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Winter member meeting schedule

Minnesota DHIA member meetings are scheduled for 75 minutes. The agenda will include a featured speaker and updates of DHIA activities, and reports from Amy Loeschke, Director of Member Services, Manager Bruce Dokkebakken, and Lab Manager Mark Heidgerken. Nominations for South-Central, Southeast, and Metro Directors will be accepted. The term is for 3 years. Elections will be by mail or email after the last Member meeting. Directors meet 5 times a year. Some meetings are in person and some by webinar depending on farming activity.

We will also accept nominations for the 28 Delegates to the Annual Meeting on March 26 in Rogers. The meeting is scheduled for 10:45 to 2:25.

Nominations for either position can be made in writing, by text (763.350.2324) or by email or telephone. Before you can nominate someone, they need to agree to serve if elected, and must be an active member.

February 28, 2024 – 12:30 PM

Prevention and Intervention of Common Hoof Diseases

Gerard Cramer, Associate professor, Dept of Vet Population Med, Univ. of Minnesota

Gerard's research focus is to develop and evaluate safe and effective prevention and intervention strategies for common foot diseases. He is the research lead on a grant with CDCB to aggregate observations from mobility camera and hoof health records provided by farms to create a pipeline for genetic evaluation of hoof health and on-farm hoof health management tools.

February 29, 2024 – 12:30 PM

Dry Cow Best Practices

Luciano Caixeta, Associate professor, Dept of Vet Population Med, Univ. of Minnesota

Luciano will present important considerations for the dry period, including blanket vs selective dry cow therapy, teat sealant, considerations for high-producing cows prior to dry-off, and grouping strategy.

March 8, 2024 – 12:30 to 1:30 PM

March 13, 2024 – 12:30 to 1:30 PM

DART User's Webinars

Kaz Ingawa leads both sessions. Kaz works for DRMS on the Technical Support Staff helping customers with DART, PocketDairy, and DHIA records. He has been at DRMS since 1999. He will cover a few basic topics such as event entry, setting up protocols, changing cow information, & building reports. A substantial amount of time will be devoted to addressing your specific questions.

REGISTER TODAY for one or several webinars by emailing Nancy Zander at NancyZ@mndhia.org and she will email you the Zoom link prior to the meeting.

You will also find recordings of the Winter meetings on youtube.com/@MinnesotaDHIA. This is our new YouTube channel.

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 weeks.

Some of the Annual Summary data is shared via Facebook and also in the Dairy Star. Local associations have also been provided with their information.

Robust herd insights available with HerdHQ

Read on for our third part of review on HerdHQ tools! In December and January, we took a deeper look at CowCompass, KeepOrBeef, HeiferHub, and DairyDepot. To catch up on those topics, refer back to the previous issues of *Minnesota DHIA News* or see HerdHQ info—both available on our website: www.mndhia.org/HerdHQ.

HerdHQ is available to ALL herds processing with DRMS. However, more frequent data is a feature specifically available for DART users.



What is HerdHQ?

What makes HerdHQ unique?

- Easy to set up for herd owners & managers with **no need for special programming and software**
- Pre-designed reports allow for easy modification **on your own time and without external support**
- Input data comes from either your test day results or daily DartSync upload (DART users)
- Fast insights and decision making!

Minnesota DHIA is working with processing center DRMS to fine-tune knowledge and training around HerdHQ for you and your consultants. Please contact us or DRMS for support! **HerdHQ was launched on February 1st and new enrollments will be given a 30-day free trial** for each of the 6 tools (separately from any pre-release trials). Each tool's trial period may be initiated separately. Ongoing pricing for HerdHQ will be forthcoming.

Be an early adopter! Join Minnesota DHIA and our DRMS partners for a **free HerdHQ test drive**. Sign-up is now easy right on the DRMS website. Simply go to www.drms.org and login with your herdcode and 4-digit RAC code (or username and password for consultants). Go to the “HerdHQ” drop-down menu and view any tool of interest to start your 30-day free trial.

Read on for an in-depth look at **MilkMetrics and HerdHighlight** (formerly titled ActivityAlerts).

