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Evil, greedy people want whole milk thrown out

Senators who have not co-sponsored S. 1957 do not care about childhood health and nutrition

By SHERRY BUNTING
Special for Farmshine

Get your ice-cold glass of whole milk ready, or something stronger, because here's the deal on the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, S. 1957 and the infamous Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) that rules the roost. This facade is cracking.

Senate Ag Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow of Michigan threw down a gauntlet on Dec. 14, when she blocked Sen. Roger Marshall's bid for a unanimous consent vote on the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act the day after Congressman G.T. Thompson's successful House bill H.R. 1147 had passed 330 to 99.

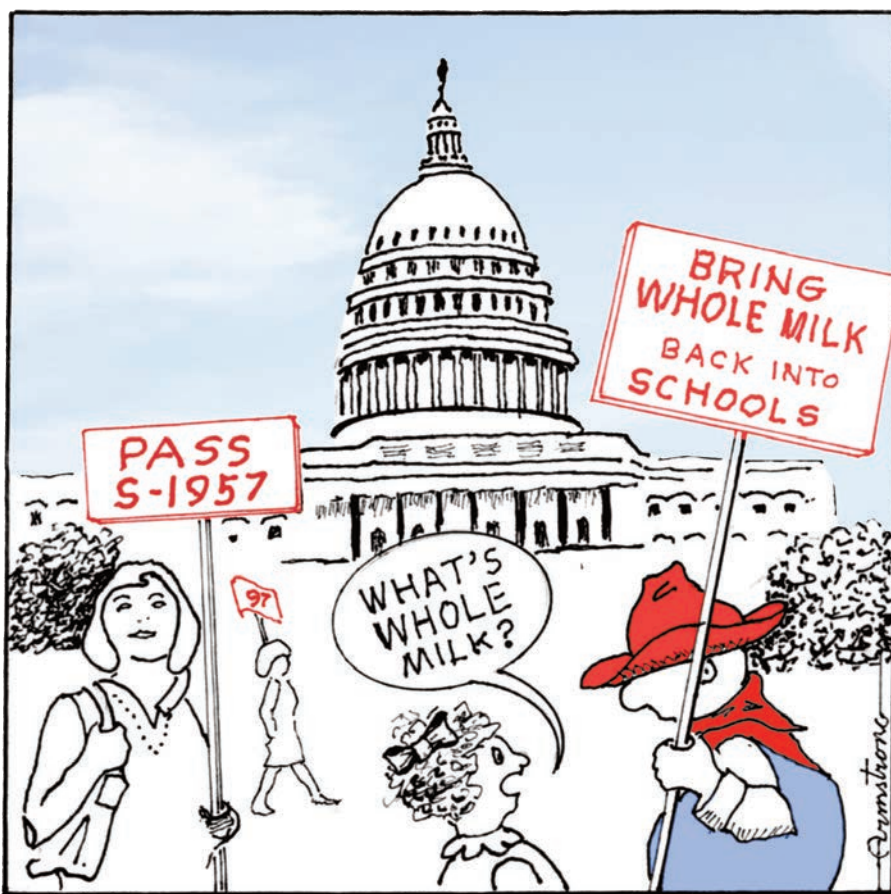
Stabenow said: "This is a really important conversation today to have and continue to have. But one thing is clear, school meal standards, currently based on dietary science, should continue to be based on dietary science... USDA is in the process, right now, of updating school meal standards. It's important that the Administration rely on the latest dietary science to make decisions about what's best for our children to eat and to drink."

Both Stabenow, and Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey, according to his letter of response to constituents, believe that Congress "should not intervene" in the "scientific process." They say, "Congress is not a scientific body."

They, and likely other Senators contacted by constituents, remain on the sidelines and urge constituents to "reach out to USDA to engage in the process."

(I'm pausing for a swig of whole milk to wash down the bitter pill these Senators cover in a sauce too sweet to be confidently stomach.)

While the House fulfilled its duty to the People, voting on the measure and giving it overwhelming passage in favor of the choice of whole milk being offered at schools (with all but one Republican, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida, and including "yes" votes from a majority of Democrats), Chairwoman Stabenow wants the Senate to punt this ball to her



A deliberate disconnect with God's most nearly perfect food is being forcibly achieved, using children as "change agents" — as Dairy Management, Inc. calls them.
Illustration by Tom Armstrong

good friend Tom Vilsack.

Vilsack is serving his third term as USDA Secretary, after his 4-year intermission as one of the dairy checkoff's highest paid executives at DMI.

(By the way, if you get regular emails every day from USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Food Nutrition Service (FNS), as I do, you'll notice the center photo shown in the header, depicts schoolchildren with lunch trays that promote large bottles of orange drink - NOT MILK! Is this foreshadowing? Is Michelle Obama's new company waiting in the wings for this

deal after launching Plezi, her drink that is touted as vegan, that she says is designed for childhood health? The primary flavor promoted since the July 2023 Plezi launch is Orange Smash.)

The point is that milk is under attack by the USDA. The USDA FNS is proposing to remove flavored milk from schools, except for high school students, and on April 9, Sec. Vilsack announced the finalizing of WIC program rules that will reduce the amount of any real milk mothers can buy for their children or themselves (while pregnant).

Bad enough that they can't buy 2% or whole milk once their youngest child reaches age 2. Worse, now that USDA wants them to

buy less milk altogether.

The real issue here is NOT science, it's money.

Vilsack is on record saying schools can't afford whole milk. Vilsack is throwing billions of USDA dollars around the country to hire thousands of in-Department and out-of-Department climate change bean counters to scrutinize belching cows, but kids getting nutritious milk they love? No dice. Too expensive. Cut. Cut. Cut.

Now, let's go into my archive of notes and look at what the Honorable Chairwoman Stabenow said five years ago during a U.S. Senate Ag Committee Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization Hearing in April of 2019 — right on the cusp of the last 5-year Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) cycle.

She threw down a gauntlet then also, when she said: "The progress made in 2010 is remarkable. We don't want to backtrack while streamlining these programs."

What progress is remarkable? The 2010 action to ban whole milk?

The Chairwoman is quite confused.

In her opening statement, she described a sad state of affairs (no progress in her words that I can see).

"Whether it's a mother getting enough calcium to ensure healthy bones for her baby or making sure a 10-year-old isn't fighting hunger pains in math class, child nutrition is about building a stronger future. It's also important to our national security," said Stabenow in that 2019 Senate hearing.

She revealed why the National School Lunch Program began 80 years ago, and what the concerns were in 2019, but she failed to associate the mission and its worsening performance with the saturated fat restrictions that were mandated on meal calorie counts two decades earlier, and the results from the last Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization, called the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA) that had passed the

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CDE monitoring HPAI disease; will keep you posted

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence’s conference call from Wednesday, April 3 is now available, and the Center has scheduled weekly conference calls going forward on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. EST to share regular updates on the evolving HPAI situation. The Center is also working closely with the Penn State Dairy Extension Team to provide “Everyday Biosecurity Kits” to farmers upon request.

The kits include a compilation of printed biosecurity resources from across the industry, including the National Dairy FARM Program, Penn State Extension, and the SMS Secure Milk Supply.

To request an “Everyday Biosecurity Kit” for your farm, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/biosecurity-kit or call the Center at 717-346-0849. The kits will be mailed out in the coming weeks while supplies last.

Dairy producers and service professionals who joined the call on Wednesday, April 3, heard from Dr. Alex Hamberg, the Pennsylvania State Veterinarian, and Dr. Hayley Springer of Penn State Extension. Both panelists answered questions about how this disease is affecting dairy cattle and how dairy producers can prioritize biosecurity to keep their operations safe. The USDA has confirmed that there is no threat to human health and milk. Dairy products remain safe to consume.

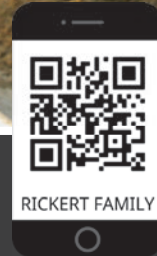
“Each week, we will continue to host conference calls with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to share updates about Pennsylvania’s response to the situation and emerging news that might affect producers and those working with farms,” said Jayne Sebright, executive director at the Center. “One of the most important things to remember is that having robust biosecurity protocols in place on your dairy can help prevent and manage HPAI if it would develop in Pennsylvania.”

According to the USDA and partners, HPAI is primarily spread by birds to animals and will spread on farms by people carrying matter from infected birds — such as dust, dander, and bird droppings — on their clothing, gloves, soles of their shoes, vehicle tires, animal trailers and other equipment, in addition to contaminated water.

“In this rapidly changing health situation, good biosecurity remains one of the best tools for protecting your herd from a variety of diseases, including this newly emerging illness,” shared Dr. Alex Hamberg. “This includes limiting contact between cattle other animals, including wild waterfowl, that are known to carry HPAI. Ensuring free ranging animals and birds do not have access to feed bins, water troughs, spilled feed and animal housing is a good start in beefing up biosecurity.”

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Bird flu in cattle now confirmed in 18 herds in 7 states

Pennsylvania orders dairy cattle movement restrictions and testing to protect against spread

By **SHERRY BUNTING**
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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Add North Carolina to the list of states with confirmed detections of bird flu in dairy cattle.

While the USDA APHIS website had not yet updated its daily listing at 4 p.m. on April 10, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services issued a press release at noon stating: “The National Veterinary Services Laboratory has detected Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a dairy herd in North Carolina.”

This would bring the total to 18 dairy herds in 7 states: Texas (9), Kansas (3), New Mexico (2), Michigan (1), Idaho (1), Ohio (1) and now North Carolina (1).

“This is an evolving situation, and we are waiting for more diagnostics from NVSL and will work collaboratively with our federal partners and dairy farmers in North Carolina,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “It is important to note the FDA has no concern about the safety or availability of pasteurized milk products nationwide.”

Introduction of HPAI A(H5N1) to dairy cattle has been shown to be by migratory birds, and USDA epidemiological studies show it may also be spreading between cows.

“Both are sources of introduction,” said Pennsylvania’s Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Erin Luley, answering questions during the second Center for Dairy Excellence (CDE) weekly HPAI update conference call April 10.

USDA, in fact, reported on April 5 during a UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) virtual meeting of scientists that they “have not seen any indication that cows are actively shedding the virus and exposing it to other animals, or that it is replicating within the body of the cow -- other than within the

udder.”

This is why lactating dairy cattle are the focus of multiple state orders in recent days regarding restrictions, testing, and quarantine of interstate dairy cattle movement.

“The virus might be transmitted from cow to cow in milk droplets on dairy workers’ clothing or gloves, or in the suction cups attached to the udders for milking,” Dr. Mark Lyons, USDA Director of Ruminant Health, shared during the international meeting, according to a University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) report.

The UNMC report also noted that dairy cattle are frequently transported from the southern parts of the country to the Midwest and north in the Spring. They are floating the possibility -- without naming specific herds or locations -- that all affected cows may trace back to a single farm.

“It appears to replicate in mammary tissue, so those cattle that are not lactating do not have a high viral load for transmitting the virus,” noted Dr. Luley in the CDE call.

According to the epidemiologic data released by USDA, she said, the early cases, especially in Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas, show that HPAI was predominantly introduced by wild birds.

“For a few other detections, including in Michigan and Ohio, the main source seems to be the movement of animals from other states,” said Luley.

To prevent spread to dairy cattle in the Keystone State, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture issued an Interstate and International Quarantine Order on April 6 for the restriction of movement and pre-movement influenza testing of dairy cattle from states where HPAI has been detected in dairy cattle.

When asked how the Pennsylvania Order compares to what other states are doing, Dr.

Luley said “ours is the most stringent. The goal is preventing the spread of this condition into our state -- to proactively protect the animals in our state to the best of our ability.”

In short, the Pennsylvania Order applies to dairy cattle, not beef cattle. It restricts all movement of dairy cattle into the state for any reason from farms where HPAI has been detected.

Furthermore, dairy cattle coming into Pennsylvania for sale or show, must do pre-movement testing if they come from a non-affected farm in a state where HPAI has been detected. Those states to-date are Texas, Kansas, New Mexico, Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, and now North Carolina.

The USDA APHIS website is updated daily and includes a map showing the states of HPAI detection in dairy herds at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock>

This should be consulted before movement of cattle from other states into Pennsylvania, to be sure the appropriate restrictions and pre-movement testing are applied.

Dairy cull cows from any state with a positive case, even if coming from a non-affected farm, that are destined for Pennsylvania slaughter facilities, are not subject to pre-movement testing if the animals are slaughtered within 72 hours of entry. However, they must go directly to a slaughter plant and cannot be commingled with other cattle at an auction center.

Calves under one year of age are considered low risk and are exempt from pre-movement testing at this time.

Pre-movement testing must be done through a laboratory in the national network, and the results must accompany the shipment. Acceptable test samples for non-lactat-

ing dairy cattle, such as bred heifers, are nasal swabs; however, the only acceptable test sample for a lactating animal is a milk sample. Again, this is because the mammary system is where HPAI viral replication is being seen.

“At present, the disease has not been shown to affect beef animals,” said Luley about why the Order is written only for dairy cattle.

She gave examples of how the Order is being implemented:

If a producer wants to import a group of bred heifers from Texas, and they come from a farm that had a confirmed positive, those heifers would not be allowed to come to Pennsylvania. If they come from a non-infected herd in Texas, they would need pre-movement testing with the farm’s veterinarian overseeing the sampling and the analysis done by a national network lab.

If a producer in Ohio wanted to move cull dairy cows directly to a slaughter facility in Pennsylvania, if they are coming from a currently unaffected farm in that state, no testing would be required. But, if they are from an affected farm in that state, those cull cows would not be permitted to come to a Pennsylvania slaughter facility.

If a producer from Virginia, where there have been no detections of HPAI, wanted to ship fresh heifers to Pennsylvania, there would be no requirement to test because no infection has been detected to-date in that state, so there is no movement restriction and no pre-movement testing requirement.

There are no quarantine orders on milk movement at this time; however, this would change if HPAI were detected anywhere in Pennsylvania. If that occurs, the state would enact its “Temporary Order Designating Dan-

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Whole milk in schools is a no-brainer

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After Philadelphia native Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in Hershey during an NBA game — a record that still hasn't been topped — how did he celebrate? By chugging a carton of milk.

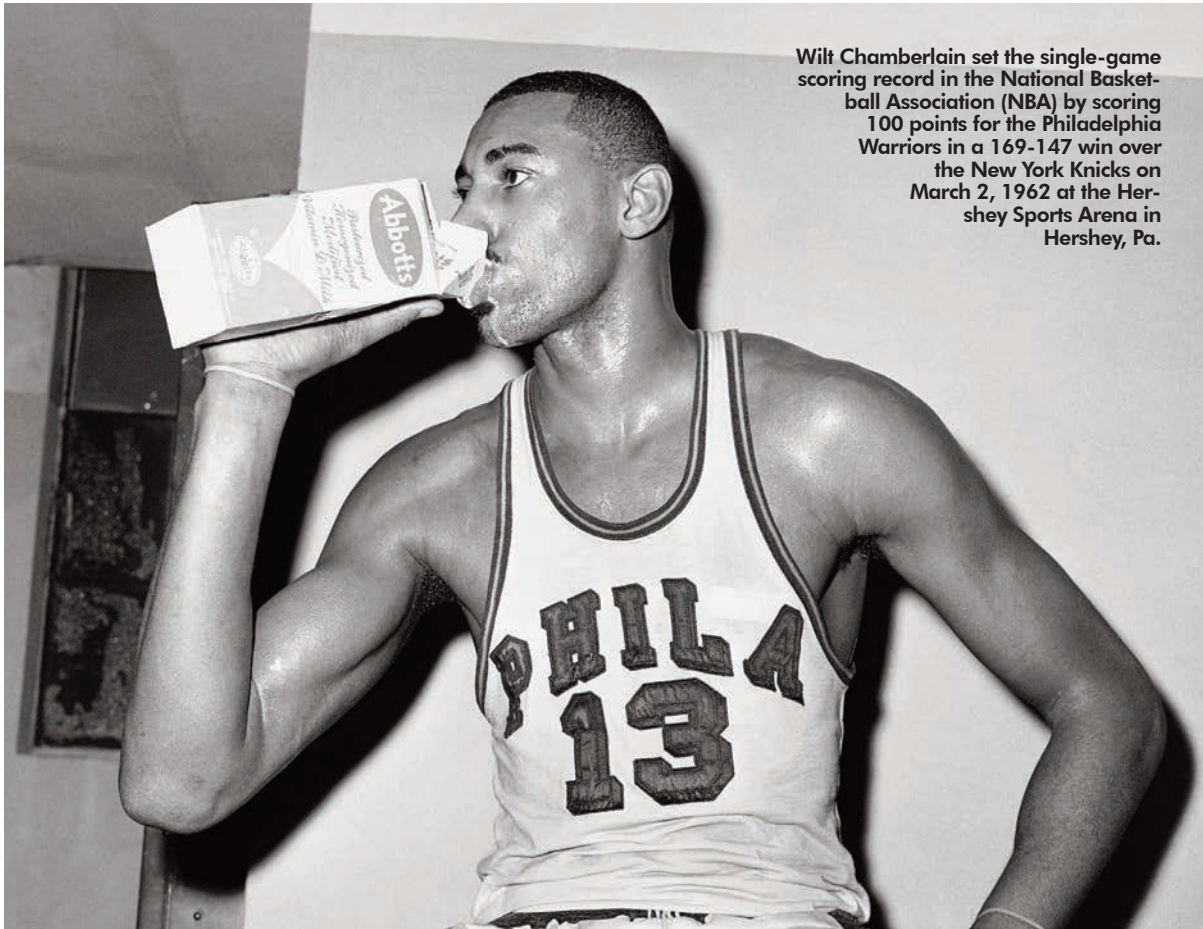
It's an iconic photo and one of many sports moments involving dairy. Wilt, like so many other Pennsylvanians, grew up with a deep appreciation for the health benefits of milk.

Decades later, milk consumption has fallen dramatically. So where did all that enthusiasm for this classic American dairy product go?

In 2010, at former First Lady Michelle Obama's urging, Congress passed a law effectively banning whole milk from the National School Lunch Program. The change to the program, which provides meals to students in nearly 100,000 schools across the country, was justified as a way to reduce child obesity. At the time, fats were seen as the ultimate sin when it came to health outcomes.

