

# Minnesota DHIA News

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## NOTICE OF DELAYS FROM EARTAG MANUFACTURERS (as of March 2022)

All Ear Tag orders ship directly from the manufacturers which are experiencing **MAJOR DELAYS IN PRODUCTION TIME**. This includes both blank tags and custom printed tags. The following timeframes are from the date your order is entered into the manufacturer's system, not the day you place your order. These times are **ESTIMATES ONLY** and not guarantees.



**Allflex and Destron** – 12 to 16 weeks (includes tags and EID readers)

**Temple, ZTags, and TruTest Readers** – 5 to 8 weeks

### Y-Text

- Blank – 4 weeks
- Printed – 5 to 6 weeks



Spurred by the pandemic, bottlenecks and hurdles have been something dairy producers have had to endure over the last several years. From blockage at shipping terminals and labor availability here in the U.S., one common area that producers from coast to coast have been struggling with is ear tag shortages.

Supply shortages are impacting the availability of identification ear tags needed for cattle producers. While this might seem like a small problem, the backlog of ear tags is being felt by producers from all over the country.

### 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](http://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.

### 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 320.352.2028 for free shipping supplies.

## 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.



## Reasons to provide your email address to your Field Technician (if you haven't already):

1. You can access your information (reports) from 2 to 5 days faster than waiting for the mail. You can still get your paper reports in the mail.
2. If we use your DHIA sample for Pregnancy, Leukosis, or Johne's testing you will see those results at least three days faster by email compared to mail. These ELISA tests are run after the fat/protein/SCC/MUN. These analyses take several hours to run and by the time results are ready, the post office is closed, so we cannot put results in the mail until the next day. Holidays and weekends make that slower yet. Email gets those results to you at least 5 days sooner.
3. If you have software you will get an email that lets you know your DNL data is ready for you to retrieve.
4. New reports have been developed for delivery to your email and smart phone. For instance, the new SCC Flex which features the list of cows you might consider for select dry cow therapy (SDCT) will arrive by email starting this month. By February it will be available with your paper sample day reports. You probably want this list as soon as you can get your hands on it anyway; since you may have cows you plan to dry off soon after sample day.

During April, the DHIA Lab surpassed 550,000 cows pregnancy tested using the DHIA milk sample. Thank you!

