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ID & Tags Matter



Orders can be placed on line at www.eartagcentral.com. Use the code DHIA to get discounts for Minnesota members. Members have ordered over 730,000 eartags. You may also call Heidi at 763.233.7860 to place an order.

With funding from USDA, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health offers RFID tags free with some limit on the number of tags per farm. You can find your Premises ID number and order those free RFID tags at www.bah.state.mn.us. Look under forms for the “order RFID for replacement heifers”.

Once a herd has RFID on all milking cows, we can scan that ID on sample day instead of reading tags and keying, saving time and money especially for larger dairies.



Harvest is Right Around the Corner!

Please remember with the rush of harvest comes the importance of farm safety.

According to the U.S. Agriculture Fatality Statistics, more than 150,000 farm workers were injured on the job between 1992 and 2002. This figure has remained fairly consistent in more recent years and has even increased periodically.

Here are a few harvest safety tips to keep in mind:

1. While operating tractors and other farm equipment, be very cautious on rural roadways. Look for oncoming cars while making wide turns.
2. Watch out for power lines.
3. Ensure your equipment has roll over protection such as seat belts and roll over protection structures
4. Be sure to do regular maintenance and safety checks on tractors and equipment. Check the steps and platform regularly, keep up-to-date with routine maintenance and replace damaged and worn out parts.
5. If you have employees or your children are helping, make sure they take all the necessary precautions as well!

Happy Milestone Anniversary to Wayne Kozitka from Howard Lake for his 45 years of service and Don Heise from Lake City for his 15 years of service.

Thank you for a job very well done.

August Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

| Name | City | SCC | Cows | Name | City | SCC | Cows |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----|------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----|------|
| ABC DAIRY | MONTROSE | 18 | 12 | TRU-LAN GUERNSEY | ELLENDALE | 101 | 21 |
| *STEVE MARTIN | FINLAYSON | 42 | 48 | *DOUG PELKA | ALBANY | 101 | 54 |
| VIRCHOW DAIRY | GLENVILLE | 48 | 38 | SUNNY SIDE DAIRY | MAYER | 101 | 127 |
| *CALVIN AND TAMMY BEUMER | HILLMAN | 48 | 83 | VALLEY VIEW FARM 1 | WINONA | 101 | 144 |
| *MAREN & JEREMY HOLST | LAKE CITY | 51 | 119 | IRISH RIDGE DAIRY LLC | MILLVILLE | 103 | 78 |
| *DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS | LITTLE FALLS | 53 | 149 | TWIN SPRUCE | ROSE CREEK | 103 | 87 |
| *ERIC SEIFERT | LONG PRAIRIE | 56 | 12 | *PETER+DAVID BURFEIND | GOODHUE | 103 | 332 |
| *MATT BERKTOLD | LAKE CITY | 56 | 203 | MARSHLAND FARMS | CUSHING | 104 | 113 |
| RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN | FREEMPORT | 59 | 36 | NOLT FAMILY FARM | DODGE CENTER | 104 | 120 |
| DOUG & SANDRA DEROUSSEAU | RICE LAKE | 59 | 81 | RKB DAIRY | FARIBAULT | 104 | 140 |
| MEADOW FRONT FARMS | CLEVELAND | 61 | 119 | HOEFS' DAIRY | NEW PRAGUE | 104 | 294 |
| SCHMITT DAIRY | RICE | 62 | 47 | *STEVEN & DIANNE SCHWARTZ | PARKERS PRAIRIE | 105 | 78 |
| RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC | SHELL LAKE | 62 | 112 | JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN | WINONA | 105 | 222 |
| *BILL & ALAN MILLER | THEILMAN | 63 | 294 | TRAIL SIDE HOLSTEINS | FOUNTAIN | 105 | 683 |
| *RANDY AND LUANN WAGNER | WEBSTER | 64 | 362 | RON WEGNER | FARIBAULT | 107 | 64 |
| *KYLE MOSER | LAKE BENTON | 67 | 106 | VOGT DAIRY LLC | SAUK CENTRE | 108 | 310 |
| *GREG AND KRISTIN MAHONEY | PINE ISLAND | 68 | 12 | HEIEIE DAIRY | BROOTEN | 109 | 152 |
| *JOHN SAUBER | LAKEVILLE | 68 | 60 | *NICK + DENNIS TATGE | FARIBAULT | 109 | 260 |
| JOHNSON DAIRY | HERON LAKE | 68 | 109 | REUTER FARMS | HASTINGS | 110 | 138 |
| MUNDT DAIRY | UTICA | 68 | 228 | GLESSING FAMILY FARM LLC | WAVERLY | 111 | 87 |
| MOGER FARMS | ROLLINGSTONE | 69 | 34 | *TIM&SARAH AHO | FRAZEE | 111 | 187 |
| *RONALD & ANN BORASH | BOWLUS | 71 | 54 | *DEAN RAUSCH | RICHMOND | 112 | 79 |
| BITZAN BOVINES | GARFIELD | 74 | 70 | *PHIL SUESS | GRAND MEADOW | 113 | 14 |
| CRONK DAIRY | HENNING | 75 | 35 | *MICHAEL DALQUIST | RANDALL | 113 | 29 |
| *W DALE MILL | LEWISTON | 78 | 156 | CALVARY HOLSTEINS | PINE ISLAND | 114 | 104 |
| HOFFMAN NORTH-CREEK | CHATFIELD | 78 | 443 | BONOW FARMS | LEWISTON | 114 | 285 |
| GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN | SAUK CENTRE | 80 | 40 | SANDHILL DAIRY | PERHAM | 114 | 349 |
| NOSBUSH DAIRY | FAIRFAX | 82 | 920 | AGAINST THE ODDS | PLAINVIEW | 115 | 13 |
| *ALICIA THURK-HIEBERT | BROWERVILLE | 84 | 42 | *RYAN KNISLEY | EDEN VALLEY | 115 | 62 |
| *MARVIN RADEMACHER | BELGRADE | 85 | 45 | SCHOENBAUER DAIRY | NEW PRAGUE | 115 | 168 |
| KIMM'S DAIRY | PELICAN RAPIDS | 85 | 85 | *SCOTT GATHJE | RICHMOND | 116 | 77 |
| *DEVOINE KRUSE | CALEDONIA | 86 | 241 | *MARK KLEHR | BELLE PLAINE | 118 | 57 |
| FUNKS MIDWAY DAIRY | MELROSE | 86 | 761 | SASS FARMS | CHATFIELD | 118 | 266 |
| *JERRY & BEV POHLMANN | GREY EAGLE | 88 | 72 | SHIR-MAN HOLSTEIN FARM | FOUNTAIN | 119 | 57 |
| RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY | LEWISTON | 88 | 521 | RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC | BROOTEN | 119 | 231 |
| STELLING FARMS | MILLVILLE | 90 | 304 | BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM | CALEDONIA | 119 | 292 |
| *MITCH MEHRWERTH | SAUK RAPIDS | 91 | 106 | *JOHN LARSEN | MANTORVILLE | 120 | 38 |
| KRAIG&RACHELLE KRIENKE | LESTER PRAIRIE | 91 | 601 | KARA-KESH HOLSTEINS | THIEF RIVER FALLS | 121 | 13 |
| *DUANE&KAREN TIMM | PLAINVIEW | 92 | 126 | ZUMBRO VIEW FARMS LLC | ZUMBROTA | 121 | 71 |
| HEMMESCH DAIRY INC. | MELROSE | 93 | 115 | *ISIDORE & JANET LOEFFELHOLZ | CALEDONIA | 121 | 85 |
| BILL & NORMA ROUSAR | RICE LAKE | 94 | 49 | HILKE ERIC | ALTURA | 121 | 135 |
| GEHL ACRES FARM | CAMERON | 94 | 150 | WOLF CREEK DAIRY | DUNDAS | 121 | 461 |
| *FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA | MONTGOMERY | 97 | 48 | BLONIGEN DAIRY | BOWLUS | 122 | 70 |
| MARSHALL KORN | ATWATER | 98 | 61 | PRIGGE FAMILY FARM | WINONA | 123 | 295 |
| *REID STRANSKY | OWATONNA | 99 | 72 | *GREG & SANDY WALZ | RICHMOND | 124 | 39 |
| *JAMES & KIM DUBAN | MONTGOMERY | 99 | 163 | *MICHAEL & KACIE KURTH | STEWART | 124 | 101 |
| *AARON & TIFFANY RUTHER | PERHAM | 99 | 178 | FAITH ACRES DAIRY INC | HEWITT | 124 | 138 |
| *GORDON & MICHELE MANSHAEM | CHETEK | 100 | 46 | *NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS | ROLLINGSTONE | 124 | 209 |
| SCHEFERS BROTHERS | PAYNESVILLE | 100 | 75 | *PAUL & ANDREW MIRON | HUGO | 126 | 180 |
| BURKE DAIRY INC | SEBEKA | 100 | 181 | SUNSHINE ACRES | ST CHARLES | 126 | 221 |