But over the last 14 years, nutritional science has evolved and dozens of studies have proven the aversion to dairy fat was completely misguided.

No wonder the ban on whole milk hasn't done anything



Wilt Chamberlain set the single-game scoring record in the National Basketball Association (NBA) by scoring 100 points for the Philadelphia Warriors in a 169-147 win over the New York Knicks on March 2, 1962 at the Hershey Sports Arena in Hershey, Pa.

Thankfully, my friend, Rep. G.T. Thompson who chairs the Agriculture Committee, led the charge to pass the Whole Milk For Healthy Kids Act in the House of Representatives this past December. The bill would put whole milk back in the National School Lunch Program as an option for students.

This bill passed by a wide bipartisan margin — a rare feat in our polarized times.

Republicans and Democrats alike agreed whole milk is good for promoting stronger, healthier kids and supporting the nation's dairy farmers.

The push to put whole milk in our schools now lies before the Senate, where it has bipartisan support, including from Pennsylvania's junior Sen. John Fetterman.

But my opponent, Sen. Bob Casey, opposes the bill despite the clear scientific evidence of whole milk's benefits for Pennsylvania's growing children.

When asked about the bill, Sen. Casey hides behind the Dietary Guidelines for Amer-

icans. But leading researchers have noted they are outdated and that the latest science demands "a reevaluation of unrelenting guidelines to avoid whole-fat dairy products."

For years, members of Congress have pushed the departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services, which oversee the guidelines, to accept the overwhelming scientific consensus on whole milk. But these federal bureaucrats continue to drag their feet, and the next potential update to the guidelines won't be completed until the end of next year. Even then, there is no guarantee the guidelines will change.

We can't continue to sit back and do nothing. The only option is congressional action.

In refusing to support the Whole Milk For Healthy Kids Act, Sen. Casey has sided with excessive regulation and junk science over Pennsylvania kids' welfare. This stance is emblematic of how Bob Casey and others on the far left see the role of government — top-down control that is wielded to override common sense, free enterprise and individual choice by Americans.

Casey's failed leadership is also a slap in the face to the 5000 dairy farms that call our commonwealth home, almost all of which are family-owned. These hard-working communities — and the roughly 47,000 jobs they support — aren't asking for a government handout or mandate. Pennsylvania dairies are just asking for a fair shake and the opportunity to see their hard work help improve the health and well-being of the next generation.

Growing up in Bloomsburg working on local farms baling hay and trimming Christmas trees, I saw just how vital agriculture is to Pennsylvania's entrepreneurial spirit (and my grandfather owned a dairy in Punxsutawney). That's why as your next U.S. Senator, I'd work hard to get this whole milk legislation across the finish line. It's time our Commonwealth had an independent leader in Washington who isn't afraid to cut red tape and fight for the needs of our farmers and our citizens.

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APRIL 13, 11 a.m. Indiana Holstein Association Multi-Breed Sale, Columbia City, Ind. Sale managed by Indiana Holstein Association.

APRIL 17, 10:30 a.m. Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

APRIL 18, 7:15 p.m. Annual Heifer Turn-Out Sale, Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales.

APRIL 19, 10 a.m. Best Of Luck-E, Hampshire, IL. Sale co-managed by Luck-E Holsteins and Fraley Auction Company.

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APRIL 20, 10 a.m. Bradford County Calf & Heifer Sale, Troy, Pa. Sale managed by Bradford County Holstein Association.

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APRIL 20, 7 p.m. Franklin County Youth Dairy Club Calf Sale, Chambersburg, Pa. Sale managed by Franklin County Youth Dairy Club.

APRIL 25, 6:30 p.m. 40th Annual Gospel Express Ministries Benefit Cattle Auction, New Holland,

Pa. Sale managed by Gospel Express Ministries.

APRIL 26, 7:30 a.m. Horse Consignment Auction and Special Driving Horse Sale, Penns Valley Livestock, Centre Hall, Pa. Sale managed by Penns Valley Livestock.

APRIL 26, 9 a.m. Rauhauser Family Trust Collection Auction, Thomasville, Pa. Sale managed by Rentzel's Auction Service.

APRIL 26, 7 p.m. Annual Haiti Heifer Sale, Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales.

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APRIL 27, 10:30 a.m. Legacy of Liberty Hill Robeth's Finest, Rochester, Vt. Sale co-managed by Borderview Genetics and MD-Hillbrook.

APRIL 27, 10:30 a.m. Pa. Ayrshire & Milking Shorthorn Sale, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by the Pa. Ayrshire Breeders Association.

APRIL 27, 12 p.m. Emerald Farms 75th Anniversary Celebration Sale, Winchester, Ohio. Sale managed by Emerald Farms.

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APRIL 25, 9 a.m. Pennsylvania Holstein Spring Show, Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, Pa.

APRIL 26-27, Pennsylvania Ayrshire Convention, Shippensburg, Pa.

MAY 4, 1:30 p.m. Berks County Dairy Princess Pageant at the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren, 1542 Shoey Road, Mohrsville.

MAY 11, Centre County Dairy Princess Pageant at Wasson Farm,

2545 Shingletown Road, State College, Pa.

MAY 21-22, Holstein USA Judges Conference, Oakfield Corners Dairy, Oakfield, N.Y.

JUNE 13, 6 p.m. Annual Toast to Dairy Celebration, Melhorn Manor, 977 West Main St., Mount Joy, Pa.

JUNE 18-21 National Ayrshire Convention, Comfort Inn & Suites, 840 Sean Drive, Fremont, Ohio.

JULY 12, 10 a.m. Virginia Dairy Expo, Shenandoah Valley Produce Auction, 2839 Lumber Mill Road, Dayton.

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Financial records are also included in the annual report to outline the income and expenses of dairy farmer checkoff investments.

Grant \$\$\$ available

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding invites applications for \$4.8 million in federally funded grants to purchase equipment needed to strengthen the middle of the food supply chain – between the farm field and the consumer's table.

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Proposals must be submitted through the Department of Community and Economic Development's Electronic Single Application by 5:00 p.m. on May 15th.

Find more information about Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grants on the Department's website, agriculture.pa.gov. Grant guidelines can also be found in the March 30, 2024 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Applications invited for Student Leader Scholarship program

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The annual Student Leader Scholarship program is now open for undergraduate students, including college students and high school seniors, who are pursuing a career in a dairy-related field. Twelve \$3000 scholarships are

available through a partnership between the Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association and the Dairy Excellence Foundation for the 2024-25 academic year. The scholarships opened for applications on March 1 and must be submitted online by May 1.

The Student Leader Scholarships are offered annually to provide recognition, encouragement, and financial assistance to outstanding students enrolled in academic programs that support the dairy industry. Undergraduate college students and high school seniors entering college in the fall are eligible for the scholarships. One scholarship is specifically designated for an incoming freshman.

To qualify for the scholarships, students must demonstrate a commitment to working in the dairy industry. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, interest in a dairy-related career, evidence of leadership, character and integrity, and application compliance.

Students can receive the \$3000 scholarship twice during their undergraduate academic career. Students employed by the Center for Dairy Excellence as an intern or in another capacity are not eligible to apply during the period in which they are working for the Center.

Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/scholarships to submit an online application. Or call Michelle Shearer at 570-768-8316 or email her at mshearer@centerfordairyexcellence.org



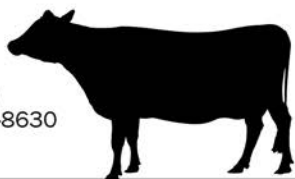
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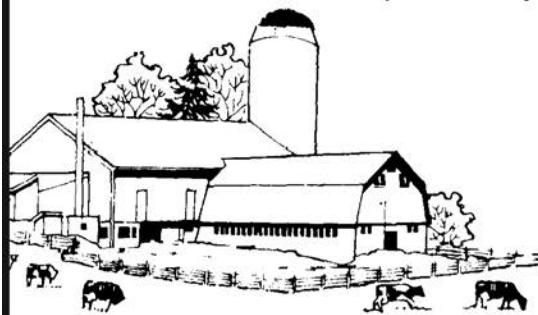
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Dismal figures inspire dairy princess to work harder

By **RENEE TROUTMAN**
Special for Farmshine

PINE GROVE, Pa. — The latest U.S. Census of Agriculture revealed a rather dismal picture for the dairy industry currently, but that only makes Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Alexis Butler determined in the importance of her role. “It drives me to want to promote the dairy industry more,” Alexis affirmed. “Now more than ever I want to be sure people are buying real dairy products and not imitation. It makes me work harder.”

Alexis is definitely working hard. She reminisced about a conversation with a consumer, explaining the benefits of whole milk. A simple personal interaction was enough to make that consumer seek out real dairy over plant-based products. “It makes me realize that my job as Dairy Princess is much bigger than some might think it is,” Alexis said. “If I can change one person’s mind about it, that’s a win to me, because that’s better than no one.”

The first Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess to hail from Schuylkill County, Alexis is in her junior year at Pine Grove Area High School. She juggles a rigorous academic schedule along with other activities and her musical talents. Not only is she president of her class at school but also her FFA chapter.

Schuylkill County experienced a bit of a promotion dearth in recent years. It had been without a dairy princess for nearly a decade until Kallie Wolfe served as the county’s dairy princess in 2022-23 with Alexis helping as a dairy maid. The court this year has swelled to six junior promoters with Alexis as princess. It’s exciting for Alexis to be part of a resurgence of promoters coming on board with the possibility of two princess candidates at this year’s county competition.

Alexis began her year as Schuylkill County Dairy Princess on June 1, 2023 and walked



Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Alexis Butler is determined to make a difference, realizing that she’s not too young to do so.
Photo by Renee Troutman

into the state competition at the end of September one day after turning 17. Even though she felt thoroughly prepared and maintained her confidence, her young age compared to her competitors caused her to cast doubt on what she could achieve. “I struggled with the idea of being so young, and it was overwhelming for me,” Alexis admits.

Alexis’ pageant preparations revolved around the song “Don’t Stop Believing” and helped give her the right mindset to pursue her goals as she spent several days in competition leading up to the coronation. “My motto going into the pageant was don’t stop believing in yourself, don’t stop believing in God,” she said. Her aspirations came true as she earned top spots in most of the contests including the dairy exam, poster display, radio spot, and the competitive speech and skit portions.

After being named as a top seven finalist, Alexis nailed her on-stage impromptu question. Asked what she would tell someone who doesn’t know much about the dairy industry, Alexis answered that she would start by sharing how much dairy farmers care for their animals, that milk is a nutrient-dense food, and that dairy farmers are essential to their communities. Despite being among the youngest of the 27 contestants, she rose to the top to be selected as Pennsylvania’s Dairy Princess.

“After I won, it was a realization that age

does not define you,” she said. Since she didn’t stop believing and landed where she wanted to be her new theme going forward into her year as state Princess became “this little light of mine; I’m gonna let it shine.”

“I’ve paired the two songs together to not stop believing, and when you get to where you want to be, let that light shine in you,” Alexis shared. “Let your light shine for dairy farmers, your light for God, let that shine through the promotions you do.” She finds this to be motivation for herself and for all the county promoters she inspires.

Alexis’ dairy journey began as a Lil’ Dairy Miss at the age of 7 and she showed Brown Swiss animals through 4-H. She began working locally at Windmill Farms several years ago and now at Mar-K Farms feeding calves and milking cows.

Alexis lives on a small farm with her older sister, Alli, and her parents Ted and Tonya. Her grandfather, also named Ted, lives on the farm as well and the family works together on the 50-acre farm that is mostly in hay production. She keeps an assortment of livestock animals on the premises which includes her show animals and a Brown Swiss heifer that she hopes will be the beginning of her own dairy herd.

Alexis sees her role as Dairy Princess not only to promote the dairy industry but also to make meaningful connections. Her thoughtfulness for others extends through

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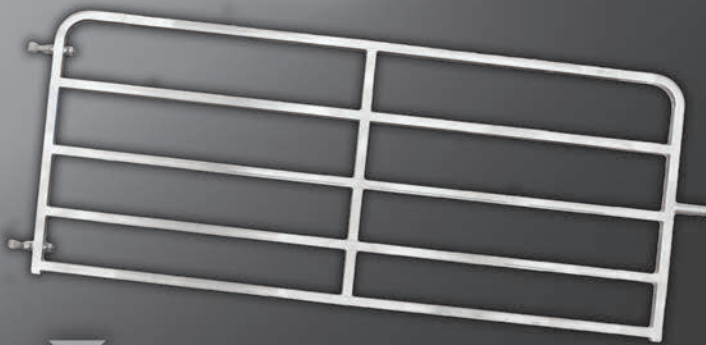


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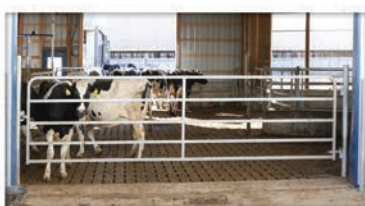
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CIRCLE CREEK HOL.	218 HO	24591	958	764
SPUNGOLD HOLSTEINS	96 XX	21058	848	668
KENNETH WENGER	236 XX	19301	952	648

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CIRCLE CREEK HOL.	HO	86	218
APPLE VALLEY CREAMERY	XX	127	107
SPUNGOLD HOLSTEINS	XX	131	96

Armstrong County

SCOTT BOWSER	93 HO	26303	989	838
SHIREY JERSEY	269 JE	16979	856	632
LARA WILSON SHIELDS	29 HO	19503	742	626

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

LARA WILSON SHIELDS	HO	160	29
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Beaver County

WALLACE CITY FARM	54 HO	20259	814	667
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Bedford County

GLENDON EBY	151 HO	23209	852	689
MANOR MEADOWS FARM	98 HO	19113	742	612

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

GLENDON EBY	HO	94	151
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Berks County

MISTY MOOR HOLSTEINS	77 HO	30643	1256	1005
DAVIEU FARM	66 HO	29450	1200	960
SUNRISE FARM	43 HO	31042	1205	937
TWILIGHT HOLSTEINS	122 HO	29142	1250	928
CYRUS & JENNY GEHRINGER	99 HO	29837	1103	902
MERLIN & CRYSTAL GOOD	87 HO	28182	1114	885
EARL HAFER & SONS	226 HO	28977	1057	883
ADAM NOLT	39 HO	28254	1107	882
SHAYNAH KEE FARM	81 HO	29021	1098	878
DON & AMY RICE	90 HO	28477	1074	849
NORTHKILL CREEK FARM	114 XX	26146	1057	843
LARRY GRUMBINE	160 HO	26414	1087	836
MICHAEL HAAG	88 HO	26605	1119	833
WALNUTRIDGE HOLSTEIN	122 HO	25955	1084	831
DON & AMY RICE	104 HO	27434	1048	825
MARK A. KIEFFER	70 HO	24997	995	816
SCATTERED ACRES, INC.	381 HO	25971	1048	810
KIRBYVILLE HOLSTEINS	97 HO	25013	1059	810
BRYAN YOUNKER	105 HO	24771	972	801
JAY GRUBE	89 HO	25360	1022	791
WAY HAR FARMS	270 HO	24641	984	766
DAVID WOLFSKILL	340 HO	25768	1215	762
CRM FARM	77 HO	23400	974	759
OLEY TURNPIKE DAIRY	173 HO	22641	969	751
ARLAN KRICK	113 HO	24986	927	745
JAMES & JAN ADAM LLC.	141 HO	22487	771	745
WAY HAR FARMS	295 HO	23857	954	743
J. & MONICA HUNSBERGER	58 HO	23428	907	741
ARDOUNIE FARM, INC.	172 HO	22077	955	734
WHIRLWIND ACRES	160 HO	23534	926	733
SHOW TOP FARMS	194 HO	22217	935	683
DON & AMY RICE	15 XX	20674	873	672
CEDAR CREEK DAIRY LLC.	113 HO	20851	831	641
BEN & CAIT ROHRBACH	53 HO	21057	812	637
R LOST CREEK FARM	68 HO	20030	787	629
FURNACE STREAM FARM	37 HO	18619	677	581

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

TWILIGHT HOLSTEINS	HO	81	122
DON & AMY RICE	XX	100	15
NORTHKILL CREEK FARM	XX	117	114
CYRUS & JENNY GEHRINGER	HO	119	99
MICHAEL HAAG	HO	120	88
DON & AMY RICE	HO	122	104
SUNRISE FARM	HO	122	43
CRM FARM	HO	122	77
MERLIN & CRYSTAL GOOD	HO	125	87
DON & AMY RICE	HO	125	90
SCATTERED ACRES, INC.	HO	133	381
MISTY MOOR HOLSTEINS	HO	141	77
ADAM NOLT	HO	146	39
SHAYNAH KEE FARM	HO	148	81
LARRY GRUMBINE	HO	151	160
WAY HAR FARMS	HO	161	270
WAY HAR FARMS	HO	166	295
J. & MONICA HUNSBERGER	HO	166	58
BEN & CAIT ROHRBACH	HO	183	53
KIRBYVILLE HOLSTEINS	HO	184	97

DAVIEU FARM	HO	198	66
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Bradford County

YRUM FARM#1	1051 HO	28734	1365	949
GLENORA RIVER ACRES	284 HO	25466	1018	780
WALKER DAIRY	64 HO	23221	880	757
SNOWCREST FARM	104 HO	21327	834	672
NATE JUDSON	44 XX	20104	850	654
JAMES & GABRIELLE SHEDDEN	87 HO	21707	810	653
PETE SWAIN	33 JE	17079	838	627
J & C ACRES	34 HO	21677	813	623
WM CAR WMS FARMS	84 HO	19383	783	608
PECK HILL FARMS	166 HO	18436	778	588
REAGAN FARMS	70 HO	18346	722	581
WILLIAM & GRETCHEN S.	60 HO	18166	746	581
DENISE FEUSNER	38 JE	14167	651	520
ROBIN & RYAN KINGSLEY	53 XX	16282	591	505

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

DENISE FEUSNER	JE	54	38
J & C ACRES	HO	76	34
GLENORA RIVER ACRES	HO	127	284
SNOWCREST FARM	HO	153	104
JAMES & GABRIELLE SHEDDEN	HO	164	87
WM CAR WMS FARMS	HO	180	84