### 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](http://mndhia.org).**

#### ~First Time Users~

-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**

## March Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows	Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows
*STEVE MARTIN	FINLAYSON	31	51	SCHROEDER BROTHERS	CALEDONIA	81	178
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	LITTLE FALLS	37	141	*BOB & KAYLIE GRUBER	PIERZ	81	264
*GREG & SANDY WALZ	RICHMOND	44	37	*JAMES & KIM DUBAN	MONTGOMERY	81	133
*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	45	72	*JEREMIAH SMITH	ALBANY	81	56
*DEVOINE KRUSE	CALEDONIA	46	243	ROGER AND SANDY ERICKSON	BECKER	81	49
ACKERMAN FARMS	SAUK RAPIDS	48	84	NACHREINER DAIRY	FAIRFAX	83	260
DANINGER INC	FOREST LAKE	48	93	*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	84	57
*JEREMY BEYER	UTICA	49	39	*GORDON & MICHELE MANSHAEM	CHETEK,WI	84	39
*DUANE&KAREN TIMM	PLAINVIEW	50	117	MILLER FARMS	OAKLAND	84	109
BURKE DAIRY INC	SEBEKA	53	187	ANDERSON DAIRY	WELCH	84	107
GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON, WI	53	143	*JOHN & KRIS MILLER	PLAINVEIW	85	329
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	53	285	MERDAN DAIRY INC	AVON	86	85
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	54	145	MUNDT DAIRY	UTICA	87	229
JASSEL HOLSTEINS	ALEXANDRIA	55	87	VALLEY VIEW FARM 1	WINONA	87	132
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	55	58	SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	MAYER	88	142
REUTER FARMS	HASTINGS	56	119	TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS	YOUNG AMERICA	89	47
*JERRY & BEV POHLMANN	GREY EAGLE	56	75	PRIGGE FARMS LLC	WINONA	90	312
*MATT BERKTOLD	LAKE CITY	56	185	*JAMES & GARY SOBECK	WINONA	90	307
RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	SHELL LAKE,WI	56	114	TURNER DAIRY LLC	CENTURIA,WI	90	170
LINDAHL FARMS	LINDSTROM	57	116	HEMMESCH DAIRY INC.	MELROSE	91	119
CANC	ELK RIVER	57	65	METZ'S HART-LAND DAIRY	RUSHFORD	92	235
TERRA MCCREE HOLSTEINS	BYRON	59	59	KUGATH FARMS	COLOGNE	92	35
BERGLANE	CHETEK,WI	60	37	MARSHLAND FARMS	CUSHING,WI	92	113
SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	63	241	*SHANE AND CASEY HOLST	ZUMBROTA	93	195
*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	CALEDONIA	63	192	SCHEFERS BROTHERS	PAYNESVILLE	93	71
GRAZIN ACRES	HILLSDALE, WI	63	91	*JIM EVANS	PIPESTONE	93	111
BITZAN BOVINES	GARFIELD	63	74	*ANDREW PRIMUS	MELROSE	93	40
*MIKE MENZE	OTTERTAIL	64	82	*SCOTT&MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	94	754
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	64	543	RIVER CITY DAIRY	HASTINGS	94	417
WOLF CREEK DAIRY	DUNDAS	67	449	*JOHN & CARL TRAUT	SARTELL	94	119
*W DALE MILL	LEWISTON	67	145	SASS FARMS	CHATFIELD	95	257
VALLEY ACRES DAIRY	LEWISTON	68	906	RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC	BROOTEN	95	241
*ANDY AND LINDA RIEKE	FRANKLIN	68	57	RIVERVIEW ENTERPRISES	FOLEY	95	93
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	CALEDONIA	70	468	DAVID BANDLI	RICE LAKE, WI	95	43
FILK FARMS	HUTCHINSON	71	93	GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	96	39
*DAVID FLOM	DENNISON	71	27	*KEVIN HANSON	FOSSTON	96	83
*JOHN LARSEN	MANTORVILLE	71	39	*RANDY AND LUANN WAGNER	WEBSTER	96	361
VOGT DAIRY LLC	SAUK CENTRE	73	310	JOHNSON DAIRY	HERON LAKE	96	98
TWIN SPRUCE	ROSE CREEK	73	85	BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	97	288
*JOHN AND CONNIE DONNAY	GLENCOE	73	60	BREEZY WILLOWS FARM	DOVER	97	34
*ZACHARY AND MARY KASTEN	CALEDONIA	73	84	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND	GOODHUE	98	338
KRAIG&RACHELLE KRIENKE	LESTER PRAIRIE	74	614	*KYLE MOSER	LAKE BENTON	98	107
JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN	WINONA	74	233	BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	MINNESKA	99	319
*MICHAEL & KRIS BANSE	EITZEN	75	92	*PAT&MIKE DUNCANSON	WINONA	99	107
BORST FAMILY DAIRY LLC	ROCHESTER	75	266	LINDO FARMS	CENTER CITY	100	46
*JAMES C PFEIFER	OWATONNA	75	51	HIGH POINT DAIRY	MELROSE	101	143
MOLDANS HOLSTEINS	COMFREY	78	78	DELBERT BECHTOLD	ST JOSEPH	101	41
*BRIAN & JULIE LIBBESMEIER	WATKINS	78	61	JER-LEY HOLSTEINS	HUTCHINSON	101	47
SUNSHINE ACRES	ST CHARLES	80	222				

# Minnesota DHIA Scorecard for 2022 Use

* Use yearly average values when available, not current test day.		All Cows, RHA Milk, December 2021						
<b>PRODUCTION MEASURES</b>	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
<b>MASTITIS</b>								
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
<b>IDENTIFICATION</b>								
Percent Identified by Sire, 1st Lact.		47	72	76	77	89	95	96
<b>REPRODUCTION</b>								
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
<b>GENETICS (Adjusted for Genetic Trend)</b>								
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
<b>REPLACEMENTS</b>								
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