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Busy Fall?

Want to save some time?

Dairy producers are time poor all year long, but especially in harvest season. DHIA's milk pregnancy test is accurate, convenient and, cost-effective

1. Just tell your Field Tech the number of days since breeding that you want to start checking - let's say 31 for example (IDEXX says it is good starting at day 28). Any cow with 31 or more days since breeding and no pregnancy status reported will show up on the list (Takes less than 10 seconds).

2. Your Field Tech can show you the screen with the cows to be checked, or print the list for your approval

3. The DHIA lab analyzes the sample for PG after it has been tested for butterfat, protein, MUN, and SCC, and sends you an email with the results.

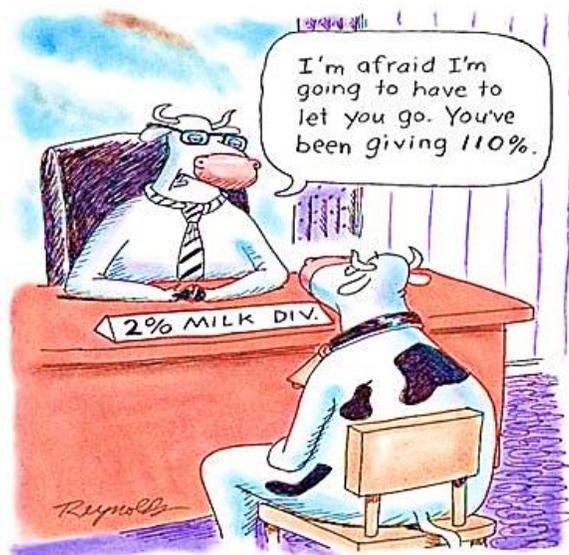
4. The pregnancy results can be added to the rest of your data before your records are calculated so the reports you get back will reflect the current pregnancy status.

5. Those pregnancy results can be downloaded into your on-farm Dairy Comp 305 and will be downloaded into the Field Tech's computer.

6. You can, as many folks do, also confirm pregnancies on cows later in gestation. Just tell your Field Tech how many days to set the flag for recheck, for example one of our largest dairies says 100 days. All cows that have not been reconfirmed and are past 100 days will be tested for pregnancy. Some folks also test near dry off for a final confirmation.



Saves You



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". With more emphasis being put on fat and protein we hope you find this a useful addition.

Category	Num Cows	DIM	Peak Milk	Last Milk	Test Milk	Pct Fat	Pct Pro	Lbs F+P
All	219	193	117	95	90	3.8	3.0	6.0
Milking	190	171	119	98	90	3.8	3.0	6.0
1st	89	180	107	94	85	3.6	3.0	5.5
2nd	65	169	130	102	96	3.8	3.1	6.5
3+	36	154	132	99	93	4.1	3.0	6.5

BarnName	DIM	Peak Milk	Last Milk	Test Milk	Pct Fat	Pct Pro	Lbs F+P
Y1522	207	123	103	103	3.0	3.0	6.2
Y1523	78		112	124	3.1	2.7	7.2
Y1524	66		106	100	2.9	2.7	5.6
Y1525	67		109	118	2.8	2.6	6.4

Quick Notes

September is a busy month. Enjoy some “short and sweet” tidbits from Minnesota DHIA

September is Farm Safety Month

- Always lower a portable grain auger before you move it, even if only a few feet.
- Keep all objects at least 10 feet away from overhead lines. Know where all overhead power lines are located on your property and inform all workers about them.
- Plan your route between fields, to bins and elevators, and on public roads so that you avoid low-hanging power lines. If someone else transports large equipment, always specify a safe route and explain why certain routes must be taken.
- Be sure you and everyone else in your operation know what to do in an emergency.

Source: National Ag Safety Database



Which is worth more?

- A) 22,000 lbs. of milk with a 3.5% fat and 2.9% protein
- B) 20,500 lbs. of milk with a 3.8% fat and 3.1% protein

The answer is B by \$17 per cow per year, without taking into account if you pay extra for hauling in option A

Working with your nutritionist and conducting a Fatty Acid Analysis will allow you the opportunity to improve fat and protein, often without sacrificing milk.

A Story Like No Other

Below is a portion of Barb Liebenstein’s speech at the 2018 Princess Kay Coronation, highlighting how exceptional the dairy industry is and special your experiences are.

“Each dairy’s story is so unique to you, one so few people know, that it’s gone from the ordinary to the extraordinary.

For the first time ever, more money is being spent on food than clothing not because food is expensive but because people are being drawn to the unique experiences associated with food. With so many choices available it is now more critical than ever that the great values all things dairy are put into the spotlight. Whether it is how we take care of our cows, the great nutritional pack of dairy, or all the wonderful things we can make from milk, people are hungry to know more.”

Take Away from August’s Members Message

Which cows should I test for Johnes?

- Low Milk Production
- Early Days in Milk (by 2nd DHIA Test day)
- High SCC
- Low Milk Protein

Milestone Anniversary
Ellis Holl
35 Years