Butler County

BRENDA & JIMMY HARRIS	64 HO	25483	1104	812
MARWELL DAIRY FARM	67 HO	25005	959	757

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

BRENDA & JIMMY HARRIS	HO	106	64
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Butler County

THIELE FARM	47 HO	29177	1157	874
HARTZELL FARM	280 HO	27829	998	843
DROVERS INN	146 HO	26707	1045	837
COLTON & JEN SCHIEVER	155 HO	25474	1032	797
UNDER GRACE DAIRY	51 HO	26868	972	791
FOUR SEASONS FARM	67 BS	19903	844	724
FOUR SEASONS FARM	58 BS	19662	820	709
JAY RENO	25 HO	19881	745	614

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

UNDER GRACE DAIRY	HO	148	51
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Cambria County

BRENT LOWMASTER	177 HO	27647	1101	882
VALE WOOD DAIRY	284 HO	26610	1060	859
BARR RIDGE FARM LLC.	182 HO	23572	967	789

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

VALE WOOD DAIRY	HO	82	284
BARR RIDGE FARM LLC.	HO	157	182

Centre County

MURMAC FARMS	1892 HO	32191	1331	1021
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	258 HO	28202	1182	899
PENNDILL FARMS	83 HO	28756	1137	883
TODD E. & GREG T. WOOM	72 HO	27080	1214	843
S. & J. SWARTZ	74 HO	26448	1074	827
HAAGEN FARM	38 HO	25224	1071	799
KENNETH C. GEPHART	66 HO	25466	1014	799
JACHAR FARM LLC.	126 HO	24853	1227	784
ROD & BIL BRUSS	51 HO	22344	859	716
NITTANY RIDGE HOLSTEINS	70 HO	23868	920	716
HAROLD E. HARPSTER	58 JE	17859	1065	662
GLEN & LOIS MILLER	52 HO	20333	808	626
LEROY STOLTZFUS	42 HO	17665	645	526

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

MURMAC FARMS	HO	132	1892
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	HO	138	258
HAAGEN FARM	HO	159	38
GLEN & LOIS MILLER	HO	175	52
LEROY STOLTZFUS	HO	190	42

Chester County

ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	133 HO	34404	1379	1063
ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	221 HO	32840	1313	1010
WALMOORE HOLSTEINS	1066 HO	31662	1218	991
ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	88 HO	30494	1213	932
KING DAIRY LLC.	158 HO	29407	1175	911
ONE WAY HOLSTEIN	152 HO	28898	1154	895
DREAM RIDGE HOL. LLC.	81 HO	27423	1070	845
MARSHAK DAIRY (NBC)	185 HO	25801	1080	810
HERBETH FARMS	66 HO	24803	991	779
BROOKVILLE FARMS	74 HO	25030	985	752
MAPLE HALL	67 HO	23994	787	720
DUANE STOLTZFUS	50 HO	20272	829	636

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

MARSHAK DAIRY (NBC)	HO	76	185
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ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	HO	109	88
ONE WAY HOLSTEIN	HO	115	152
ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	HO	124	221
WALMOORE HOLSTEINS	HO	128	1066
ROY & RUTH ANN BENDER	HO	132	133
BROOKVILLE FARMS	HO	193	74

Clearfield County

KENNIS DAIRY FARMS	100 HO	26583	1080	870
HICKS DAIRY	216 HO	22153	887	713

Clinton County

SCHRACK FARMS	1438 HO	27113	1112	870
MEYER DAIRY FARM LLC.	241 HO	25251	1024	809
AQUILLA STOLTZFUS	62 HO	23314	942	721
STEPHEN F. & SADIE G. LAPP	56 HO	20777	792	632

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

MEYER DAIRY FARM LLC.	HO	66	241
STEPHEN F. & SADIE G. LAPP	HO	119	56

Columbia County

WHITENIGHT FAMILY FARM	23 XX	15990	707	526
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HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

WHITENIGHT FAMILY FARM	XX	148	23
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Crawford County

TRCP FARM LLC.	11 BS	26623	1120	916
TRCP FARM LLC.	70 HO	29217	1111	914
TRCP FARM LLC.	94 HO	28375	1102	904
FOSTERS FAMILY FARM	105 HO	26089	1166	880
TRCP FARM LLC.	13 XX	25253	1042	847
JOSEPH M. VORISEK	62 XX	25191	996	795

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

FOSTERS FAMILY FARM	HO	119	105
TRCP FARM LLC.	HO	137	70
JOSEPH M. VORISEK	XX	173	62
TRCP FARM LLC.	HO	185	94

Cumberland County

BRYMESSER FARMS	252 HO	30752	1332	996
LEHMAN VIEW FARMS LLC.	97 HO	23706	967	741
J&S DAIRY	81 XX	21558	832	702
HENSEL	80 HO	19749	840	656
FOUNTAINVUE	106 HO	18372	678	581

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

BRYMESSER FARMS	HO	103	252
HENSEL	HO	131	80
LEHMAN VIEW FARMS LLC.	HO	139	97

Dauphin County

STONEY LAWN FARMS	167 HO	27812	1027	854
WINDY KNOLL FARM	47 HO	26012	929	784
TY & TRACY LONG	129 HO	25318	1031	777
LEHMANSTEAD FARMS	162 HO	23386	981	766
ISAAC LEE ZOOK	48 HO	21560	859	654

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

WINDY KNOLL FARM	HO	141	47
TY & TRACY LONG	HO	150	129

Elk County

PIERRE PONTZER	87 HO	20571	840	642
PAUL SWANSON	64 HO	18278	730	565

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

PIERRE PONTZER	HO	118	87
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Erie County

TWIN CREEKS FARM LLC.	530 HO	27798	1124	870
LIND FARM	65 HO	22787	942	741
KIDSTREAT	121 HO	21496	911	709
PALNEL FARM	128 HO	19650	836	647

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COCOLAMUS FARM	47 XX	17995	726	581
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
KURTZ VALLEY HOLSTEINS,LL	HO	148	407	
J. SCOTT LANDIS & SONS	HO	178	95	
CHARLES & TAMMY KLINE	HO	187	82	
MATT & BOBBI JO GRAYBILL	HO	190	84	

Lackawanna County

PAUL MANNING	121 HO	18895	851	613
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Lancaster County

LONNIE HORST	157 HO	30659	1157	917
STAR ROCK FARMS	1684 HO	28539	1304	889
STAR ROCK FARMS	1934 HO	27237	1279	865
LLOYD M. REIFF	81 HO	24137	959	778
STAR ROCK FARMS	250 JE	18436	1116	701
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LONNIE HORST	HO	78	157	
STAR ROCK FARMS	HO	137	1934	
STAR ROCK FARMS	HO	137	1684	
STAR ROCK FARMS	JE	143	250	

Lebanon County

BRANDT VIEW FARM	109 HO	30285	1299	971
LEON E. MARTIN	71 HO	28913	995	924
BROOK CORNER HOLSTEINS	405 HO	29487	1150	914
QUENTIN HORST	147 HO	29219	1140	910
DNR HOLSTEINS	115 HO	27911	1132	893
WHITE BIRCH FARM	156 HO	28314	1149	887
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OBIEVIEW HOLSTEINS	110 HO	26651	1030	859
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	79 HO	26807	1052	857
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CARISTONE FARM LLC.	252 HO	26228	1068	844
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DREAMLEA HOLSTEINS	96 HO	26483	1020	833
OBIEVIEW, C. & M.	113 HO	26308	1069	826
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HIMMELVALLEY HOLSTN	82 HO	26254	1065	817
CURVIN & DAWN GOOD	128 HO	25840	994	809
MARK & STEPH PATCHES	83 HO	26592	1003	807
DETWEILER HOLSTEINS	80 HO	25743	981	802
RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	84 HO	25834	960	797
RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	266 HO	25785	998	791
RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	182 HO	25758	1015	787
AMOS Z. BSCH	42 HO	25332	978	782
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	156 XX	23563	928	776
B. & L. HOSTETTER	87 HO	24578	966	771
HOMESTEAD ACRES	120 HO	24666	908	768
MUSSER RIDGE FARM	182 HO	24122	984	768
MDR FARMS	134 HO	24019	920	751

HIDE AWAY DAIRY, INC.	394 HO	24451	983	745
LOCUST ST. HOLSTEINS	141 HO	24559	880	738
K. & M. SELLERS	63 HO	23397	927	735
ALAN HOSTETTER	75 HO	23487	881	735
JUSTIN & LESLIE VARNICLE	55 HO	23244	916	735
JOHN & ALISHA RISSER	82 HO	22543	935	728
BAER BROTHER FARMS	134 HO	21221	842	716
HAROLD DETWEILER	86 HO	23158	971	711
LYNN & SHEILA SCHWENK	131 HO	21770	811	698
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	77 BS	20233	801	693
NATHAN MULLEN	18 JE	17171	907	654
DIAMOND VALLEY DAIRY	66 XX	19080	854	648
J. CALVIN ZIMMERMAN	91 HO	18191	746	573
J. CALVIN ZIMMERMAN	119 HO	18020	739	569
J. CALVIN ZIMMERMAN	28 HO	17425	718	555

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
B. & L. HOSTETTER	HO	64	87	
HIMMELVALLEY HOLSTN	HO	64	82	
RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	HO	81	182	
CURVIN & DAWN GOOD	HO	83	128	
BRANDT VIEW FARM	HO	86	109	

RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	HO	87	266	
HAROLD DETWEILER	HO	89	86	
WHITE BIRCH FARM	HO	94	156	
RUPLAND HOLSTEINS	HO	99	84	
KEVIN & ALLISON SELLERS	HO	104	59	
DEW MIST HOLSTEINS	HO	113	228	
QUENTIN HORST	HO	120	147	
MUSSER RIDGE FARM	HO	121	182	
DETWEILER HOLSTEINS	HO	122	80	
LYNN & SHEILA SCHWENK	HO	124	131	
OBIEVIEW, C. & M.	HO	130	113	
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	HO	131	79	
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	XX	132	156	
HEILINGER FARMS LLC.	BS	132	77	
LYNNCREST HOLSTEINS	HO	134	52	
OBIEVIEW HOLSTEINS	HO	139	110	
FERTILE VALLEY FARM	HO	140	117	
MARK M. HOOVER	HO	141	98	
DNR HOLSTEINS	HO	146	115	
K. & M. SELLERS	HO	147	63	
DIAMOND VALLEY DAIRY LLC.	XX	147	66	

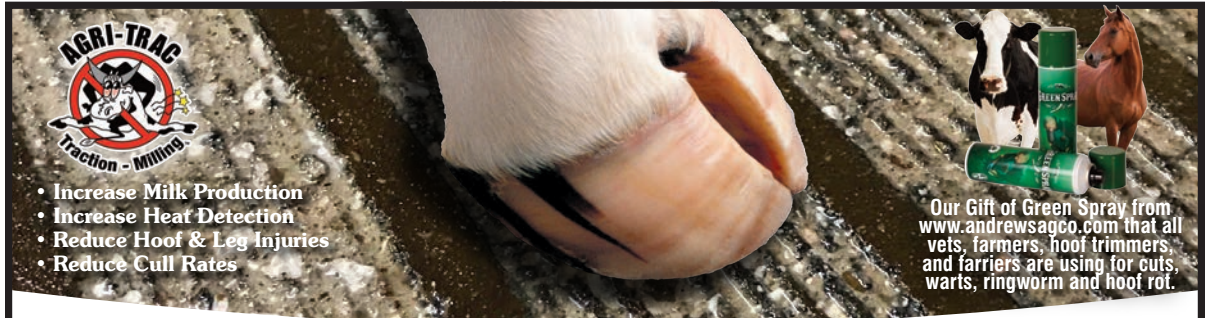
DARREN WISE	HO	148	138	
PROMISE LANE FARMS	HO	149	103	
DREAMLEA HOLSTEINS	HO	163	96	
AMOS Z. ESCH	HO	168	42	
GARY LENTZ	HO	172	116	
JUSTIN & LESLIE VARNICLE	HO	172	55	
BROOK CORNER HOLSTEINS	HO	191	405	
CARISTONE FARM LLC.	HO	194	252	

Luzerne County

K. C. TROXELL FARMS	135 HO	22144	856	658
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Lycoming County

AARON S. LAPP	51 HO	23917	996	750
SAMUEL S. LAPP	50 HO	24853	1009	748
SCOTT RHONDA LOVELL	41 HO	22696	898	721
ELAM F. LAPP	45 HO	22928	929	707
JOHN K. LAPP, JR.	52 HO	21964	881	699
GLADE RUN FARMS LLC.	82 HO	19686	791	648



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AARON K., JR. & LYDIA LAPP	53 HO	20445	843	618
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SAMUEL S. LAPP	HO		71	50
ELAM F. LAPP	HO		72	45
JOHN K. LAPP, JR.	HO		110	52
AARON K., JR. & LYDIA LAPP	HO		177	53
GLADE RUN FARMS LLC.	HO		178	82

McKean County

THREE MILES DAIRY	52 HO	22714	856	708
DETRICKS FARM	36 HO	21000	886	686
MATIS FARM LLC.	49 HO	21263	813	682
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
THREE MILES DAIRY	HO		170	52

Mercer County

CLAN CAMPBELL	57 HO	26887	1057	881
DALE L. KEPNER	122 HO	28681	1048	878
GANDER & GIRLS FAMILY	46 HO	25485	1006	786
WILLOW BROOK FARM	25 HO	21297	804	679
IRISHTOWN ACRES	533 JE	17293	935	643
WILLOW BROOK FARM	53 XX	18529	765	618
WILLOW BROOK FARM	20 XX	16391	720	559
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WILLOW BROOK FARM	XX		133	20
IRISHTOWN ACRES	JE		153	533
WILLOW BROOK FARM	XX		169	53
WILLOW BROOK FARM	HO		195	25

Mifflin County

PEACHCREST HOLSTEINS	131 HO	29929	1202	985
BLESSED ACRES DAIRY	45 HO	28338	1138	900
WOODEDGE FARM LLC.	168 HO	28327	1181	899
TITUS R. PEACHEY	117 HO	28390	1091	898
ANTHONY & CHANDRA PEAC	67 HO	29486	1130	887
KISH VIEW FARM	658 HO	28507	1139	882
DERRY MUSSER	119 HO	26825	1086	873
BYLER VIEW LLC.	112 HO	25710	1082	850
BLESSED ACRES DAIRY	54 HO	25948	1041	822
DAVID C. YODER	112 HO	26462	994	819
LOREN K. YODER	102 HO	25407	1049	816
MIMOSA VIEW FARM	67 HO	25646	1004	814
WILLOWS FARM	94 HO	24790	1168	811
FORGY DAIRY	191 HO	25048	967	802
SHAWN & EMILY YODER	107 HO	25227	965	797
JASON & LORI KAUFFMAN	98 HO	25591	1005	796
CHASE & ALLISON PEACHE	124 HO	25496	971	796
ROBERT & LISA PEACHEY	84 HO	25348	925	785
FROG MEADOW FARM	80 HO	24827	960	784
NATHAN & EUNICE YODER	74 HO	24348	1038	783
JOHN SPICHER	94 HO	22592	921	740
JOE & KRISTIN DIEHL	243 JE	18918	957	718
JONAS & LYNETTE KING	69 HO	21439	852	640
CALVIN & ELVA YODER	90 HO	19929	787	608
JOSH RENNINGER	47 HO	20193	846	603
SPARROW EYE GRAZERS	40 XX	15189	630	503
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BLESSED ACRES DAIRY	HO		58	54
BLESSED ACRES DAIRY	HO		59	45
CALVIN & ELVA YODER	HO		75	90
WILLOWS FARM	HO		79	94
PEACHCREST HOLSTEINS	HO		85	131
JOHN SPICHER	HO		105	94
NATHAN & EUNICE YODER	HO		108	74
DERRY MUSSER	HO		113	119
AUDREY GAY RODGERS	AY		122	40
ROBERT & LISA PEACHEY	HO		131	84
BYLER VIEW LLC.	HO		136	112
WOODEDGE FARM LLC.	HO		143	168
MIMOSA VIEW FARM	HO		148	67
TITUS R. PEACHEY	HO		149	117
SPARROW EYE GRAZERS	XX		150	40
JASON & LORI KAUFFMAN	HO		160	98
JOE & KRISTIN DIEHL	JE		180	243
FROG MEADOW FARM	HO		181	80
FORGY DAIRY	HO		188	191
KISH VIEW FARM	HO		193	658
LOREN K. YODER	HO		194	102

MERRYMEAD FARM	62 HO	33337	1247	1020
ROBERT & CASANDRA	62 XX	14194	626	508
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				

Montgomery County

MERRYMEAD FARM	62 HO	33337	1247	1020
ROBERT & CASANDRA	62 XX	14194	626	508

MERRYMEAD FARM	HO		28	62
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Northampton County

BREWER FARMS	63 HO	28622	1353	881
JOAN A. WILLIAMS	124 HO	24408	1046	731
RALPH HAHN	99 HO	22513	1007	689
BREWERS JERSEYS	38 JE	17769	1066	689
A.J. COMPAGNOLA LLC.	52 JE	14179	722	540
KOEHLER FARM	39 HO	18042	697	530
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BREWER FARMS	HO		119	63
KOEHLER FARM	HO		137	39
BREWERS JERSEYS	JE		165	38

Northumberland County

ZIMMERMAN'S HILLTOP DAIR	328 HO	28728	1206	944
SPRING LAKE DAIRY	107 HO	28356	1163	937
SHULTZ HILLSIDE DAIRY	84 HO	28553	1108	881
SHULTZ HILLSIDE DAIRY	89 HO	28266	1097	872
FAUS FARMS	129 HO	26200	1074	814
WAYNE KLOCK	43 HO	24855	960	772
PAUL SCHMIDT	177 HO	23056	937	711

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SPRING LAKE DAIRY	HO		102	107
FAUS FARMS	HO		110	129
ZIMMERMAN'S HILLTOP DAIRY	HO		163	328
SHULTZ HILLSIDE DAIRY	HO		188	84
SHULTZ HILLSIDE DAIRY	HO		193	89

