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The Annual Summary for 2019 is available on our website at www.mndhia.org. Outstanding management is represented on these pages. When you are looking on-line at ads from our sponsors you can click on that web address and visit their website. Data will also be published in the Dairy Star, and will be included in facebook postings and in the coming issues of Minnesota DHIA News. We do not plan to publish and mail the glossy book. The on-line version is in the book reading format and you may print that if you wish. If you would like a copy printed and mailed from the office please call us. This is the 25th year that we have been using the cloud to handle DHIA data, and this is where you will find the annual summary from now on.

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Free

Free RFID Tags from the Board of Animal

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 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.

Thoughts on COVID-19, the coronavirus from Dan DeBano:

The health and safety of our members and employees is of utmost importance and therefore, we are doing our part to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Please follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in regards to hygiene and attempting to adhere to the 6 feet distance recommendation.

Proactive good hygiene practices are of the essence;

- No high-touch interactions like handshakes
- Maintaining safe distances during conversation
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Wipe down your laptop with sanitizer wipes after each farm visit
- Keep hand sanitizer in your vehicle and use it frequently (before and after farm visits, after fueling your vehicle...)
- Don't touch your eyes, mouth, or nose.

Field representatives will continue to conduct testing under safe conditions. We will respect any producer who may request to postpone testing until this unusual situation passes. We may suggest a switch over to owner sampler. Many Milking Parlors are tight. This is a good time to re-evaluate where field techs setup your work space; a different location other than the parlor pit might be in order. If you are not using a flask pail, this may be one method of social distancing where the farm can collect the flasks and carry the pail to you. For stanchion barns; one option to switching flasks is to stand at a 90 degree angle from the producer. This is one way to avoid face to face interaction. Most dairy farms have latex gloves. If you are not allergic to latex, you may want to consider wearing latex gloves.

From Bruce Dokkebakken

Common sense should prevail. Some of what is written above should be happening every day anyway. Work things out with the dairy so everyone understands. Finally, I am pretty concerned with anyone who does not take this Virus seriously. As one of our sage Field Techs told me;

"I'd rather we look back at this in a year and wonder why we took all those precautions than look back and wonder why we didn't."



Zumbrota Lab Staff Front L to R: Laurie Eberhart-28 years, Amy Husbyn-20 years, Alyssa Mancilman 1 year, Danielle Kennedy-1 year Back L to R: Muril Niebuhr-40 years, Rachael Sorby-4 years, Marissa Myers-4 and Nathan Hamblin-12 years.

Thank you for great service!

