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DHIA Scholarship Application Now Available

Applications are due by October 31, 2023

The application and guidelines are available by visiting mndhia.org

World Dairy Expo Bound?

Dairy Records Management Systems is releasing the new Herd HQ Web app. Stop in at booth 3738 on the main concourse of the Coliseum to see a demonstration and sign up for free access to this data innovation through the end of this year.

Features include:

- Milk Metrics which enables a host of benchmarking options
- Activity Alerts which monitors significant changes to your data from the last sample day and sends alerts to your smart phone
- Cow Compass lets you look in depth at individual cows and predict which direction she is headed
- Heifer Hub gives you a look into the future and includes many financial calculations
- Keep or Beef lets you look at cost and returns if you increase the amount of sexed semen, beef semen, or conventional semen

Some of the largest companies in our industry are anxious to start working with you using Herd HQ. Stop in and check it out at the DRMS booth #3738 in the Coliseum!

Take a Closer Look at your Lactation Report (312)

The ME\$ Value applies the USDA Dollar Value formula to a cow's 305ME values for milk, butterfat, and protein. This replaced ME Milk on your Lactation report to include quality, fat, and protein for a more valuable comparison. It also takes into account the lactation average SCC. We call it ME\$ because it allows you to look at and compare all cows on their economic value as mature animals.

ME\$	Prod Index	Remarks
3068	75	
3396	83	X
4156	102	
3055	75	X
4823	118	X V

In the example to the right, the top cow has a Production Index of 75. She is 25% below the average cow.

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 763.233.7866 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: \$31.00

Moisture, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium

Expanded Package: \$39.00

Moisture, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Organic Nitrogen

Micronutrient Package: \$54.00

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

Carbon Nitrogen Ratio: \$11.00

For composting purposes

Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline Text: **FARMSTRESS** to **89821**

Email: farmstress@state.mn.us

Iowa State University and Danish researchers agree that you improve your chances of identifying cows with **Johne's Disease** by testing them early in lactation. The DHIA Johne's Milk testing program allows you to select those cows automatically on each sample day. Catch them before you breed them! Milk ELISA from Minnesota DHIA – 528,000 cows tested and counting.

Which cows should I test for Johnes?

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

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.**

Free!

~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.



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!

August Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC then Log SCC

Name	Town	SCC	Cows	Name	Town	SCC	Cows
GOCHNAUER FARMS	WEST CONCORD	24	27	ACKERMAN FARMS	SAUK RAPIDS	101	116
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	VICTORIA	25	54	BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	CALEDONIA	104	304
GEHL ACRES FARM	CAMERON, WI	38	145	KRAIG&RACHELLE KRIENKE	LESTER PRAIRIE	104	629
SWEET DREAMS AYRSHIRES	LAKE CITY	42	7	REUTER FARMS	HASTINGS	104	132
*JEFF PETERMEIER	MELROSE	44	52	*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	LAKE CITY	104	121
*JIM AND MARY EVANS	PIPESTONE	50	106	*MAYNARD & JEREMY SCHUMACHER	PLAINVIEW	106	127
HOUDEK DAIRY LLC	CALEDONIA	53	503	WOLF CREEK DAIRY	DUNDAS	108	443
*FRANCIS & THERESA RYNDA	MONTGOMERY	55	50	MCANDREWS DAIRY	SAUK CENTRE	108	482
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	LITTLE FALLS	56	150	*RONALD & ANN BORASH	BOWLUS	108	50
HAPPKE HOLSTEIN FARM	PIERZ	57	103	*KEVIN HANSON	FOSSTON	108	88
*DAN BRASCH	BROWNTON	57	19	*BRIAN AND JULIE LIBBESMEIER	WATKINS	108	65
ERICKSONS DAIRY	BECKER	63	58	*RICHARD LAMBRECHT	BELLE PLAINE	109	102
SELKE FARMS	DAKOTA	64	252	*RYAN KNISLEY	EDEN VALLEY	111	60
*JOE WUETHRICH	BROWNTON	64	28	DNA FARMS INC	LINDSTROM	113	83
KIMM'S DAIRY	PELICAN RAPIDS	66	84	WALNUT ROW FARM LLC	SPRING GROVE	113	24
GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	SAUK CENTRE	67	38	HEUSINKVELD FARMS	SPRING VALLEY	114	512
JOHNSON DAIRY	HERON LAKE	69	95	*GARY SCHLAUDERAFF	FRAZEE	114	604
LAX-PIETIG DAIRY LLC	FAIRFAX	71	1056	DUX WILLIE	STEWARTVILLE	114	31
RKB DAIRY	FARIBAULT	71	141	*JOHN & CARL TRAUT	SARTELL	115	102
*SCOTT GATHJE	RICHMOND	73	67	TWIN SPRUCE	ROSE CREEK	116	86
WRIGHT WAY DAIRY FARM	OSAGE	74	41	TRAIL SIDE HOLSTEINS	FOUNTAIN	119	719
*PAUL KAJER	NEW PRAGUE	75	14	*ADAM & SARAH MELLGREN	ZUMBRO FALLS	119	75
PINE-VUE FARMS	ROLLINGSTONE	76	106	STADICK FARM INC	NEW ULM	119	143
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	FREEMPORT	77	33	*RONALD BEHOUNEK	HAYFIELD	119	308
BURKE DAIRY INC	SEBEKA	78	184	GAR-LIN DAIRY FARMS INC.	EYOTA	120	1991
TRINITY DAIRY	STURGEON LAKE	80	34	DELBERT BECHTOLD	ST JOSEPH	120	35
SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	MAYER	81	146	HOFFMAN NORTH-CREEK	CHATFIELD	121	453
*RICK AND ANN STOCKER	JORDAN	81	83	JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN	WINONA	121	238
*MARK KLEHR	BELLE PLAINE	82	56	CANC	ELK RIVER	121	67
FLYINGCOW DAIRY	PRINCETON	82	176	MAYHEW LAKE HOLSTEINS	SAUK RAPIDS	121	64
*BILL & ALAN MILLER	THEILMAN	85	285	REILAND FARMS	LEROY	124	514
FUNKS MIDWAY DAIRY	MELROSE	86	807	BROOKSIDE DAIRY	CLITHERALL	124	531
WIRTLAND HOLSTEINS	LEWISTON	86	539	IHRKE FARMS	EYOTA	124	134
*LLOYD AND JULIE BLOMMEL	FREEMPORT	89	166	STELLING FARMS	MILLVILLE	126	315
*MATTHEW BEDNAR	WILLOW RIVER	89	69	*JOHN & MIKE WARREN	WATKINS	126	134
SCHULTE FARMS	CALEDONIA	90	284	*DEVOINE KRUSE	CALEDONIA	127	242
*DARRELL LUHMANN	ROCHESTER	91	144	MERDAN DAIRY INC	AVON	127	76
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	PAYNESVILLE	91	71	STAGE DAIRY	VESTA	128	72
RICHARD&MICHELLE SCHWEER	MILBANK, SD	91	48	MUNDT DAIRY	UTICA	129	248
EMERY DAIRY	DENNISON	92	155	*PHIL SUESS	GRAND MEADOW	129	20
THISTLE DEW DAIRY	WESTBROOK	95	131	VALLEY VIEW FARM 1	WINONA	130	130
CLOVER GLEN SWISS	CLAREMONT	95	16	*KEN & JOHN SCHMIT	ROLLINGSTONE	131	352
*SCOTT&MICHELLE HERBER	UTICA	96	757	KURTHKINE HOLSTEINS	COSMOS	131	156
FAIRVIEW DAIRY	KENYON	96	241	CHAIN O LAKES DAIRY	BLUE EARTH	131	262
HOEFS' DAIRY	NEW PRAGUE	96	291	BONOW FARMS	LEWISTON	132	284
WALTER BROS FARM	PLUMMER	97	436	*MICHAEL BANSE	EITZEN	132	116
MARSHALL KORN	ATWATER	97	62	*JOHN AND CONNIE DONNAY	GLENCOE	132	61
*PETER SEITZER	ST PETER	97	66	PANEK DAIRY	GREY EAGLE	132	141
*DAVID FLOM	DENNISON	98	28	*RANDY AND LUANN WAGNER	WEBSTER	133	368
EMPIRE FARMS	PAYNESVILLE	98	24	MEL & SPENCER HACKETT	RICE	133	157
SUNSHINE ACRES	ST CHARLES	100	207				

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