Perry County

M. W. SMITH FARMS	789 HO	28722	1242	914
LOGAN M. BOWER	618 HO	29042	1192	904
LOY ACRES LLC.	100 HO	30754	1142	889
MELVIN S. WEAVER	104 HO	27351	1141	860
CARL & BRENT MCMILLEN	94 HO	27727	1076	850
LENARD & AMY KRESGE	150 HO	25877	1038	829
LYONS BROTHERS	67 HO	26159	1001	790
BLAINVIEW FARM LLC.	120 HO	25156	983	782
INNERST FARM	312 HO	24904	1088	774
KRETZCH FARMS, INC.	384 HO	23957	937	762

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MELVIN S. WEAVER	HO		97	104
LOY ACRES LLC.	HO		102	100
M. W. SMITH FARMS	HO		120	789
BLAINVIEW FARM LLC.	HO		134	120
CARL & BRENT MCMILLEN	HO		135	94
LENARD & AMY KRESGE	HO		165	150
INNERST FARM	HO		175	312
KRETZCH FARMS, INC.	HO		183	384

Potter County

CADY FARMS	89 HO	23134	1001	754
RISSER, DAVID & NELS	101 HO	24337	981	742
DON & CATHY THOMPSON	54 HO	21935	896	700
EUGENE SUPPLEE	117 HO	19736	813	640
JJ FARMS #	59 HO	20189	866	629

Schuylkill County

RYAN WOLFE	57 HO	25675	986	815
UNITED HEART HOLSTEINS	84 HO	24800	1005	801
WIND MILL FARM	221 BS	21429	962	735
WIND MILL FARM	214 BS	21370	959	733
DUNN'S PRIDE HOLSTEINS	106 HO	23835	942	732
SNYDERLAND FARMS	43 HO	20875	919	671
JERSEY ACRES FMS., INC.	226 JE	16255	795	631
CRAIG RHEIN	110 JE	16798	799	604
BRIAN & BROOKE HEISL	98 JE	14794	736	557

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
UNITED HEART HOLSTEINS	HO		95	84
CRAIG RHEIN	JE		118	110
SNYDERLAND FARMS	HO		135	43
DUNN'S PRIDE HOLSTEINS	HO		137	106
RYAN WOLFE	HO		150	57
JERSEY ACRES FMS., INC.	JE		170	226

Snyder County

DARE E LAND	71 HO	28552	1322	987
DARE E LAND	114 XX	25442	1253	918
WARREN FAUS	64 HO	26012	1054	823
MABARBIL FARMS	95 HO	25584	1035	820
DARE E LAND	42 JE	20347	1141	806

JACOB GRAYBILL	53 XX	24521	972	783
ROBERT & KATHY WAITE	68 XX	23438	974	772
BO ANN HOLSTEINS	53 HO	23681	973	734
BO ANN HOLSTEINS	61 HO	22669	949	715
JOSHUA A. ZIMMERMAN	53 XX	20591	943	672
HOLLENBACH FARMS LLC.	51 HO	19392	839	634
SEVEN OAKS	47 XX	16092	717	510

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WARREN FAUS	HO		118	64
MABARBIL FARMS	HO		121	95
ROBERT & KATHY WAITE	XX		162	68
JOSHUA A. ZIMMERMAN	XX		196	53

Sullivan County

SCOTT & RANDY REIBSON	90 XX	20746	899	698
CRAIG BAGLEY	40 XX	19228	802	644

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SCOTT & RANDY REIBSON	XX		170	90

Susquehanna County

EMPET FARMS	126 HO	29238	1147	897
BRANTSTEAD DAIRY FARM	89 HO	28461	1154	895
EMPET FARMS	160 HO	27282	1111	858
LYOY & DENISE PEASE	68 HO	25019	986	810
ETW DAIRY, INC.	51 HO	25976	1025	790
COTTRELL DAIRY	55 HO	23934	852	763
JOHN CASTROGIOVANNI	95 HO	24514	960	752
EMPET FARMS	34 JE	20027	980	714
COLD CREEK FARM	240 HO	21662	777	662
CHARLIE & KIM CLARK	30 XX	20479	703	661
BILL HEWITT	72 HO	20592	724	625
SHAWN ROBBINS	49 HO	19728	760	622
AJOY SWISS	55 BS	18655	767	616

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ETW DAIRY, INC.	HO		92	51
EMPET FARMS	HO		93	160
EMPET FARMS	HO		93	126
EMPET FARMS	JE		98	34
AJOY SWISS	BS		99	55
COTTRELL DAIRY	HO		159	55
JOHN CASTROGIOVANNI	HO		169	95
BRANTSTEAD DAIRY FARM LLC.	HO		192	89

Tioga County

KEN MARTIN	70 HO	26399	1076	829
SHERMAN, HENRY & KELLY	122 HO	21735	927	700
MARK HALTEMAN	55 HO	22093	879	698
MAPLE KNOLL FARM	322 HO	20736	876	681

HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SHERMAN, HENRY & KELLY	HO		85	122
KEN MARTIN	HO		196	70
MAPLE KNOLL FARM	HO		198	322

Union County

DERICK MARTIN	60 HO	29993	1104	934
FLOYD MARTIN	59 HO	28496	1082	898
JAY & AREMINA CHARLTON	81 HO	27887	1104	863
HEART & SOUL	38 HO	25758	1057	848
SNODDY FARM, INC.	93 HO	233		



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CEDAR KNOLL FARMS	243 HO	23813	866	729
BYRON D. STAMBAUGH	17 JE	15466	745	566
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BYRON D. STAMBAUGH		JE	86	17
BYRON D. STAMBAUGH		HO	88	172
BYRON D. STAMBAUGH		HO	88	154
COLDSRINGS FARM		HO	100	1264
MD. LOCUST CREST FARM		HO	119	56
PEACE & PLENTY FARMS		HO	149	260
WHISPERING BREEZE HOLSTNS		XX	187	85

Cecil County				
WIL-O-MAR FARM	18 HO	23407	883	740

Frederick County				
MERCURO FARM LLC.	44 HO	29367	1288	987
TEABOW INCORP.	1210 HO	28872	1129	908
SHAFDON FARMS	318 HO	28908	1185	879
SHAFDON FARMS	338 HO	28800	1177	875
SHAFDON FARMS	14 HO	29175	1101	832
MERCURO FARM LLC.	333 HO	23775	1015	813
CHRIS & JAMIE DERR	76 HO	24386	1076	802
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MERCURO FARM LLC.	289 HO	22933	974	787
VENTURE LUCK FARM	108 HO	23474	974	765
PAUL COBLENTZ & SONS	488 HO	24385	954	749
DAVE & CAROLE DOODY	169 HO	21805	840	660
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MERCURO FARM LLC.		HO	72	44
MERCURO FARM LLC.		HO	87	333
MERCURO FARM LLC.		HO	89	289
CHRIS & JAMIE DERR		HO	107	76
CHRIS & JAMIE DERR		HO	107	76
PAUL COBLENTZ & SONS		HO	170	488
DAVE & CAROLE DOODY		HO	191	169

Garrett County				
MARK FARMS	104 HO	28983	1081	930
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MARK FARMS		HO	112	104

Harford County				
STRAWBERRY HILL FARM	143 HO	25305	979	771
QUIETNESS FARM	49 HO	20411	810	658
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
STRAWBERRY HILL FARM		HO	119	143
QUIETNESS FARM		HO	166	49
CHRIS DIXON		MS	185	115

Howard County				
DAVID & JAMES PATRICK	127 HO	26906	1129	860
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	91 HO	26101	1085	811
DAVID & JAMES PATRICK	31 AY	16782	686	559
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
DAVID & JAMES PATRICK		AY	91	31
DAVID & JAMES PATRICK		HO	108	127
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND		HO	198	91

Kent County				
P. THOMAS MASON	169 HO	28522	1177	904
P. THOMAS MASON	970 JE	20720	992	723
P. THOMAS MASON	786 JE	19020	954	684
P. THOMAS MASON	15 XX	20675	828	670
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
P. THOMAS MASON		HO	99	169

P. THOMAS MASON	XX	107	15
P. THOMAS MASON	JE	141	970
P. THOMAS MASON	JE	156	786

Queen Anne's County				
LESTER C. JONES, INC.	1649 HO	28873	1343	913
PATTERSON FARMS, INC.	346 HO	24199	1018	779
KEVIN LEAVERTON	92 HO	23077	978	768
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LESTER C. JONES, INC.		HO	121	1649

Talbot County				
JARRED & TRISHA BOYCE	40 HO	26008	1078	833
JARRED & TRISHA BOYCE	56 XX	23004	1010	768
HENRY SNOW III.	23 HO	23028	860	725
JARRED & TRISHA BOYCE	15 JE	15113	831	596
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
JARRED & TRISHA BOYCE		HO	121	40
JARRED & TRISHA BOYCE		XX	136	56

Tidewater County				
RICHARD EDWARDS	729 HO	25617	904	762
RICHARD EDWARDS	777 HO	25062	894	750
RICHARD EDWARDS	48 JE	16571	734	573
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
RICHARD EDWARDS		HO	183	729
RICHARD EDWARDS		HO	184	777

Washington County				
RALPH W. SHANK	18 HO	26551	963	813
BRIAN FORSYTHE	18 HO	24200	977	784
DEBAUGH FARMS	134 HO	24661	941	784
DEBAUGH FARMS	144 HO	24178	936	776
CLETUS & JANICE FREY	129 XX	23823	978	770
RALPH W. SHANK	124 XX	21636	900	698
RALPH W. SHANK	75 AY	22309	905	697
BRENT HORST	136 HO	21500	990	681
COOL BROOK FARM	118 XX	21460	870	679
PRYOR BROTHERS	99 XX	22121	862	678
BRIAN FORSYTHE	63 XX	18598	847	674
DEBAUGH FARMS	10 JE	17820	858	662
BRIAN FORSYTHE	45 JE	16303	794	630
RALPH W. SHANK	23 JE	16369	830	612
LONG DELITE FARM	62 XX	17203	732	569
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BRIAN FORSYTHE		HO	92	18
BRIAN FORSYTHE		XX	109	63
BRIAN FORSYTHE		JE	120	45
DEBAUGH FARMS		HO	121	134
DEBAUGH FARMS		HO	123	144
DEBAUGH FARMS		JE	138	10
LONG DELITE FARM		XX	166	62
RALPH W. SHANK		AY	176	75
RALPH W. SHANK		HO	181	18
RALPH W. SHANK		XX	192	124

MAINE				
Androscoggin-Sagadahoc				
BRIEEN FARMS	561 HO	31955	1322	1036
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BRIEEN FARMS		HO	84	561

MASSACHUSETTS				
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Hampshire County				
COOK FARM	79 HO	24209	1103	821
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
COOK FARM		XX	146	79

NEW YORK				
Cayuga County				
AURORA RIDGE DAIRY	2662 HO	30723	1226	955
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
AURORA RIDGE DAIRY		HO	120	2662

Chenango County				
MARSHMAN FARMS	422 HO	28181	1212	884
EVANS HOLSTENS	91 HO	20431	744	608
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MARSHMAN FARMS		HO	113	422

Cortland County				
MCEVOY, CHARLES & KENNET	33 HO	17353	700	545
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MCEVOY, CHARLES & KENNETH		HO	111	33

Genesee County				
OAKFIELD CORNERS DAIRY	2594 HO	31851	1395	1046
OAKFIELD CORNERS DAIRY 2	3333 HO	32196	1367	1071
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
OAKFIELD CORNERS DAIRY		HO	97	2594
OAKFIELD CORNERS DAIRY 2		HO	132	3333

Niagara County				
LAKESHORE DAIRY LLC.	2080 HO	30194	1293	965
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LAKESHORE DAIRY LLC.		HO	193	2080

Oneida County				
WORMONT DAIRY	274 HO	18331	844	615

Saratoga County				
WELCOME STOCK FARM	977 HO	27545	1279	921

Washington County				
LIDDLEHOLME	77 HO	18541	738	580
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LIDDLEHOLME		HO	161	77

Wyoming County				
WOODVALE FARMS	852 HO	28348	1166	926
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WOODVALE FARMS		HO	77	852

OHIO

Holmes County				
ROD HUNSBERGER	184 HO	31445	1154	976
DEAN WOLBOLDT	85 HO	22024	910	710
DEAN WOLBOLDT	118 HO	20827	890	688
DEAN WOLBOLDT	20 XX	16773	781	594
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ROD HUNSBERGER		HO	102	184
DEAN WOLBOLDT		HO	108	85
DEAN WOLBOLDT		HO	150	118

Lorain County				
JALODA FARMS	131 HO	24946	1048	827
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
JALODA FARMS		HO	200	131

Paulding County				
SINN, CLINT	305 HO	27308	1249	864

Richland County				
RICHARD MARTIN	86 HO	15834	658	510

Tuscarawas County				
STEAM VALLEY FARMS, INC.	137 HO	25534	976	784
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
STEAM VALLEY FARMS, INC.		HO	166	137

Wayne County				
STERLING HEIGHTS DAIRY	1128 XX	30565	1142	969
STEINHURST FARMS	696 HO	31207	1237	969
GREGG TROYER	147 HO	26885	1149	926
CANAAN FARMS LLC.	289 HO	28558	1231	867
COREY, MARTY	261 XX	23279	1010	764
HARTZ WAY FARM	169 HO	24472	1018	756
ZOLLINGER	114 JE	19881	1064	754
RAMSEYER, CHAD	325 JE	17375	938	688
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ZOLLINGER		JE	83	114
GREGG TROYER		HO	109	147
RAMSEYER, CHAD		JE	113	325
HARTZ WAY FARM		HO	146	169
COREY, MARTY		XX	160	261
CANAAN FARMS LLC.		HO	162	289
STEINHURST FARMS		HO	193	696

WEST VIRGINIA				
Mineral County				
BROOKEDALE HOLSTENS	70 HO	18032	721	560
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
BROOKEDALE HOLSTENS		HO	175	70

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Central Jersey Area / Hunterdon County				
CEDAR LANE FARM LLC.	58 HO	29138	1214	864
CEDAR LANE FARM LLC.	14 JE	18055	1039	676
MIDDLEBUSH FARMS, INC.	72 HO	21053	871	656
WENGRYN, JANET	34 HO	20539	822	633
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
CEDAR LANE FARM LLC.		JE	116	14
CEDAR LANE FARM LLC.		HO	125	58
MIDDLEBUSH FARMS, INC.		HO	142	72
WENGRYN, JANET		HO	146	34

South Jersey Area				
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MYERWOOD FARMS	513 HO	29672	1173	927
BELLER, KEVIN	89 HO	26041	1041	820
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MYERWOOD FARMS		HO	132	513

Sussex County				
LOCKBURNER, MARK F.	50 HO	25302	985	821
VANDERGOEF	121 HO	25217	1070	758
KUPERUS MEADOWS	142 HO	23412	1008	731
BYACRE HOLSTENS LLC.	124 HO	22845	827	683
DECKERTOWN HOLSTENS	73 HO	19449	809	619
SPRING HOUSE DAIRY	65 XX	18258	867	616
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LOCKBURNER, MARK F.		HO	114	50
SPRING HOUSE DAIRY		XX	162	65
KUPERUS MEADOWS		HO	187	142

USDA final WIC rule trims dairy, boosts non-dairy fakes

By **SHERRY BUNTING**
Special for Farmshine

CHICAGO, Ill. — While in Chicago on April 9, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced that USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has finalized updates to the foods prescribed to participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC.

The updated rules boost fruits and vegetables, expand whole grains, and cut back on milk and dairy, while expanding WIC package inclusions of non-dairy fake-yogurt and fake-cheese.

The USDA announcement stated that, "These science-based revisions incorporate recommendations from the ... Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025."

The announcement offered accolades for the Biden-Harris Administration in getting WIC fully funded for FY 2024, including an extra \$1 billion. But how it will be spent is a problem for WIC moms, who have long shared their concerns about wanting access to whole and 2% milk for their families — and now they will have to contend with less milk and less dairy in their allotments, altogether.

Digging into the details, beyond the press release, it is clear that the Biden-Harris Administration and Vilsack's USDA have cut the milk and dairy quantities for WIC moms in the final rule.

"WIC food packages are prescribed foods

and beverages specifically designed to supplement the foods and beverages participants already consume and fill in key nutritional gaps to support healthy growth and development," said Vilsack. "FNS proposed changes in Nov. 2022 to align the food packages with the latest nutrition science and support equitable access to nutritious foods during critical life stages."

USDA has chosen to ignore countless public comments raising concern about the proposed cuts to milk and dairy, which contain 13 essential nutrients, including three of the four nutrients of public health concern.

USDA touts the new rules as providing a boost to fruits and vegetables up to four times more than previously. It expands whole grain options, expands package size flexibility and non-dairy substitute options, such as plant-based fake-yogurt and fake-cheese, and requires lactose-free milk be available.

The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) and the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) expressed disappointment in the final rule, which maintained the proposed rule's cuts to dairy in the WIC food packages.

"WIC is a vital program ensuring that pregnant women, new mothers, infants, and children have access to key nutrients that may be lacking in their diets, so decreasing the amount of dairy decreases the nutrients they are accessing through it," stated IDFA in an April 9 press release.

"Nutrition science demonstrates that dairy

products like milk, yogurt, and cheese are especially important for women, infants, and children; meanwhile, nearly 90% of Americans don't meet the number of dairy servings recommended by the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. This rule works against the WIC Program's goal of ensuring all Americans have consistent and equitable access to healthy, safe, and affordable foods," said Gregg Doud, NMPF president and CEO.

Statistics show that milk, cheese, and yogurt are three of the five top redeemed items through WIC. They also provide three of the four nutrients of public health concern identified in the 2020 guidelines.

"At a time of rising food costs, it's important to focus on increasing access to a wide variety of healthful, nutrient-dense, and affordable foods, including both fresh produce and dairy products," Doud said. "It's disappointing that the final rule limits WIC family purchasing power for nutritious dairy foods."

Speaking for IDFA, President and CEO Michael Dykes, D.V.M., said: "This final rule cuts the amount of milk that can be purchased by up to 3 gallons per family per month at a time of high food prices, stubborn inflation, and rising hunger rates, and harms nutrition."

