**.

### Minnesota DHIA Scorecard for 2018

All Cows, RHA Milk, December 2017

| PRODUCTION MEASURES  | Your Herd | <16,000 | 17-18,999 | 19-20,999 | 21-22,999 | 23-24,999 | 25-26,999 | >27,000 |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| RHA Pounds of Milk   |           | 13,661  | 17,707    | 20,143    | 22,043    | 23,983    | 25,926    | 29,180  |
| Average Age Freshening, 1st Lact. (months)<br><small>Reproduction Summary on Herd Summary (Calving Interval)</small> |           | 30      | 28        | 27        | 26        | 25        | 25        | 24      |

### Get your Reports Faster!

Skip the mailbox and view your reports on your computer.


A few easy steps and you're ready to go

1. Logon to [mndhia.org](http://mndhia.org)
2. Select Web Reports
3. Username is your herdcode
4. Password is your release code

(First time users will have to call our office to get code)

All of your ordered reports are available at least a day sooner.

For help setting up Web Reports call Courtney (800)-827-3442 ext. 16



**ACCOUNT LOGIN**

Username (or Herdcode):

Password (or RAC):

Stay signed in

### Worth a Read:

A prominent automobile dealer telephoned a neighboring farmer and informed him that he wished to buy a cow and would be out to check his herd.

Still a bit indignant over the accessories he had be required to purchase with his new model car, the farmer fashioned a sheet with the following information on a beautiful Holstein:

- Total Price \$200
- Two muted horns \$150 each, \$300
- Two-toned color job: \$75
- Automatic flyswatter \$100
- Extra stomachs, \$100 each, \$300
- Liquid reservoir, with four valves: \$150
- Cowhide upholstery: \$800
- Total Price including accessories \$1,925



**Thank you..**

**For the long nights and early mornings, meals missed and sleep lost, greasy shirts and dusty jeans, aching muscles and tired hands.**

**Because of the work you put in many families are enjoying time together and a plentiful meal.**

**Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!**

Don't forget to order ear tags before the holiday rush.

Talk to your Field Representative or call Courtney (800)-827-3442 ext. 16

**Anniversaries**  
**Stephanie Tienter~ 5 Years**



**DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30th**  
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