February Milk Quality Leaders ranked by SCC, then Log SCC

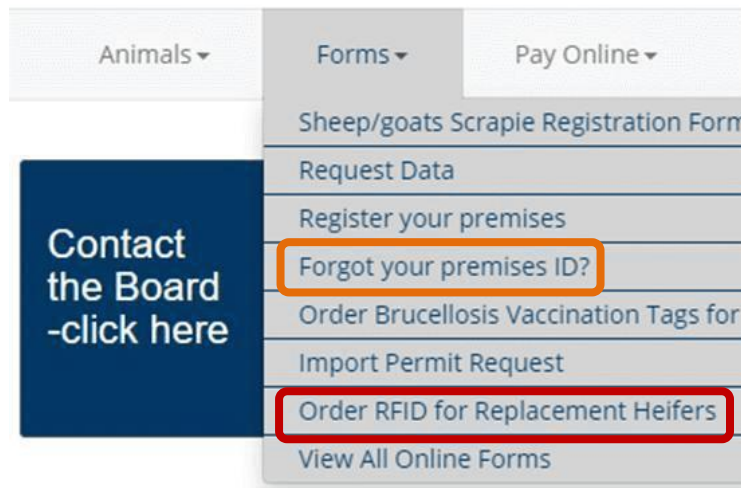
Name		SCC	# Cows	Name		SCC	# Cows
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY		30	67	RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC		69	110
*CHARLES & MARY SCHORNACK		31	49	*DARYL+LISA MAUS		69	69
*GREG AND KRISTIN MAHONEY		38	16	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND		69	332
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS		42	147	JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN		70	229
*MARK KLEHR		43	59	*AARON & TIFFANY RUTHER		70	162
*MITCH MEHRWERTH		43	65	HESS FARMS		71	110
JOHNSON DAIRY		44	94	*JOSH AND JON FRENCHICK		71	66
DAN KREKELBERG		45	61	WOLF CREEK DAIRY		73	466
SCHREIBER BROS		47	53	RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN		73	41
SMELTER DAIRY		47	68	MARSHLAND FARMS		74	98
SHIR-MAN HOLSTEIN FARM		47	58	RON HENGEMUHLE		75	214
BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON		48	314	*MICHAEL & KRIS BANSE		75	88
TWIN SPRUCE		50	88	*DAVID & DONNA ANDERSON		76	49
TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS		51	51	GREGORY DAIRY LLC		76	87
DELBERT BECHTOLD		52	47	SANDHILL DAIRY		76	356
CHUCKKLAPHAKE JARRETTBORG		54	118	MOGER FARMS		76	52
*LESTER DONNA BANSE		54	175	RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY		77	539
SELKE FARMS		55	245	SCHULTE FARMS		78	266
CURRIER BROTHERS		56	111	*LLOYD AND JULIE BLOMMEL		78	159
*JAMES & BETH OLSON		57	74	SONNEK FARMS		78	88
*MATT ANDRING		57	128	*MICHAEL DALQUIST		78	31
CASEY O'REILLY DAIRY		57	83	BERGLANE		78	43
*MARVIN RADEMACHER		57	55	REILAND FARMS		80	474
*KEN & JOHN SCHMIT		58	331	*JIM EVANS		80	117
*RYAN KNISLEY		58	60	*STEVE & LORRIE HELLMANN		80	44
*BRANDON STOMMES		59	93	*DEVOINE KRUSE		81	232
CANC		59	69	*GARY LEHNERTZ		81	194
LEISEN FARMS INC.		60	68	*STEVE MARTIN		81	66
*TIM HINRICHS		60	99	RIVERVIEW ENTERPRISES		81	92
IRISH RIDGE DAIRY LLC		60	81	*SCOTT ALBRECHT		81	114
*JERRY & BEV POHLMANN		61	76	*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER		82	123
GORENTZ DAIRY		61	185	*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST		82	124
GEHL ACRES FARM		63	143	BURKE DAIRY INC		83	177
KARA-KESH HOLSTEINS		63	8	SCOTT & JACOLYN RICKEMAN		83	96
FLOWER-BROOK REG.HOL.		63	108	REMIGER DAIRY LLC		83	128
GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN		64	37	CLEAR CREST FARM,LLC		85	721
HOEFS' DAIRY		65	289	MERDAN DAIRY INC		85	83
DNA FARMS INC		65	84	KUECHLE DAIRY		86	232
*BRUCE & JODI HEIM		65	382	KIMM'S DAIRY		86	76
*BILL & ALAN MILLER		65	240	*TIM&SARAH AHO		86	159
*JERRY & SUE BINIEK		65	95	*LYNN & MARY THOMAS		86	45
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC		66	455	BREEZY POINT FARM LASKA		86	135
MID LANE DAIRY		66	22	*BRUCE AND RUSS NELSON		86	86
*TREVOR DICKE		66	99	MONTAG DAIRY		86	59
*JEFFREY & KORINNA ROHDE		67	67	*MIKE AND DONNA TELLERS		86	56
JC DAIRY		67	141	BOETTCHER DAIRY		87	156
SCHEFERS BROTHERS		68	78	*DARRELL LUHMANN		87	143
HIGH POINT DAIRY		68	121	RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC		88	229
MEADOW FRONT FARMS		68	120	STADICK FARM INC		89	185
FAITH ACRES DAIRY INC		68	137	METOGGA LAKE DAIRY LLC		89	459
MARSHALL KORN		68	56	BROOKSIDE DAIRY		90	502
KIEFLAND HOLSTEINS LLC		69	353	*TOM AND SUE HOLST		90	182

Official Tag Options

The Board of Animal Health has run out of the steel NUES tags and will no longer be offering them. It is expected that by 2023 the only Official Tag will be the RFID "840" tags. These are available from Minnesota DHIA starting around \$2.35 each. It is popular to pair them with management tags.

In the meantime, we have developed and been selling All Flex plastic tags with the NUES numbers on them. These cost about 40 cents each, and are expected to be official until 2023. These tags are easier to read with better retention than the steel tags, and they are lower cost than the RFID tags. For more information contact Muril at Minnesota DHIA.

You will need to provide your premises ID to order any official tag from any source. All dairies in Minnesota have premises IDs as part of the "licensed to sell milk". The Board of Animal Health will provide that number to you on their website or by calling 651.296.2942.



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.

Source: Indiana Rural Safety and Health Council

~Cows For Sale~~

JE-KO Registered Holstein dispersal, April 28, 2020. 65 cows and 65 youngstock. DHIA and AI for 35 years. For more information, call Korinna Rohde in Grey Eagle, MN at 320-219-0866.