He shared IDFA surveys of WIC participants showing that 35% say they will need to use non-WIC funds to cover purchases of milk and dairy due to these cuts. Another 33% say the cuts will make their shopping for milk and dairy products harder. Some may decide not to re-enroll in WIC because of the cuts.

"Partners like state WIC agencies, local health clinics, and anti-hunger groups will be forced to explain USDA's WIC cuts to 6 million low-income mothers and children under the age of five," said Dykes.

WIC state agencies will have two years to implement these changes.

Soybean growers elect Emily Landis

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Soybean Board has announced new officer appointments for the 2024 Fiscal Year. Emily Landis, Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre County, Pa., has been elected to chair the Board. A graduate of Penn State, she earned an undergraduate degree in agricultural systems management and a graduate degree in animal science. She and her family operate a 400-acre cash grain operation. In addition, along with her husband and son, she raises registered Angus and Hereford cattle and purebred Hampshire sheep. She is also employed as an executive



Emily Landis

ag relationship manager with Horizon Farm Credit.

"I am fortunate to work with a diverse group of soybean producers on the Board who share an unwavering commitment to Pennsylvania agriculture," says Landis. "As chair of the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, I look forward to supporting soybean growers by investing checkoff funds in research, opportunities for new uses, and promotion."

Other officers elected for the 2024 Fiscal year include Justin Jones (Bradford County), vice chair; Justin Knoebel (Columbia County), treasurer; and Dylan Beam (Lebanon County), secretary.

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MDVA honors numerous members at 104th annual meeting



MDVA CEO Jay Bryant received a standing ovation for his 22 years at the helm which strengthened MDVA in multiple ways. The annual meeting on Thursday, March 28, was his final annual meeting; he will retire at the end of this year.

HARRISONBURG, Va. — A plant acquisition in Philadelphia and the announced retirement of CEO Jay Bryant were among the highlights of Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative's (MDVA) recent annual meeting in Harrisonburg, Va. Always an annual highlight are the numerous people recognized for their many decades of membership in the organization, as well as the naming of the Producer of the Year. That distinction went to Burk-Lea Farms of Chambersburg, Pa.

Owned and operated by Clint and Kara

Burkholder, Burk-Lea Farms is a well-rounded operation milking 860 cows and farming 1300 acres with the help of more than a dozen employees. They have thrived with multiple best management practices and a strong commitment to sustainability.

"Burk-Lea Farms is an example of multi-generational resilience, dedication, and innovation in MDVA's dairy farm family community," said MDVA President Kevin Satterwhite. "The Burkholder family has built a dairy farm showcase and a symbol of how agriculture is a contributor to the vibrancy of

our communities."

Molly Elgin McWilliams from Culpeper, Virginia, was honored as the 2024 MDVA Outstanding Young Cooperator (YC). Hailing from a lineage of dairy farmers spanning four generations, Molly oversees the management of her family's 200-cow herd. In her capacity as the Outstanding YC, Molly will serve as the representative of the cooperative in national-level gatherings dedicated to shaping the future of dairy farming in the United States.

"As the next generation, hopeful to take

over the family farm, I know just how important it is to take every opportunity that you can to broaden your horizon and continue to improve the next generations to come," said Elgin.

Celebrating a 75-year member and a 50-year member at the annual meeting was also noteworthy.

Ellerton View Farm and the Grossnickle Family have been MDVA members since 1949. The Grossnickles' have always had an eye toward sustainability having employed

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CEO Jay Bryant presented Molly Elgin McWilliams with a plaque after she was named Young Cooperator of the Year. She farms with her family in Orange County, Va.



The Grossnickle Family of Ellerton View Farm near Myersville, Md. was recognized for 75 years of membership. Pictured are Donna Lee and Donald Grossnickle.



The Burdette Family of Windy Knoll View Farm near Mercersburg, Pa. was recognized for 50 years of membership. Nina and James Burdette humbly accepted the recognition.

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no-till and cover cropping strategies for decades. They milk about 150 cows and farm 500 acres near Myersville, Md.

“The commitment and the pride that goes into running a beautiful farm, in a beautiful valley, is important,” said Dolly Grossnickle. “When you do it together as a family, there are so many rewards.”

The Burdette family of Mercersburg, Pa. was recognized for 50 years of membership. James and Nina Burdette began Windy Knoll View Farm in October of 1974. The couple has two sons and six grandchildren, with one of the sons, Justin, handling much of the operation today with his wife, Claire. The Burdettes have won dozens of awards for their cows and the lineage that they produce, but above all, the family hopes they are recognized for the incredible product that leaves their farm each day.

“We want consumers to know that we work hard to produce quality milk made with love from our family farm,” said Claire.

Highlights of the Cooperative’s progress were brought to members’ attention at the 104th annual meeting by CEO Jay Bryant. He spoke on the dynamic landscape of the dairy industry and the importance of focusing on sustainable growth.

“By focusing on our owners – our dairy



The Burkholder family of Chambersburg, Pa. was named MDVA Producer of the Year for 2024. Pictured left to right are Clint, Kara, Andrew and Emma Burkholder.

farm families – we strengthen the foundation upon which our cooperative stands,” said Bryant. “Whether through transportation improvements, on-farm sustainability practices, or new food safety technologies, MDVA is

committed to doing what the future requires of us today.”

At the close of the meeting, CEO Bryant announced he will retire from his position at the end of this year, concluding more than 22

years of leading and 37 years of working at MDVA.

“I would not trade who we have for any other team in the business,” said Bryant. “We have been putting together our system of plants and our top-notch staff over the past decade for this moment. I’m excited about the future of our organization.”

Bryant’s strategic direction cemented a home for MDVA member milk through the purchase of three additional consumer products plants. MDVA’s revenue sales have doubled, and gross profits have increased by 150% under his leadership. Bryant’s leadership enabled MDVA to become a recognized pioneer on dairy supply chain sustainability – earning more than \$77 million for on-farm sustainability initiatives to date.

Jon Cowell, current CFO of MDVA, has been named as his replacement by MDVA’s Board of Directors.

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Billy and Betty Heath received the Distinguished Service Award from Jeff Sutton, the Association's outgoing president.



DJM Record Book winners, from left to right: Gary Derr, Lincoln Mongold, Harper Rutledge, Delaney Smith, Aubree Shafer, Easton Smith, Emma Hutchison, James Rutledge, Mikayla Derr, Lane Derr and Atley Shafer.

Maryland Holstein breeders bestow honors at meeting

NEW WINDSOR, Md. — The Maryland Holstein Association Banquet was held on Friday, March 22 at the New Windsor Fire Hall. Following a lively social hour during which Holstein enthusiasts from across the state were able to catch up with friends and fellow Holstein breeders, attendees enjoyed a fine dinner. The keynote speakers were David and Debbie Hardesty of Harvue Farms near Berryville, Va.

David spoke on the breeding history of Harvue Farms and highlighted the farm's many accomplishments, including breeding world-renowned Harvue Roy Frosty. Following David's segment, Debbie shared the story of how the Clark County leasing program came to be. Many youths and their parents in Clark County have benefitted from Debbie's knowledge and willingness to share her expertise with those interested in preparing for and showing a calf at the Clark County Fair.

Billy and Betty Heath were recognized for their continued service to the Maryland Hol-



Scholarship recipients included Shea Cencula, Breckin Welsh, Kendall Welsh and Bryce Zepp.

stein industry as the recipients of the Distinguished Service Award.

The 2023 All-Maryland and Junior All-Maryland award winners, the 2024 Maryland Holstein Scholarship recipients, and the 2024 Maryland Holstein Record Book winners were also honored during the banquet.

To wrap up the evening, Jeff Sutton was

thanked for his term as Maryland Holstein Association President, while Brett Haines was welcomed as the incoming president.

The Maryland Holstein Association looks forward to an exciting year ahead, including the upcoming Maryland Holstein Spring Show, scheduled on Saturday, April 13, at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship.



Guest speakers Debbie and David Hardesty spoke of, respectively, the 4-H calf leasing program in Clark County, Virginia and breeding strategies at Harvue Farms.

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Congress under the push by then First Lady Michelle Obama and then Ag Secretary Vilsack.

The 2010 HHFKA tightened those saturated fat screws even further with the ban on whole and 2% milk in schools. Since then, the juxtaposition of hunger in the face of obesity among children, identified by Stabenow in 2019, have only gotten worse.

“The National School Lunch program was created in the 1940s because General Lewis Hershey came before Congress to explain that recruits were being rejected due to malnutrition,” Stabenow declared in 2019.

She called attention to the national security threat, adding: “Today (Apr. 2019), over 750 retired Generals, and other military leaders, are sounding alarm bells again, this time because young adults are too overweight to serve. With 14% of children as young as 2 showing signs of obesity, we have to address this issue early and everywhere. Obesity in adolescents continues to rise while over 12 million kids do not have enough to eat.”

Where is the progress in these statements by Chairwoman Stabenow?

She correctly identifies the threat, but not the root causes. According to her, the government bureaucrats and their so-called “independent scientific committees” are doing all of the right things in her estimation, they just need to do MORE of it: Get more kids to eat school lunch, breakfast and expand it to cover more meals. . .

“Because of the ‘tremendous progress,’ we have made in the past 20 years in schools and daycares, it is vital to move forward, not backward,” Stabenow chided her skeptical colleagues with a sweet smile using her most sugar-coated yet authoritative school principal tone.

So, out of one side of her mouth, Stabenow talks of deteriorating childhood health and national security threats, while from the other side of her mouth she cheers for the government’s “tremendous progress” that needs only to be “streamlined” and force-fed.

“The solution,” she said, “is to get greater enrollment in the National School Lunch Program so kids can have access to that better lunch, breakfast, after school snacks – and even supper.”

(She is serving up Beltway Baloney – the worst kind. I need another glass of cold whole milk to wash out the taste before I choke on it.)

It is clear, the three-headed monster is feeding itself in Washington, without a care about America’s children, or the dairy farmers for that matter.

The first head is made up of the Senators who refuse to cosponsor or permit a vote on S. 1957 Whole Milk for Healthy Kids, including Chairwoman Stabenow, Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, and others.

Stabenow is simply not going to bring that bill out of her desk drawer and allow her committee to vote it to the Senate floor. It will take many more Senate cosponsors to even try to force her hand.

They say “engage in the process” but the second head of this monster is the USDA FNS and the career bureaucrats who control the process and have continually ignored those who have for many years been engaging with the process – even those with scientific credentials behind their names.

The 5-year cycles of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) since the 1980s are rigged, and getting worse, with USDA in complete control of what is supposed to be an independent process.

That process is also heavily influenced by the third head of this monster: The global Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG) companies making a killing off of our kids and using our tax dollars for their “USDA-compliant” meal kits, snacks and beverages.

To make matters worse, those who engage with a different scientific opinion are now being accused by the government of “misinformation.”

While citizens call, write and email their Senators and are commenting on USDA dockets regarding the 2025-30 DGAC work already well underway, USDA and HHS have responded to the heat by launching a campaign to “address the misinformation about the Dietary Guidelines.”

Health.gov notified me by email on April 3 as a commenter

on the public DGAC docket. They no-doubt notified other commenters too.

The email stated that they have published a paper in the March 22, 2024 American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, entitled “Addressing the Misinformation about the Dietary Guidelines” to clear up all of the “misinformation” about their precious process and the career nutrition bureaucrats who run it.

In the Abstract of the paper – written by career bureaucrats to defend the honor of career bureaucrats – are these words that clearly indicate Washington is worried about the DGA’s “credibility.”

“The DGA is developed using a rigorous and transparent scientific process, and with the advice of an independent, external committee of leading scientists. Career federal nutrition scientists who manage the process ensure that the methods used to develop the DGA remain state of the art. Unfortunately, misinformation about the scientific basis, transparency, and relevance of the DGA for the United States population threatens its credibility. The main objective of this article is to correct this misinformation with factual information about the process used to develop the DGA.”

The document takes on each of the points raised by DGA critics (points I myself have raised in comments and articles, along with countless others far more knowledgeable with far better scientific credentials). It then responds with a paragraph and section.

It mentions no improvements. It acknowledges no weakness in their process. The USDA and HHS show no willingness in their words to improve anything at all, nor do they take to heart any of the engagement with the process, not one of the scientific suggestions – not even those suggestions listed by the National Academy of Sciences in its 2018 report commissioned by Congress!

Nope. Their process is perfect. Their bureaucrats are in charge and reign supreme. And their results are deemed progress. If you doubt or question them, you, my friend, are a purveyor of MISINFORMATION.

If anyone is guilty of Misinformation, it is the Federal Government and the DGA façade behind which it hides.

Chairwoman Stabenow says the scientists and experts are who we must listen to. Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey says this also. They say Congress — our elected body of representation — must not “intervene” because Congress is “not a scientific body.”

And yet the prime sponsor of S. 1957 in the Senate is a medical doctor, an obstetrician treating pregnant women and delivering babies, and the prime cosponsor of H.R. 1147 in the House is also a medical doctor, a pediatrician treating children. Many of H.R. 1147 and S. 1957 cosponsors are also doctors.

But Stabenow wants us to trust Vilsack — a lawyer — and his Big Food cronies, while it is the Vilsack USDA at every turn that has diminished the amount and role of milk in childhood diets. Period.

How many times have we heard our dairy industry associations and checkoff say they are working on getting the research in front of the DGA Committee?

Are they? Secretary Vilsack said in a 2017 hearing questioned by Congress that there has to be a preponderance of evidence to change this. He said: “We’re not there yet.”

That’s because he and his cronies are the self-proclaimed “gatekeepers” of the science.

USDA controls the process for screening the research so USDA controls the evidence becoming preponderant.

More recently, in a public interview, Vilsack was asked about whole milk in school and he said “the schools can’t afford it.”

Ahhhh, now we’re getting through the shell, to the nut.

The former DMI executive (highest paid when he was there for four years as an intermission between USDA Secretary positions) believes our children are not worth the money to allow them to have the good stuff. But he’ll throw billions at climate projects of dubious intent, chasing a gas belched by cows that has been cyclical on the planet since the beginning of time – while the nutrition we give our children at school two meals a day, five days a week, three quarters of the year is substandard.

(It’s not true anyway. I have spoken with at least one fluid milk processor that serves school districts who says giving kids a choice doesn’t have to cost more.)

Our kids aren’t healthier, and our dairy farmers are fleeing

Clockwise from top left:

1) Where’s the milk on those school lunch trays?! This three-photo header is displayed at the top of all USDA Agricultural Marketing Service emails and news releases about school lunch commodity purchases as well as on USDA Food Nutrition Service communications via email and on various pages of the websites regarding these programs and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

2) Government gets and ‘F’ for failure in its dietary experiment on our kids: A sample school BMI analysis conducted by a registered nurse in Pennsylvania showing the results of 10 years of school meals before 2008 and 10 years after 2008. That’s the year that calories from saturated fat was fully regulated, followed by the 2010 legislation and 2012 USDA rules banning whole and 2% milk from school property, even as a competing beverage students can buy.

3) Health.gov sent emails to DGAC commenters on April 3, 2024, informing them that they are launching a campaign to “Address the Misinformation about the Dietary Guidelines for Americans” in response to critics they say are undermining its credibility.

4) Despite the Health.gov paper saying the NESR is ‘state of the art’ system supporting the so-called independent work of the DGAC, this slide photo captured by Sherry Bunting during her attendance of the Oct. 24, 2019 DGAC meeting showed one of the research screening criteria used by staff and interns while screening what research the DGAC is allowed to consider is that the research be “Framed around relevancy to U.S. Federal policy.” When a member of the DGAC at the table on the stage asked what that meant, the USDA gatekeeper said “it must align with Federal policy because every five years, we build on the prior DGAC cycle.”

5) The current map of Senate sponsors for S. 1957, The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. There are 17 sponsors from 13 states.

6) A call to action that cows and children are not able to contact lawmakers or USDA, so it’s up to us -- the adults in the room -- to make our voices heard.

7) The Nutrition Coalition, founded by Nina Teicholz, author of *The Big Fat Surprise*, produced this graph that is self-explanatory.

Graphic compiled by Sherry Bunting

BMI RECORDINGS

Year	Healthy Weight	Overweight / Obese
BMI 2007-08	60%	39%
BMI 2020-21	48%	52%

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition

Addressing misinformation about the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

NESR Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

- Established by the Committee up front to provide an objective, consistent, and transparent framework for information review and recommendation.
- Framed around relevancy to U.S. Federal policy.

Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act

Map of S. 1957 cosponsor status

- 2 of 2 Senators are cosponsors
- 1 of 2 Senators is a cosponsor
- 0 of 2 Senators is a cosponsor

the business. The number of dairy farms in the U.S. fell 58% since the 2007 Census of Agriculture – the last Census before the full-out ban on whole and 2% milk was implemented to include a ban on whole and 2% milk as an a la carte competing beverage. Fluid milk sales saw their most dramatic rates of decline since 2010.

Through the last four DGA cycles over the past 20 years, we've only seen the saturated fat restrictions get worse, not better.

The dairy checkoff is fully complicit. They blame USDA oversight for why they can't promote whole milk. They sign memorandums of understanding with USDA to advance the completely incredibly un-credible Dietary Guidelines — on your nickel and part of your dime.

Maybe this monster has four heads, the fourth being DMI. Either way, the whole business surrounding the whole milk question is circular.

The USDA blames Congress for passing HHFKA in 2010, saying they have no choice but to promulgate these rules because Congress tied the school meals to the DGAs.

Congress blames the "Committee of Experts" – the DGAC for not using up-to-date science and for failing to consider the benefits of milkfat proven by studies. Or they simply blame citizens for not engaging with the DGA process. They throw up their hands, saying essentially "it's not our job, we are not scientists."

The DGAC looks at what research USDA cherry picks for them and writes recommendations to answer USDA's pre-formulated questions.

The USDA and key Congressional leaders like Senators Debbie Stabenow and Bob Casey kick it back to USDA. Then USDA kicks it to the DGAC while throwing down gauntlets for the DGAC to 'stay in its lane' to "build on the prior cycle, not back-track."

Meanwhile, Congress feigns sympathy about the childhood health, hunger, and obesity problem while patting USDA on the back for a job well done, saying the problem is not enough kids are eating enough of their meals via the school lunch program.