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

Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows	Producer Name	Town	SCC	Cows
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	18	50	GLEN-D-HAVEN HOLSTIENS	ALTURA	77	279
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	LITTLE FALLS	33	145	*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	78	68
GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON,WI	37	138	*ROGER ALDINGER	WINONA	79	118
*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	MONTGOMERY	38	52	*SCOTT FEINE	RUSHFORD	80	66
*BRIAN AND JULIE LIBBESMEIER	WATKINS	42	61	JOSH HOLT	AVON	80	62
JOHNSON DAIRY	HERON LAKE	43	88	HOFFMAN NORTH-CREEK	CHATFIELD	80	456
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	THEILMAN	44	295	IHRKE FARMS	EYOTA	81	129
SWEET DREAMS AYRSHIRES	LAKE CITY	44	10	CASEY O'REILLY DAIRY	RED WING	82	100
BURKE DAIRY INC	SEBEKA	44	178	IRRTHUM FARM INC.	WANAMINGO	82	69
*JOE WUETHRICH	BROWNTON	45	29	SWEDE ALLEY JERSEYS	SOUTH HAVEN	83	14
DNA FARMS INC	LINDSTROM	48	84	*GARY SCHLAUDERAFF	FRAZEE	84	639
*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER	PLAINVIEW	50	125	*RANDY WAGNER	WEBSTER	84	355
JASSEL HOLSTEINS	ALEXANDRIA	50	81	*RONALD BEHOUNEK	HAYFIELD	85	305
*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	51	55	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND	GOODHUE	85	398
CURRIER BROTHERS	MANTORVILLE	51	103	TWIN SPRUCE	ROSE CREEK	85	88
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	53	141	*CALVIN AND TAMMY BEUMER	HILLMAN	85	93
VIRCHOW DAIRY	GLENVILLE	56	33	*SCOTT&MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	86	754
BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	57	297	SCHMITT DAIRY	RICE	86	87
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	58	295	GATEWOOD FARM	WILLMAR	86	74
LINDAHL FARMS	LINDSTROM	58	117	*JOHN & KRIS MILLER	PLAINVEIW	86	379
KIMM'S DAIRY	PELICAN RAPIDS	60	87	EMERY DAIRY	DENNISON	86	161
PINE-VUE FARMS	ROLLINGSTONE	61	111	ZAHBULLS HOLSTEINS LLC	PLAINVIEW	86	485
KOLTES DAIRY LLC	ST. CLOUD	61	131	PAUL SCHILLING	FORT RIPLEY	87	54
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	FREEPORT	61	35	*JOHN + KARYL DIERSEN	CALEDONIA	87	184
DANINGER INC	FOREST LAKE	61	124	*JIM & MARILYN SCHUMER	ST STEPHEN	88	75
MARSHALL KORN	ATWATER	62	58	SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	MAYER	89	146
SCHEFFLER DAIRY	ZUMBROTA	62	160	RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	SHELL LAKE,WI	89	104
SCHULTE FARMS	CALEDONIA	63	277	KUECHLE DAIRY	WATKINS	89	239
GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	65	36	SOUTHVIEW DAIRY LLC	COLOGNE	90	119
*MIKE MENZE	OTTERTAIL	65	84	*GREG AND KRISTIN MAHONEY	PINE ISLAND	90	9
*TREVOR DICKE	GOODHUE	65	95	REILAND FARMS	LEROY	92	512
HIGH POINT DAIRY	MELROSE	66	147	MCANDREWS DAIRY	SAUK CENTRE	92	461
SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	66	252	SUNSHINE ACRES	ST CHARLES	92	222
ERICKSONS DAIRY	BECKER	66	56	SCHERPING FARM	FREEPORT	93	73
LAX-PIETIG DAIRY LLC	FAIRFAX	68	1087	MEYER BROS DAIRY	RUSHFORD	94	530
*BOB & KAYLIE GRUBER	PIERZ	68	274	BREEZY POINT FARM LASKA	WINONA	94	147
CHUCKKLAPHAKE JARRETTBORG	SAUK CENTRE	69	129	AUSPICIOUS OYSTER GRANGE	HEWITT	94	135
SUNSHINE DAIRY LLC	ARLINGTON	70	94	IRISH RIDGE DAIRY LLC	MILLVILLE	95	75
THISTLE DEW DAIRY	WESTBROOK	70	132	HYDE-PARK HOLSTEINS	ZUMBRO FALLS	96	749
*ROGER BENSON	BLUFFTON	70	133	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	ROLLINGSTONE	96	205
*DEVOINE KRUSE	CALEDONIA	70	240	FELTMANN DAIRY	NORWOOD	96	180
ALPENTAU DAIRY	REDWING	71	112	REUTER FARMS	HASTINGS	97	134
BEN AND SAMANTHA REPS	LEWISTON	71	15	TOM & JOYCE SEDGEMAN	SAUK CENTRE	99	429
ZUMBRO VIEW FARMS LLC	ZUMBROTA	71	82	BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	MINNESKA	100	321
WALNUT ROW FARM LLC	SPRING GROVE	71	22	STELLING FARMS	MILLVILLE	100	306
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	71	544	MUNDT FAMILY FARM	UTICA	102	252
*RICHARD LAMBRECHT	BELLE PLAINE	72	102	MC NAMARA FARMS	SPRING VALLEY	103	47
*NICK + DENNIS TATGE	FARIBAULT	73	263	*JOHN SAUBER	LAKEVILLE	103	59
PRIGGE FARMS LLC	WINONA	74	343	*DON AND SALLY WEISENBECK	DURAND,WI	103	426
*MICHAEL BANSE	EITZEN	75	109	*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	ZUMBRO FALLS	103	80
BEAVER OAK DAIRY	ALTURA	76	135	RONALD WIRTH	RIDGELAND,WI	103	53
SCHROEDER BROS LLC	CALEDONIA	77	154				