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.

Trusted, timely results:

*Solid or liquid manure analysis
for integration into farm
management and regulatory
compliance programs*

*Certified by the Minnesota
Department of Agriculture*

*Testing kits include container,
sampling instructions, lab
information form, and
postage paid return package.
Results will be provided
in a few business days.*

Available Analysis:

Basic Package \$28.00:

Moisture, Nitrogen,
Phosphorus, Potassium

Expanded Package: \$36.00

Moisture, Nitrogen,
Phosphorus, Potassium,
Organic Nitrogen

Micronutrient Package: \$50.00

Nitrogen, Phosphorus,
Potassium, Organic
Nitrogen, Calcium,
Copper, Iron, Magnesium,
Manganese, Sodium,
Sulfur, Zinc

Carbon Nitrogen Ratio: \$11.00:

for composting purposes

Tis the season for forage testing!

Fermentation changes values

Call the lab for sample bags and mailers
(320) 352-2028

IS SHE PREGNANT?

CONFIRM IT WITH MILK

Milk Pregnancy Testing through Minnesota DHIA is accurate, cost effective, simple, and safe. Great for rechecking later in gestation!

If you have some cows to pregnancy check between sample days please call the lab for supplies or talk to your field tech on sample day

Reminder

The DHIA Scholarship Application is now available. Applications are due by November 30th.

The application and guidelines are available on mndhia.org or dhia.org

YOU MAY BE A FARMER IF:

1. Your dog rides in the truck more than your wife.
2. You wear specific hats to farm sales, livestock auctions, and customer appreciation suppers and vacations.
3. You have ever had to wash off in the backyard with a garden hose before your wife would let you in the house.
4. You've never thrown away a 5 gallon bucket.
5. You have used baling wire to attach a license plate.
6. You have used a chainsaw to remodel your house.
7. You can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate, and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but cannot recall your wife's birthday.
8. You have fibbed to a mechanic about how often you greased a piece of equipment.
9. You have driven off the road while examining your neighbor's crops.
10. You have buried a dog and cried like a baby.
11. You have used a tractor with a loader as scaffolding for painting or roof repairs.
12. You've used the same knife to make bull calves into steers and peel apples.
13. You wave at every vehicle whether you know them or not.
14. You always look when a vehicle passes your house, even at night.
15. You have used something other than paper as toilet paper.
16. You refer to farms by who owned them 50 or more years ago.
17. You give directions to your farm by using area landmarks, not road names or numbers.
18. You have animals living in buildings more expensive than your house.
19. Over 50% of your clothing came from feed or seed dealers.
20. You know that check-off is not a Russian diplomat.
21. Your family instantly becomes silent when the weather comes on the news.
22. You pick up all the free stuff at the State Fair.
23. You'll skip your own cousin's funeral for the first day of deer season and you know he would approve and would do the same if you died.
24. You can eat an ear of sweet corn with no utensils in under 20 seconds.
25. You don't bother to clean up the dog's mess because it's just fertilizer, and the dog knows to stay out of your way.
26. The meaning of true love is that you'll pose for a picture with both him and his favorite tractor.
27. Your excuse for getting out of school is that the cows got out.
28. You listen to "Paul Harvey" every day at noon and never get tired of him saying, "Gooooood day".
29. When you were little, you "beat-up" another kid on school bus arguing over the color of tractors.
30. You have enough ball caps to match every shirt you own, but you only wear one so you don't get the others dirty.

BLESS OUR FARMERS