The DGAC provides the so-called "independent scientific advisory report" and USDA declares: "the scientists have spoken" and they promulgate another five years of perpetually anti-fat DGAs that dictate to children while we adults can do as we please.

The ability of children to choose milk they will love and will actually consume is being held hostage by this three- (or four-) headed monster feeding itself in Washington. The same one that limits cheese and yogurt to low-and-no-fat with starches and sugars to sweeten and give substance.

School cafeterias can only serve a little real beef each month or risk being over the limit on saturated fat. Yet, USDA quickly approved Impossible Burger, even for meal reimbursement in 2020, despite it having more saturated fat, more salt, more calories – not to mention processed garbage – and less nutrition than any 100% beef burger. Students have been eating taco and burger meals made with 40% soy or ground turkey replacement for beef since the nutrient standard menu planning went into effect in the early 2000s.

Citizens have engaged in these DGA cycles, especially since 2015. Even astute professors, doctors, teachers, scientists, experts, have engaged, but USDA isn't budging. How in the world can humble parents, grandparents and farmers penetrate this rigged system?

But we can't give up.

Frankly, at this point, any Senator who is not signed on as a cosponsor to S. 1957, Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, cannot honestly look into the eyes of Americans and tell us they care about childhood health and nutrition.

Let's be the adults in the room who truly care about America's kids and ask our Congress that we elect to please stop this insanity, to stop doubling down on what clearly is not working. They represent us. They don't represent career USDA bureaucrats. They should care about children, not about the egos of USDA bureaucrats.

Let's put this three-headed monster on alert: We see what you are doing, kicking this ball back and forth, pretending to care about kids, telling us your hands are tied by "the science." We see through your the façade of so-called "independent scientific expert committees" that you try to hide behind.

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OBITUARIES

Kaye Miller of Mil-R-Mor Registered Holsteins passes at 89

ORANGEVILLE, Ill. — Kaye Miller, the wife of Bob Miller, Mil-R-Mor Holsteins, passed away peacefully in her home on April 6th at the age of 89. She was surrounded by her loving family, including Bob, who turned 90 last October.



Kaye Miller

Kaye was born Kathleen Bertha Miltimore in Sweetsburg, Quebec, Canada on January 23, 1935, to Walter and Evelyn (Wright) Miltimore. She met her high school sweetheart, Bob, of Brome Centre, Quebec, at a church social, where he was impressed with her softball skills. They were married on October 12, 1954, in Sweetsburg (now Cowansville), Quebec.

Bob was recruited to be the herd manager at Ravenglen Farm near Antioch, Illinois in 1956. Kaye traveled by train to her new home in the U.S. on her 21st birthday.

Bob and Kaye started their family farm, Mil-R-Mor, in 1962 in the Huntley/Dundee, Illinois area. In 2006, they relocated the farm and family to Orangeville.

Kaye was the backbone of her husband's farming career. They raised world-renowned Registered Holsteins together. Bob gives Kaye credit for encouraging him to buy a cow named C Glenridge Citation Roxy in 1974. Roxy would later go on to be one of the most famous cows around the globe, being named International Cow of the Century and Queen of the Breed.

Kaye loved traveling, often to see family back in Canada, or to various Holstein events with Bob and the family. Once, during a local milk strike to protest low prices, she made over 500 pounds of butter while

others poured their milk on the fields.

Throughout Kaye and Bob's life, they enjoyed music and dancing each week. Kaye loved playing cards with family and friends. She cherished family time, especially the hours spent with her 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Kaye is survived by her husband and partner in life, Bob; five children, her dear sister Barbara Miltimore, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah, on October 25, 1964, who died in a farming accident; her parents; an infant brother, Richard; and three sisters: Grace, Shirley, and Norma.

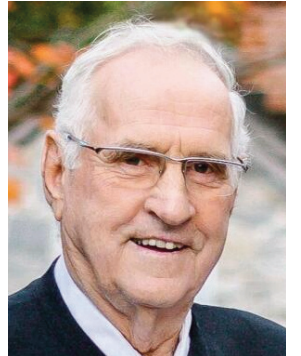
A funeral service took place at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 12, at the United Methodist Church in Orangeville. Interment was at Sunset Acres Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the National Holstein Women's Scholarship Organization, or to the United Methodist Church in Orangeville, Illinois.

Memorials can be sent to the family at Leamon Funeral Home Attn: Kathleen Miller Family P.O. Box 226, Lena, IL 61048

Richard K. Herr lived in service to the Lord

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Richard K. Herr passed away on March 7th. He was born November 14, 1937, as the second son of Harold and Frances (Kuhns) Herr. He grew up with two brothers and one sister on a farm near Gettysburg, Pa. Around the age of 9 or 10, he contracted whooping cough which left him with asthmatic problems for most of his life.



Richard K. Herr

He graduated from New Oxford High School in 1955 and was very involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA).

The night of his graduation was a significant event in his life as he was left to walk home from his graduation after he chose to honor his father's wishes of a midnight curfew while his friends drove off without him to carouse around the city of York. This incident instilled a vision for Christian education in his heart from that day forward.

His mother died when he was 18, at a time when he was struggling with the pull of sports and things of the world. The night before she died, he came home from Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Va. to visit her in the hospital. As he stood beside his dying mother who was worried about his drift toward the world, she asked him this direct question: "Will you be true to God and the church?" This convicting discourse changed the trajectory of his life as so many of his life's choices were based upon his answer to his mother.

Richard married Hilda Grove, his high school sweetheart, on October 12, 1957. They welcomed seven children into their home over the course of 21 years: Marcella, Laverne, Merle, Diane, Marilyn, Arlin and Linette. They also fostered a girl from Columbia, Pa., named Carol.

After a two-year term of 1-W service near Ellicott City, Maryland, Richard and Hilda moved back home to Gettysburg and started farming in 1960. He was an avid farmer and loved to engage his children and others in this practical occupation.

His calling to the ministry changed the foremost passion of his life from farming to serving the church. He was ordained as a minister on September 1, 1966 and served locally at Hanover Mennonite Church, and the Bair's-Hostetter's Mennonite Meetinghouses. He served in various preaching and teaching capacities throughout the years all over the U.S. and Canada. He was ordained bishop in 1983 and was involved in various churches on an interim basis. He preached his last sermon in November, 2023 at a conference in Ontario, Canada.

While Richard prioritized his calling to the church, he also believed that his vocation of farming was an expression of Kingdom work. He began farming with the help of his father, Harold, on a property near Bonneauville, Pa. This became the home dairy farm of the Herr family where his family was raised.

He also partnered with various other people over the years in this vocation so that he could continue to support his family while also pursuing church ministry. He was always grateful for their assistance and support.

During the last 20 years of his life, this vocational calling of farming took on a new dimension. He joined Anabaptist Financial and served as a business advisor and consultant to

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Milk futures up across the board

Class III and IV milk futures were mostly higher across the board this week. The front months on Class III contracts turned around bigtime with May gaining fully \$1.00 and June and July 60 to 80 cents. First quarter 2025 futures in the Class III pit drifted modestly lower.

Class IV made solid gains across each of the next 12 months with April and June 2024 contracts fully steady.

On Wednesday, April 10, the Class III milk futures for the next 12 months averaged \$17.60, up 22 cents from the 12-month average on the previous Wednesday.

Class IV futures averaged \$20.73, up 17 cents from the 12 month average on the previous Wednesday.

CME spot cheese, powder markets rally, butter and dry whey soften

Dairy product futures showed mixed to higher trends this week on contracts through yearend 2024. In the spot cash trade, however, dry whey and butter softened while cheese and nonfat dry milk moved higher.

Spot cheese made steady gains through the week. On Wed., April 10, the 40-lb block Cheddar price was pegged at \$1.57/lb up 13 cents from the previous Wednesday with 5 loads trading; 500-lb barrels at \$1.56/lb were up 11 cents on the week with 9 loads trading in the Wednesday session.

Dry whey lost 2 cents on the week, pegged at 36 1/4 cents/lb with active trade of 7 loads changing hands.

In the Class IV sector, Butter was pegged at \$2.93/lb, down 4 cents on the day and just a penny lower on the week with 2 loads trading in the session.

Grade A nonfat dry milk gained a penny on the day, pegged at \$1.1450/lb, up a half-cent from the previous Wednesday with zero loads changing hands.

FMMO 30 clarifies minimum payment calculation on pooled and non-pooled milk

The Market Administrator for Federal Milk Marketing Order 30, the Upper Midwest, recently published a communication to handlers of non-cooperative producer milk entitled "Policy Clarification - Acceptable Reporting of Producer Payment." The letter details acceptable payroll reporting for producers with both pooled and not pooled milk in a given month.

Handlers are required to pay the minimum price to non-cooperative producers for pooled milk. The rate reported and



paid to a producer "must comply with the Federal Order minimum payment values as specified in the Order.

"This requirement would apply to all of a producer's milk that was pooled on the Order. If a producer's total monthly production includes milk that was pooled on Order 30 and milk that was not pooled, the reported payment on a hundredweight (cwt.) basis must be equal or greater than the Federal Order minimum value for the pooled milk portion," the letter explains. "If the combined value of the pooled and not pooled milk, on a cwt. basis, is less than the Federal Order minimum value, then payment presentation to the producer must be separate and distinct for the pooled and not pooled production. Payment transparency is required each month so that a producer can confirm that at least the Federal Order minimum value was received for their milk that was pooled on the Order."

Acceptable ways to show this include "separate checks... or via a separate document, or shown in a footnote on the milk check detailing what was received for each portion (Pooled

and Not Pooled milk).

This communication is significant in making sure that when processors depool milk to capture manufacturing value outside of the pool, or to pay producers less than the minimum price, the producer must have an accounting of the difference in how the farm was paid for both the pooled milk (mandatory minimum value) and the non-pooled milk (by separate check or explanation of the rate used to make the payment.)

Lumping them together just doesn't cut it. When these payments are lumped together, the producer is in the dark about whether or not the minimum value was received for the pounds of pooled milk, as legally required.

Furthermore, if some of a producer's milk has been not-pooled, and the farm receives less than the minimum price for that milk, it becomes obvious to producers when the value captured outside of the pool has not been shared with them on the not-pooled milk.

The Upper Midwest is being pounded by the lowest blend prices in the land due to the highest use being Class III -- the market dog for months. This is made worse by the depooling of higher value Class II and IV milk, further depressing FMMO 30 blend prices with the weight of the lowest class -- Class III.

Bird flu in dairy cattle

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gerous Transmissible Diseases" provision, now amended to include "Influenza A Viruses in Ruminants."

In such a scenario, a quarantine would be set up for an affected farm to work with animal health officials and their veterinarian to show appropriate biosecurity measures to qualify for a 30-day milk movement permit. With that permit, their milk could go only to a processing plant.

"The viral sequencing matches the circulating strains in the (migratory bird) flyways," said Luley. "We can impose a quarantine, but we can't apply it to migratory waterfowl, so that risk remains, and it is the reason why biosecurity is our best tool."

USDA Wildlife Service biologists Tom Roland and Kyle Van Why said their winter surveillance of migratory waterfowl and raptors in the Susquehanna watershed, for example, shows the virus is here in these populations, but at lower numbers than last year.

Even though starlings and pigeons are not good transmitters of the disease, they do carry it, and the numbers of these birds are high, so they bear watching.

Roland said that with restrictions on how to handle migratory birds, including resident Canadian geese and vultures, farmers should contact the national hotline at 1.866.487.3297 to work with the Wildlife Service for case-by-case strategies to manage and mitigate bird use of the farm. They have tools that are not generally accessible.

Dr. Hayley Springer, Penn State extension veterinarian, said opportunities are available to help dairy farms build their own biosecurity plans. In-person open houses are being held across the state at county extension offices, check with yours.

"Everyday biosecurity is the first line of defense, and effective for Influenza A," said Springer. Biosecurity Kits to assist are available from CDE at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/request-an-everyday-biosecurity-kit/

According to Dr. Luley, one dairy farm in Pennsylvania reported signs that met the case definition closely enough to undergo the HPAI testing protocol, which thankfully turned out to be negative.

Dairy farmers seeing signs in their herd should contact their veterinarian. Clinical signs of HPAI in cattle, which the American Association of Bovine Practitioners this week announced it will rename as Bovine Influenza A, include:

- 1) a sudden drop in feed intake with concurrent decreased rumination and rumen motility;
 - 2) a subsequent marked drop in herd level milk production with more severely affected cows having thickened milk that almost appears like colostrum or may have essentially no milk at all; and
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Eastern schools did very well in California-hosted contest

VISALIA, Calif. — The 2024 National Dairy Challenge Contest and Academy concluded on Saturday, April 6th. Dairy-focused college students - 212 in total - traveled to Visalia, California, which was the first visit to a western dairy for many students.

Among the schools with winning scores were Alfred State College, Cornell University, University of New Hampshire, SUNY Cobleskill, Penn State and Delaware University.

Over 37 schools attended, allowing students from across the U.S. and Canada to visit one of the three hosting dairy farms in the Golden State.

The students gathered on Thursday, April 4, to receive data from the farms to evaluate before visiting the farms on Friday, April 5th. Contest students gathered with their teams to review their data, begin collaborating, and prepare for the farm visits. Academy participants from 4-year universities or 2-year dairy programs were divided into small groups from various schools, and dairy industry volunteers worked as mentors to coach these

Academy participants as they assessed the dairy and developed recommendations.

On the second day, 84 Academy students visited Curtimade Farms accompanied by industry mentors. Students assessed different aspects of each dairy farm including calf care, parlor management, transition pens, and feed management. They also conducted interviews with the producers to gain insights into farm management practices and goals. In the afternoon, students used the data collected during the farm visits and interviews to develop their presentations.

While Academy students were visiting their farm, contest teams from the different schools visited one of two farms, River Ranch Dairy or Flint Dairy. Over 128 students from 32 teams completed on-farm analysis, with just two hours to visit and observe the farm's operation. After a question-and-answer session with the farm owners and advisors, the student teams developed recommendations for nutrition, reproduction, milking procedures, animal health, cow comfort, and labor

and financial management.

The final day of the contest saw judge panels evaluating each team's presentations, which highlighted the strengths and areas of improvement for their respective farms. Additionally, students visited the Career and Innovation Fair and attended top-level technology presentations from NAIDC sponsors. These topics were presented by:

- Matt Groen of Cargill - "Dairy Sustainability, a Multi-Faceted Approach"
- Mitch Hockett of ST Genetics - "Sustainability: Genetics and Technology that Reward Producers and Consumers."

- Tony Parreira and Zachary Barlow of Ag-West Farm Credit - "Sustainability: Planning for Tomorrow"

- Ian Johnson of Select Sires - "Low Carbon Technologies"

- Jarett Zonneveld of Alta Genetics - "Breeding Programs of the Future"

- Frank Mitloehner of UC Davis - "Sustainable Livestock, Sustainable Future"

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with joy and love. His expressions of gratitude were often expressed to them.

He thoroughly enjoyed the many, many visits, phone calls, emails, and expressions of care that he experienced through this time.

Richard lived his life passionately. His desire was to give generously and to serve the Lord Jesus with all his heart. His zeal for the Word of God was expressed through the power of words, and his ability to articulate the truth of Scripture. His life and teachings have influenced many people over the years. Many of us are here today because of that influence. His desire would be that we continue the work of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and be a living representation of the Bible.

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GEA Farm Technologies acquired the company**Artificial intelligence monitoring over 100,000 cows, world-wide**

ROMEDEVILLE, Ill. — CattleEye was founded in 2019 by repeat AgTech entrepreneur Terry Canning, the son of a dairy farmer, and Adam Askew, a senior software architect with over 10 years of experience using deep-learning image analytics to detect cancerous tumors. Launched in April 2021, the system monitors over 100,000 cows world-wide.

GEA Farm Technologies has acquired Northern Ireland-based agricultural software company CattleEye Ltd., adding a pioneering artificial intelligence system to its existing portfolio of solutions for dairy farms.

“With the trend towards larger and more

automated dairy farms, the need to monitor and track animals and production is becoming increasingly important,” says Peter Lauwers, CEO of GEA Farm Technologies. “By adding CattleEye’s advanced AI technology, we are expanding our DairyNet portfolio for modern herd management. This can be a game changer for farmers to improve herd health, farm productivity and financial stability.”

CattleEye is an artificial intelligence system designed to detect and predict lameness in cows quickly. CattleEye also provides critical data to assess body condition scores,

which helps analyze cow health after calving, determine ration adjustments and monitor the cow’s general physical condition.

By using this AI-based software, farmers can take immediate action to improve the welfare and productivity of their herd.

The CattleEye system combines a 2D camera with specialized software that analyzes cow movement and body score patterns. Farmers gain unparalleled insight into their herd’s health. The system can be integrated into new and existing farms, regardless of the type or brand of milking system.

“CattleEye was born out of a vision to har-

ness the capabilities of advanced artificial intelligence in video analytics to revolutionize the dairy industry,” says CEO and co-founder Terry Canning. “After starting our partnership last year, we are thrilled GEA will be using and developing this innovative solution with our team to improve animal welfare and drive positive change in the industry.”

CattleEye data can be accessed anytime via an app on a smartphone, tablet and computer. It automatically identifies lame cows or cows in the early stages of discomfort so dairy farmers can treat them promptly.

Denise Skidmore joins HF Board

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — The Holstein Foundation welcomed Denise Skidmore to the Board of Trustees at its recent meeting at HAUSA headquarters in Brattleboro. The Board oversees the direction of the Holstein Foundation’s youth and young adult education and leadership development programs.

Passionate about connecting consumers to agriculture, Denise is currently the director of education and public relations for Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc. in Hilmar, California. She oversees strategic public communications and media relations along with the California Visitor Center. She also represents Hilmar on various committees for the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, helping to guide dairy industry sustainability. Additionally, she coordinates the company’s annual sustainability report, leads crisis communications preparedness, and manages the Visitor Center’s social and web presence.

A Young Dairy Leaders Institute (YDLI) Class 2 graduate, Denise has first-hand experience with Holstein Foundation programs. She also served on the YDLI Advisory Committee for 17 years.

“I think the greatest opportunity for the Holstein Foundation is to continue to strengthen the amazing programs, like YDLI and Dairy Bowl and expand the reach of opportunities for youth,” she shared. “I look forward to working with the wonderful people associated with the Holstein Foundation and involved in the dairy industry.”

Denise’s passion for working with dairy youth is evident, as she facilitates a large 4-H communications group of 34 members and spends many evenings listening to practice speeches from FFA students and 4-H members. She is also involved with the Merced chapter of California Women for Agriculture and serves on the board for the Agricultural Awareness and Literacy Foundation.

Her formal education culminated with a master’s degree in instructional systems from California State University, Long Beach and bachelor’s degree in agriculture education from California State, Fresno. She and her husband Scott have adult twin children.

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SMITHSBURG, Md. — The Triple-Hil Sires Progeny Classic II Sale is scheduled for Friday, June 14, Lord willing. Over 100 lots will sell, including milking cows, heifers, calves, choices and embryos. Sale selectors will begin finalizing selections this month.

Consignments must be sired by a bull that has been owned or marketed by Triple-Hil Sires. The maternal line should have multiple generations of VG or EX cows, ideally with high production records and good components.

A few more consignments are being welcomed. If you have a cow or heifer that you think fits the above criteria, and would like to consign, please call 1-855-955-2100 or email sales@triplehilsires.com

HAUSA sponsoring judging event in May

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Registration is now open for the 2024 Holstein Association USA Judges Conference. The conference will adopt an expanded format this year, spanning two days from Tuesday, May 21, to Wednesday, May 22, at Oakfield Corners Dairy, Oakfield, N.Y.

The conference promises an immersive experience, featuring in-depth classroom sessions led by experienced judges. Attendees will also participate in hands-on learning activities, including placing classes of heifers and cows and giving a set of reasons. Additionally, they will have the chance to listen to placings and reasons from fellow participants and officials. Group sessions will also provide an opportunity for networking and collaboration among participants.

Designed for judges of all experience levels, from seasoned judges to those newly entering the field, this conference aims to sharpen judging skills and broaden participants' knowledge of Holstein cattle evaluation.

Schedule of events:

• Tuesday, May 21

- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Registration
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Linear Discussion
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Networking & Pizza

• Wednesday, May 22

- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Classroom Sessions
- 10:15 AM - 12:00 p.m. Class Evaluations
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:45 p.m. Class Evaluations

Interested participants can register for the conference with a credit card, using this online registration system. The pre-registration fee is \$100. Pre-registration will close once all spots are filled or two weeks before the conference, on Tuesday, May 7th.

Participants interested in attending the Judges Conference without receiving an official rating are welcome for the experience but will not be eligible for the Holstein Association USA Judges Lists.

Participants must be 22 years old by the day of the conference to attend. Visit na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=793602& to register online.

For more information contact Tim Ziemba at 800-952-5200 ext. 4285 or by email at Tziemba@holstein.com

Free FARM recordbooks offered by dairy group

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Center for Dairy Excellence has free copies of Animal Care Protocol Record-Keeping Books available for Pennsylvania dairy producers and veterinarians. They have been created to help Pennsylvania dairy farm families comply with National FARM requirements associated with record keeping. One book should cover one program year for a smaller-sized herd. To request a free copy of the book, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/request-book or call 717-788-0304.

"With the start of 2024, it's the perfect time to request a copy of these record-keeping books to establish a good system for managing animal care efforts and protocols on your dairy operation. We continue to keep these record-keeping books updated over time as the National FARM program revises their requirements," said Jayne Sebright, executive director at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "The books include a family cow care agreement, pages to help producers document standard operating procedures and treatments of their dairy animals, and more."

Susquehanna County Ag Day featured dairy in creative ways

DIMOCK, Pa. — It was easy to get three servings of dairy during Ag Day, held here recently at Elk Lake High School. The Susquehanna County Dairy Promotion Team and other

Our pie contest and pie auction are always a lot of fun too. Around 35 pies were auctioned. I made a banana cream pie and my Grandpa bought it. The money raised is used by our

dairy promotion program and 4-H dairy member activities.

Submitted by Emmory Coy-Puzo, Susquehanna County Dairy Ambassador



Emmory Coy-Puzo and 4-H member Wyatt Herbert successfully stacked 190 yogurt cups.

helpers dipped up 20 boxes of Manning's ice cream and served trays of cheese and crackers. Plus, they had tubs of milk available in the gym. All these dairy products were free.

For fun, kids could stop at the dairy promotion game table to see how many yogurt cups they could stack before the tower would fall. Lots of kids tried and did a pretty good job.

I, Emmory Coy-Puzo, decided to take the challenge to build a tower hoping to use all of the yogurt cups. As you can see in the picture, with the help of 4-H member Wyatt Herbert, we successfully piled the tower high, using 190 cups. People stopped to watch and some took pictures. The tower stayed up for a while till someone bumped into the table. But that was okay, I had fun with my own challenge.

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Discover Dairy's Adopt-A-Cow Program is underway

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The more than 39,000 classrooms participating in Discover Dairy's Adopt a Cow program for the 2023-24 school year will be invited to participate in virtual live chats this spring to culminate their year-long experience. The Dairy Excellence Foundation and program partners, including 14 regional dairy checkoff-funded associations across the United States, will host the live chats with 35 dairy farm families who have participated in the program this past year. Teachers or families who are interested in experiencing the Adopt a Cow program in action can join one or more of the live chats throughout April and May.

Each live chat will be streamed on the Dairy Excellence Foundation's YouTube channel. They will be recorded and can be re-watched at your convenience if you cannot participate during the scheduled day and time.

"The virtual live chats are one of students' favorite parts of the Adopt a Cow program," said Brittany Snyder, dairy education program manager with the Dairy Excellence Foun-

datation. "The teachers and students have learned about their host farm's history, basic calf care, and about their adopted calf through pictures and videos all year long. After seven months of updates, they finally get to virtually meet their calf and chat directly with the farmer. Students always ask insightful questions and really enjoy getting to virtually meet dairy farm families from across the United States."

Each live chat will be a half hour long, and the chat feature will be enabled so the farmer can answer students' questions in real time. For Spanish-speaking students, there will be a live chat on Wednesday, May 1 at 1 p.m. EDT that will be held in Spanish with Loehmer Dairy in Indiana. Teachers are encouraged to share this live chat opportunity with Spanish teachers and students who might benefit from this event.

The farms that will be (or have already) hosted a live chat through the Adopt a Cow program are listed below with the time and date of their virtual event. Visit www.discoverdairy.com/live-chats to view the full schedule with connection

- College of the Ozarks, Missouri: Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. EDT / 9 a.m. CDT
- Selz-Pralle Dairy, Wisconsin: Wednesday, April 10 at 2:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. CDT
- Larson Dairy, Florida: Thursday, April 11 at 10 a.m. EDT
- Long Green Farms, Maryland: Thursday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. EDT
- Four Pines Farm LTD, Ohio: Friday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. EDT
- Gervais Family Farm, Vermont: Friday, April 12, 2:30 p.m. EDT
- Nance Dairy, South Carolina: Monday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Triple H Dairy, Kentucky: Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. EDT / 9:30 a.m. CDT
- Takes Dairy, Iowa: Tuesday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. CDT
- Clark Family Dairy, Utah: Tuesday, April 16 at 3:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. MT
- Rottinghaus Holstein Farm, Kansas: Wednesday, April 17 at 2:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. CDT
- Miron Farm, Minnesota: Thursday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. EDT / 10:30 a.m. CDT
- Big Sandy Creek Dairy Farm, Georgia: Thursday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. EDT
- Vision Aire Farms LLC, Wisconsin: Thursday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. CDT
- Schoch Dairy & Creamery, Oregon: Thursday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. PDT
- Dusty Road Jersey Farm, North Carolina: Friday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Stargo Dairy Farm, New York: Friday, April 19, 1:30 p.m. EDT
- Mauthe Farms, Mississippi: Monday, April 22 at 11:30 a.m. EDT / 10:30 a.m. CDT
- Barham Jersey Farm, Tennessee: Wednesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. EDT
- Cave Hill Dairy, Virginia: Wednesday, April 24, 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Lueken Dairy, Indiana: Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. EDT
- Mapleleaf Farm, Connecticut: Wednesday, April 24, 2 p.m. EDT
- Jem-Lot Dairy, Michigan: Thursday, April 25 at 11 a.m. EDT
- Circle J Dairy, Alabama: Thursday, April 25 at 12 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. CDT
- JJC Jerseys, Nebraska: Friday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. CDT
- Brigeen Farms, Maine: Monday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Stotz Dairy, Arizona: Monday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. YST
- MacGlaflin Farm, New Hampshire: Tuesday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Loehmer Dairy (English), Indiana: Wednesday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. EDT
- Loehmer Dairy (Spanish), Indiana: Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. EDT
- Zahncroft Dairy, Pennsylvania: Wednesday, May 1, 1 p.m. EDT
- Cottonwood Farms, Nevada: Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. EDT / 1:30 p.m. PDT
- Dan Maur Farms, Washington: Thursday, May 2 at 2 p.m. EDT / 11 a.m. PDT
- Berning Acres, Illinois: Friday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. EDT / 9:30 a.m. CDT
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More Sale Mentions...
6-23 Chief X 90 Abbott X 88 Recharge X 90 Fever X 3E-95 Sovereign X EX91 X VG-89, Sonnen
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Jersey: Marvelous 12-23 VIP sells x 92 Tequila x VG Vindication, same family as Feliz Navidad and Fizz Faith. Spring Valley
Jersey: 3-24 Cheap Trick x VG x 94 x 86 x 91 x 93 Sambo x94 Sandra Dee! Reich-Dale
Jersey: 9-23 polled Matt x exciting 2yr Solar-PP x 92 x 93 x 96 Councillor Sheba! Meyers Bros
Jersey: Cypress fall calf x 90 Hyatt w/ 18610 5.6f x 92 Fergus, 5 more EX! Pleasant Valley
Jersey: Ferdinand fall calf x 8 Gen VG/EX including Councillor Ingrid EX-95! Guise
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Consignments invited for 'Pursuit of Excellents' Sale

LANCASTER, Pa. — Landis Marketing is planning for *The Pursuit of "Excellents Sale"* on Thursday, June 13, at the "Landis MRK Barn along Route 272 between Oregon Dairy to the south and the Route 272/772 interchange with U.S. Route 222 to the north.

This sale will feature approximately 40 head from "Stolhaven" (Alphie Stoltzfus) and 40 head from "Landis-MRK Holsteins" (Bob and Janice Landis). A few select consignments will also be considered for the sale.

The "Stolhaven" herd is No. 5 in the nation for BAA at 115.0 and sports a RHA of 26,540M 4.3% 1170F 3.2% 843P. Three major cow families will be featured from Stolhaven including the Apples, Roxys (Liberty Rae branch) and Snoball. Daughters will sell from two EX-94 direct daughters of Apple, sired by Warrior, Dempsey, and Jordy. A full sister to the unanimous "All-American Spring Calf 2023" will sell. All cows in the "Stolhaven" herd are classified VG or EX! None lower.

Landis-MRK Holsteins will feature many daughters and granddaughters from 3x All-American MS Ransom Rail Beth-Red (EX-94), four of them in milking form, sired by Late-Night, Alpha RC, Architect, Believe P-RC and more. Other families will include Co-Vale Dempsey Dina (EX-96), a 5x All-American; MS Deb Gold Chip Dina (EX-91); Bud-Jon Vail Atwood Sara Jean (EX-92); Farnear TBR Aria Adler (EX-96); KHW Regiment Apple-Red (EX-96, 4E) and many more.

"We look forward to seeing our Holstein friends on June 13th," says Bob. "If you have a consignment to be considered for *The Pursuit of Excellents Sale*, please call Bob (717-413-1232) or Alphie (717-629-3722).

Proudly American, Premier Select Sires reports record sales

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa.— Premier Select Sires recently announced record sales to member owners of \$41.5 million dollars for 2023. This reflects \$2 million dollars in growth for semen and product sales in the year completed December 31. Operating profit was \$800,000 and all segments of the cooperative showed increased sales.

“We are proud to serve the farmer owners of the 23 eastern United States in our area of service ranging from Kansas to Maine and to Florida. We listen to what our customers need and are glad to be seeing increased sales to those customers by meeting those needs with a highly trained team,” CEO Mark Carpenter announced during the meeting.

Parfect, Luster-P, and Lionel were the three highest selling sires in 2023, and feed additive Select DTX from Agrarian was recognized as the fastest growing product line in the history of Premier Select Sires. Select DTX has seen rapid adoption on many farms due to a recent research trial that showed 3.5 pounds of milk gain and increased conception on cows using DTX compared to the control group.

VP of Marketing Kirk Sattazahn also credited the activity system CowManager for increased satisfaction by customers. “Premier has always been focused on service and customer support. We are seeing how CowManager plays a key role in helping dairy and beef cattle owners make smart decisions at the farm level while receiving mating and reproductive as-

sistance from the Premier team servicing the account,” said Sattazahn.

During the meeting, new officers from the board of directors were elected. These include Kenny Taylor from Tennessee as president, James Cook from Virginia as 1st vice president, Jim Houser from Pennsylvania as 2nd vice president, Mike Saylor from Tennessee as Board treasurer, and John Edd Harris from Georgia as Board secretary. New delegates and board members were also elected and seated during the meeting.

President Taylor reported that there was not much news on the planned merger between Select Sires and ST genetics. “I am glad that Premier Select Sires will remain a locally owned cooperative with equity that stays with the American farmer,” said Taylor. “As an increasing number of other semen providers get bought out by foreign-owned private enterprises, our key beneficiary at Premier remains the

American dairy and beef cattle owner.”

Premier Select Sires is a farmer-owned cooperative that serves beef and dairy producers in its 23-state member area. Dedicated to providing its members with all they need to achieve success, Premier provides:

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Together with its two sister cooperatives in the United States, Premier owns and controls Select Sires Inc., the world’s most recognized name in bovine genetics.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Detailed DHI data should be published for all herds recognized for quality milk

Editor:

The National Mastitis Council (NMC) recently announced their Platinum Award winners during their annual meeting. Those winning a Platinum Award are recognized for achieving outstanding milk quality.

A key component of this is a consistently low SCC. While the NMC states a detailed review of the dairies is a part of the final selection, there are no details provided to the wider industry to review.

I obtained the DHI records via a FOIA request for the Michigan State University herd which was one of the Platinum Award recipients.

The data shows an annual replacement rate of 45%. The industry was at around 22% over 60 years when the NMC was formed to address mastitis. Today achieving 25% is considered exceptional and very rare although I have worked with herds that achieve that level.

This all suggests that the path to low SCC is a high replacement rate. It was in fact the routine statement made by Cornell QMPS to my father decades ago when his herd ran a bulk SCC in the 1 million range. The Cornell vets stated he needed to raise his heifer calves and milk better cows.

A neighbor who followed that practice and went bankrupt later told my father that the Cornell approach had proven so costly it drove him out of business. In later years following the introduction of a prototype CoPulsation pulsation design, his herd of culls from other dairies received a NYS Super Milk Award (SCC under 250,000 continuously for the year), all without raising a single heifer calf— simply buying cows others couldn’t milk.

The NMC should be publishing the detailed DHI data for all herds recognized with Platinum, Gold and Silver awards so that others in the industry can understand the cost paid to achieve that milk quality. The MSU data suggests that replacing cows at a rate double the level the industry should be at is a means of getting low SCC.

The question the industry should be asking itself is this profitable? In areas where water is scarce is it sustainable? In a world attempting to eliminate the dairy industry is it sensible to create such an animal welfare issue and a general negative environmental impact?

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All prices — APRIL 10, 2024 — except where noted

Say Cheese, Please: The Class III milk futures prices have been rebounding since the beginning of April, thanks to recent reports that point to an increasing demand for cheese. Since April 1, Class III milk futures for April through July contracts are up 60 cents per hundredweight, now at \$16.92 per hundredweight, with the price per pound for Cheddar cheese blocks up 12 cents.

USDA did announce the March Class III milk price at \$16.34 per hundredweight, up 26 cents from February but still \$1.76 lower compared with year-ago levels.

In contrast, the March Class IV price was announced at \$20.09 per cwt., up 24 cents from February and \$1.71 above year ago levels.

Some of the recent momentum in Class III milk prices and cheese prices came after USDA released the latest Dairy Products Report last week. After accounting for the extra day in February during Leap Year, butter production was up 1.9% from a year ago to 197.62 million pounds. However, total cheese production fell 0.6%, dropping to 1.13 billion pounds in February. Production of American style cheeses was down 4.7% from a year ago, while Cheddar cheese production, alone, was down 7.2% from last February. Italian style cheese production, however, was up 0.8% from a year ago.

At the same time, U.S. cheese exports are increasing. In the U.S. Dairy Export Council's latest report, year-to-date cheese exports are up 27% from a year ago to 41,854 metric tons (MT), which is only the second time in history that the U.S. exported more than 40,000 MT in a single month. On a daily basis, cheese exports were their strongest ever in February 2024. The increase in cheese exports drove all U.S. dairy exports sales over year-ago levels, with milk solid equivalent exports up 3.7% from a year ago.

Shredded cheese sales overseas are driving much of the growth, with that category up 37% from a year ago. Cheddar cheese sales overseas are up 34%, at their highest volume since March 2023, and shipments of other cheeses were up 41%. Latin America is the largest destination for U.S. cheese exports, with shipments to Mex-

ico up 60% from a year ago and shipments to Central America up 45%. Shipments to China are also up, increasing 40% year over year.

The increasing global demand for American cheeses builds on America's ongoing love affair with cheese. While per capita consumption numbers for dairy are released annually in the fall, per capita cheese consumption in 2022 reached a new all-time high at 42 pounds per person, up 1.3% from the previous year. While cheese per capita consumption was up in 2022, per capita consumption of all dairy products was down slightly in 2022, falling 1.3%.

With more cheese plants coming online in the next couple of years, global and domestic demand for cheese will have to stay strong to keep up with the increasing capacity.

The latest USDA Cold Storage Report does show cheese stocks building slightly. For February, cheese inventories were up 1.7% from a year ago to 1.46 billion pounds, while American cheese stocks were up 2.9% from a year ago but down 7% from the prior month. Other type cheeses were up 1% from a year ago. Butter inventories were up 19% from the prior month and up 1% from a year ago to 295 million pounds in February.

The news of highly pathogenic avian influenza in dairy cattle (also called Bovine Influenza A) in other states across the U.S. continues to raise biosecurity concerns here in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania did release a quarantine order last week outlining the requirements around cattle movements in light of the concerns around the virus spread. The Center will continue to host weekly conference calls on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. to provide a forum to Animal Health professionals to share information and answer questions.

To join the conference call, dial 301-715-8592 and use 813 6659 8116 as the Meeting ID and 162069 as the passcode.

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Markets

Livestock Auction

April 9, 2024

Mixed hay	50-325
Orchard	1.50-6.00
Grass	50-7.00
Straw	5.00

Middleburg Auction

April 9, 2024

Grass	85-190
Mixed hay	120-175
Straw	130-150
By the bale	2.00-52.50
Ear corn	110-120

Morrison's Cove Auction

April 8, 2024

Mixed hay	215-360
Round bales	130-190
Large bales	140-240

Wolgemuth Auction

April 8, 2024

Alfalfa	230-380
Mixed hay	90-480
Timothy	200-260
Grass	80-305
Straw	180-235
Orchard	205-380
Corn Fodder	130-165

Dewart Auction

Dewart, Pa.
April 8, 2024

Cattle: 147	
Slaughter cattle:	
Holstein steers:	
Choice	151
Select	135
Slaughter cows:	
PrmWht 65-75% lean	117-128
Breakers 75-80% lean	112-122

Boners 80-85% lean 107-126.50
Lean 85-90% lean 95-116
Slaughter bulls 120-159
Feeder cattle:
Holstein steers:
L-3 120-160
Heifers:
M/L-1-2 150-175
Bulls:
M/L-1-2 130-300
Calves: 298
Feeder calves:
#1 Hol bulls 510-660
#2 Hol bulls 385-535
#3 Hol bulls 150-330
Utility bulls 30-60
Hol heifers 200-420

Hosking Sales

New Berlin, N.Y.
April 8, 2024

Cattle:	
Dairy cows	1.05
Bone utility	.90-1.30
Canners & cutters	.85-.95
Easy cows	.70 & down
Bulls over 1100#	1.42-1.44
Feeders:	
Dairy	.60-1.54
Bulls	1.18-2.02
Heifers	1.27-2.10
Steers	1.85-1.90
Calves:	
Bull	top 5.50

New Holland Auction

New Holland, Pa.
April 8, 2024

Slaughter cattle:	
Heifers:	
Choice	174-180
Slaughter cows:	
Breakers 75-80% lean	112-131
Boners 80-85% lean	106-140
Lean 85-90% lean	90-138
Feeder calves:	
#1 Hol bulls	510-700
#2 Hol bulls	410-585
#3 Hol bulls	350-475
Utility bulls	275-375
#1 Hol heifers	400-485
#2 Hol heifers	360-375

Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
April 9, 2024

Calves	1.30-6.90
Cows	.40-1.22
Steers	1.41-1.45
Feeders	1.18-1.95
Bulls	1.07-1.51
Heifers	.93-1.28

M/L-1	190
M/L-2	135-220
Holstein steers:	
L-3	170
Heifers:	
M/L-1	215-230
M/L-2	122-202
Holstein heifers:	
L-3	106-155
Bulls:	
M/L-2	87-205
L-3	230

Slaughter cattle:	
Steers:	
HiCho & Prm	185-196
Choice	174-188
Select	142-173
Holstein steers:	
HiCho & Prm	160-166
Choice	150-154
Select	118-144
Heifers:	
HiCho & Prm	182-193
Choice	179-183
Select	153

Holstein heifers:	
HiCho & Prm	150-164
Choice	129-149
Select	139
Slaughter cows:	
PrmWht 65-75% lean	126
Breakers 75-80% lean	106-116

Boners 80-85% lean	116
Lean 85-90% lean	90-126
Slaughter dairy cows:	
PrmWht 65-75% lean	122-125
Breakers 75-80% lean	125-126

Boners 80-85% lean	110-127
Lean 85-90% lean	20-116
Bulls:	
2-3	123-186
Calves: 121	
Feeder calves:	
#1 Hol bulls	425-610
#2 Hol bulls	200-600
#3 Hol bulls	50-600
Utility bulls	10-325
#1 Hol heifers	625
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*AVG =	APR-24	MAY-24	JUN-24	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	NOV-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	FEB-25	MAR-25	TREND											
Average basis for North-East and Mid-East	15.47	16.62	17.13	17.64	17.98	18.30	18.40	18.25	17.89	17.80	17.85	17.90	↑↑											
*MARGIN = Milk Price over Feed Cost per cwt. YELLOW = payment triggered	20.06	20.33	20.50	20.92	21.16	21.36	21.58	21.59	21.13	20.26	20.22	19.75	↑↑											
CLASS III MILK (\$/CWT) OPTIONS — PUTS — Daily Strike Price / Premium	15.50	0.06	16.75	0.51	17.25	0.72	17.75	0.86	18.00	0.91	18.25	0.96	18.50	1.10	18.25	1.11	18.00	1.21	17.75	1.04	17.75	1.06	18.00	1.20
MILK BASIS (\$/CWT) — 2017-22 PA BASIS AND AVG PA/NY/VT/OH — YOUR INDIVIDUAL BASIS WILL VARY (MAILBOX - CLASS 3)	PA	2.29	1.82	1.58	1.58	1.03	0.99	1.03	0.95	0.79	0.60	0.79	1.17	0.62	1.53									
*AVG	2.15	1.66	1.45	1.25	1.31	1.15	0.69	0.74	1.38	0.85	1.67	2.55												
DMC OFFICIAL GROSS MARGINS per cwt(USDA All-Milk, com, alfalfa & Ill. soybean, feed for ALL CLASSES of dairy cattle on farm) Updated with NEW prem. alfalfa feed cost	DMC	DEC-22	JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24								
		9.76	7.94	6.19	6.08	5.84	4.83	3.65	3.52	6.46	8.44	9.44	9.58	8.44	8.48	*9.44								

U.S. AVG PREMIUM ALFALFA & ALFALFA/GRASS HAY 20-22% CP - Source: USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report	DEC-22	JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	*MAR-24
	296.50	266.60	297.25	277.00	290.00	292.86	244.27	254.92	243.50	238.50	217.82	240.41	231.70	254.85	224.50	*205.02 ↓↓
U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report	1300	1250	1352	1342	1330	1400	1559	1502	1540	1500	1741	2108	N/A	1635	N/A	*N/A
U.S. AVG. FRESH COWS per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report	1531	1436	148													

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10 BROWN ROAD, SHIPPENSBURG, PA

Thursday, April 18 @ 7:15 P.M.
Annual Heifer Turn-out Sale

NOTE EVENING SALE

We are expecting a good selection of pasture size heifers, opens, shortbreds and springers.

- ★ Reg. Analyst-Red dau. sells due 7/11/24 with 1st calf! Dam EX-90,2E Tri-Vision Amelia-Red! 4-08 365 37,290 4.0F 3.3P! Many show winning daughters! Mgd EX-91 2-05 365 30,270 3.9F 3.2P!
- ★ Doorman spring yearling sells out of a EX-94 Goldwyn dam! Two full sisters were nominated All-American!
- ★ R&W Unstopabull-Red dau. born April 27, 2023! Dam EX-90! Mgd Stony-Pillar Shamaine-Red EX-94! 8-00 305 26,860 2.9F! Mggd VG-87 2-06 305 17,010 3.7F 3.0P! Next 3 dams are VG! Show potential!
- ★ Reg. Tango-Red fall calf! Dam fresh in Sept. needs classified! Mgd Colganados D Avianca-Red EX-96,3E! Lifetime milk 2538 214,730 4.1F 3.4P! This family has many All-American show winners!
- ★ Several breeding age heifers from one farm, A.I. sired with dam records.
- ★ 12 Holstein dairy heifers between 5-9 months of age from a 30,000 lb. RHA! All vac. and A.I. sired!
- ★ 13-14 Holstein springers from one herd. All bred to a R&W herd bull!
- ★ We are also expecting a good selection of Fresh and Fancy, 2 and 3 yr. olds out of local overstocked herds and heifer growers. Mostly A.I. sired including several good Registered cows, with most on test w/ low SCC and a good selection milking over 100 lbs.!!
- ★ Brandt-View sends 5 Fresh and Fancy cows w/ deep pedigrees & genomics, and milking well!!
- ★ VG-87 R&W Unstopabull dau. sells fresh in her 2nd lac. and needs to see a classifier! Dam GP-80 3-11 331 27,030 3.7F 3.2P. Mgd EX-96 11-09 365 37,890 5.6F 3.1P! Mggd Quality Ridge Stormi Hazel EX-96 3-04 365 36,490 3.7F 3.0P! 4th dam EX-90 5-06 305 24,290 3.7F 3.0P!
- ★ 3-4 fresh cows sell that are donated to Shaloam Christian School!
- ★ 5 fresh Jerseys sell from one farm!
- ★ Semen! (bring tank) Jersey bulls include Governor, Counciller, Supreme, Centurion, Pitino, Ayrshire: Heligo, and Brown Swiss - Lazer.
- ★ Several breeding age bulls out of good cow families! Including a R&W Holstein and a proven Reg. Jersey!

NOTE: Need some top quality replacements? Don't miss this sale!
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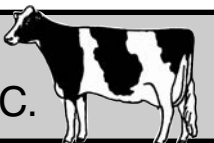
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Thank you - N.H.S.S.

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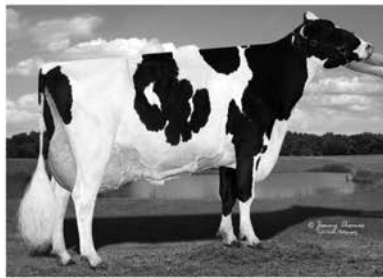
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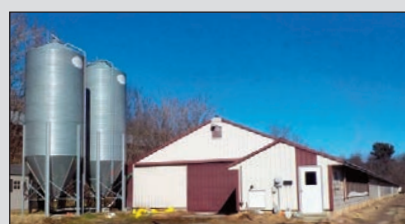
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every interaction. She especially likes nursing home promotions. "Not everyone has someone who cares to talk to them and I like that I can be a visitor to someone who hasn't seen someone in a while," Alexis shared.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Alexis is enjoying school promotions and the enthusiasm of children. "This is why I do what I do; put smiles on people's faces," she said. "When I became the State Dairy Princess I realized how much of an impact I have."

Alexis leads the State Royalty Team (SRT) along with Emily Wright of Crawford County and Mackenzie Thomas of Lebanon County. She's grateful for the relationship she built with them and the time they've spent working together as a team. It's been a flurry of activity for the SRT and halfway through

their year they still anticipate several large events and opportunities for promotion.

Alexis looks forward to the many county dairy princess competitions she'll attend this Spring. Following the selection of new promotion teams she will be leading two days of junior promoter training in June and a busy week of county Princess training at a seminar in July.

Unique each year is the theme that the state royalty decides upon collectively to guide their year. Alexis stated her team has chosen "Believing in Your Dairy Devotion" as their theme. The three of them are eager to share the meaningful message behind their theme with the new promoters they will encourage on their way this summer.

A personal goal Alexis has for herself this year is to learn all she can about the dairy industry. She's had many opportunities to expand her own growth and to extend that through her duties as Pennsylvania State

Dairy Princess. She also enjoys networking with other young agriculture ambassadors. "It's nice to see people my age doing the same thing; promoting agriculture," Alexis said. "Being around people with a similar, common purpose has been fun."

Alexis' mother, Tonya, sees the behind-the-scenes work her daughter does and she's thankful for the opportunities she's had. "I know Alexis enjoys promoting the dairy in-

dustry and it's really important to her," Tonya shared. Alexis cites the support of her family and friends as the foundation of her success.

"Sometimes it doesn't even sink in that I'm able to do this," Alexis said about her state title. "I am very honored. I work on a dairy farm so I see everything that goes into it. The fact that I get to go around and promote all the hard work that dairy farmers do, it's very humbling."



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-Klinedell



Heatherstone Redhot-Red EX-92
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Cherry-Lor Ladd Ripple-Red 3E-95 PO
The highest scored Polled cow in the breed, she's received All-Am honors 6 times as a cow. Her 12-23 Warrior sells! Full sis just won JC at NYSS JR R&W Show & Reserve JC @ NYSS JR B&W show!
-Boop & Hembury



Harvue Roy Frosty 3E-97 GMD
Everybody loves Frosty, 2x WDE Supreme Champ. A 6-23 Tatoo sells 2E-90 Golden Dreams x 2E-94 Goldwyn x Frosty! Same family as Footloose EX-97, WDE Supreme!
-Sweet-Peas



Tiger-Lily Ripit Rhythm-Red VG-85 2yr
She just won Res. Int Champ and Best Bred & Owned @ 2024 NE Nat'l R&W JR Show! From her family a lovely Red Legend winter calf sells!
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MS AOL Cntnder Revive-Red 2E-94
She's a 10th gen EX Roxy, 2x All-AM honoree and one of 8 sisters w/ All-AM or All-CAN honors! Her dam is EX-92 Recovery. Revive's RED Showtime sis sells to be a milking fall yrlg for 2024!
-Petfer



Golden-Oaks Tempress-Red-ET EX-92
She was Unanimous AA Sr 3 & INT and HM Grand International R&W in 2023. A RED Diamondback Winter Yrlg x VG-87 x EX x EX-94 Tang-Red, Tempress sis! Tobi & Tina Family!
-Andrews



Edn-Ru Gentry Carmels Carmela EX-93
Sold as a calf in this sale, nom. Jr AA & built a great family for a Junior! A 6-23 Victorious sells from VG-87 2y Black Apple x EX Fizz daughter of Carmela! Two VG & Two EX round out the pedigree!
-Ravineside



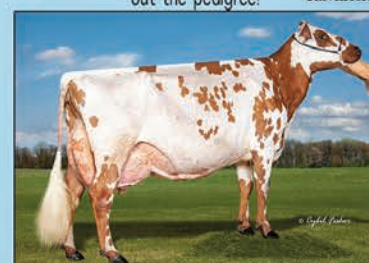
EX-RR Tequila Variety-ET EX-95
5 Chances from the queen Veronica 4E-97: 3-24 Askn x 93 Premier Valia (sis to Variety) plus 5 #1 Victorious embryos x 95 Action x 95 x Veronica and 9-23 Victorious x 4 EX then the Queen! Thrush Kid Rock fall calf x 96 Thone Vivianne and 12-23 Kid Rock from Vivianne's 94 Applejack!
-Kevetta



Vandenberg Amedeo Gorgeous 3E-97
Her name is fitting of this 3x Royal Champion and her offspring! A Metallica winter calf sells from VG-87 2yr Vaden x VG-89 Socrates then Gorgeous! Lots of All-AM & ALL-CAN!
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Ayrshire: 12-23 Reagan x 3E-94 Burdette from Premier Breeder/Exhibitor at WDE! *Sunny-Acres*
Swiss: Foremost fall calf gr'daughter of 3E-95 Supreme Wizard, 7x AA & WDE Champion! *Somers*
Swiss: 12-23 Wild West x 86 Carter x 3E92 Lebron x 92, from the Snow Storm family! *A Joy*
Shorthorn: Sum J2 Ladysman due 6-30 to Comanche x 90 x 3E-95 x 5E-96 Stella! *Millcrest*
WAYGU Embryos sell, the cross is Shigefuku 87 x OCD KIKU Hana 803G-ET. *Snowcrest*

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5 #1 Archited embryos X Diamond-Red, 5x ALL-AM or JR AA nominee, Grand of RED JR Show @ WDE! *Fralely & Boop*
Dynamite Doc fall calf X VG-88 (soon EX) Dempsey x 92 Sid then 7 gen of EX/VG dams including 3E-94 Mark Josie. *Holland*
Thunderstorm sis to EX-95 Floydholm MC Emoji sells to tear up the Fall Calf class in '24! *Heart&Soul*
RC PO Latenite Winter Yrlg x 92 Dback x 92 x 2E-90 Glacier! *She-Ken*
RED Willows out of 91 Integral gr'daughter of 4E-96 Apple-Red sells due for a milking yrlg! *Hollow-Ridge*
Red Warrior fall calf x 92 Awesome x Wilstar-RS Limited-Red 2E-94, the TT Lulus! *Sherwood & Castro*
3-24 Lawful x promising Aristocrat 2yr x 3E-92 x 3E-91 & 5 more EX/VG dams! *Castlemont*
RED Diamondback winter calf x 2E-90 Awesome x 90 Moses, 8 more VG-EX! *Ban-Queen*
5 #1 Maximum-Red embryos x VG-88 EXMS Awesome x 3E-96 Goldwyn Glamour! *Heart&Soul*
Hancock winter calf x 92 Doorman Brilliant, Top 4 in four Nat'l shows! 6 more VG/EX dams in the Brynn family! *Kimball*
12-23 Denver x 87 Solomon x 2E-93 Shattle, Goldwyn's maternal line! *LiquidSun*
6-23 Chief x 88 Recharge x 2E-94 Impression x 4 more EX-VG dams, "Kelsey" family! *Sonnen*
RED Unstopabull milking yrlg sells from the Blackrose, Ruby Redrose, & Caught your Eye Family! *Marshman*
Sum J2 Gold Chip due 6-22 to Jonah x 4 VG dams records up to 31,600. *Kinsman-Farm*

MORE JERSEYS

Pair of winter calves: Joel & Joyride x 90 Gunman x 4 EX Billings dams x 4 VG and 3 EX! *Au-Sum-View*
3-24 Victorious x 94 Tequila x 93 x 90 x 93 & 3 more EX! Calf has 3 EX sisters, too! *Cole & Schucker*
Covington Spring calf and Stallion-P Fall Calf from the deep "at V" Family *Nobledale*
Chocolatier Sum J2 x 87 Impression x 91 Request x 5 more VG/EX! *Trinity-Valley*



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