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'Pregnancy is not a disease'

Two Pennsylvania dairymen with young families are in jail, denied bail ... for repro ultrasounding of dairy cows

By SHERRY BUNTING
Special for Farmshine

CHRISTIANA, Pa. -- In a move that has shocked members of the local and distant dairy farming communities this week, word spread of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Board's action through the Department of State, Professional Compliance Office, executing a "contempt of court" order through local law enforcement when none of these agencies are actual courts.

Rusty Herr of Christiana in Lancaster County and Ethan Wentworth of Airville, York County, have been in prison since their arrest last week, without seeing a judge, without due process, and being denied bail ... for what?

For ultrasounding dairy cows and horses -- without a veterinary license -- as part of their *NoBull Solutions* breeding service.

They are two of the three men that were named in the State Vet Board's cease-and-desist orders as recently as 2018 and 2020.

The state is essentially calling pregnancy a disease even though federal courts have found, in humans, pregnancy is a condition, not a disease.

According to the nationally-known Barnes Law, serving as the *NoBull* legal defense team hired April 17, one week after their arrests, "Pregnancy is not a disease. Pregnancy is not an illness. Likewise, confirming pregnancy or successful reproduction is not a diagnosis. Medicinal definitions are clear: Identification of disease is termed diagnosis, the solution design is called treatment planning, and treatment where appropriate is then implemented as the solution."

In addition, there are dozens of known technicians using ultrasound with livestock in conjunction with reproductive services in the state of Pennsylvania. Yet for this, Herr and Wentworth are being kept away from their families, already imprisoned for one week, and have been told they will be in jail for 30 days.

Furthermore, the circumstances of their arrests are troubling.

Wentworth was told to go to the Courthouse (in York) on the morning of April 10 to pay a fine. He was told he would see a judge.



Pictured in happier times are (l-r) Ben Masemore, Ethan Wentworth and Rusty Herr at their *NoBull Sires* booth during the 2022 World Dairy Expo. In recent days, Masemore has been fielding calls from dairy farmers across the state and nation as Herr and Wentworth have been incarcerated in Lancaster and York County prisons, respectively, for seven days.

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Instead, he was arrested, and seven days later has still not seen a judge, according to friend and associate Ben Masemore, a dairy farmer associated with a sister business *NoBull Sires LLC*.

Herr was arrested the very next morning, April 11, at 6:30 a.m. at his home in Christiana. He was handcuffed and taken away in front of his wife and children, said Masemore in a *Farmshine* phone interview.

The new lead attorney for the Herr/Wentworth and *NoBull Solutions* defense, Robert Barnes, Esquire, even makes the case that the arrest warrants were not "facially valid" because they did not come from a court.

"There is no actual court on it. It is not a court document. Some bureaucratic official sent it to a prothonotary (court clerk), and now these people are sitting in prison because high ranking state bureaucrats have conspired with incompetent local sheriffs to

illegally and unlawfully imprison them," says Barnes.

This amounts to "some rogue officer and agency in Pennsylvania deciding 'we want to arrest and imprison people whenever we want, with no limitations.' The statute doesn't authorize it. The Constitution of Pennsylvania doesn't authorize it. In fact, it violates both the State and Federal Constitutions," Barnes explains in his April 17 *Viva Locals* podcast about the case.

He adds that they must think "These are just some ordinary folks helping the Amish and (that they) can get away with it. Maybe they thought they were Amish, and they'd never sue."

Barnes further notes that, "Somebody at the (state vet board) got the idea to create something that calls itself 'arrest warrant,' make it look like it came from a local court, create a docket number at the top, refer to

(their) board's activities as 'The Court,' call it 'contempt,' and have these people ordered arrested interminably in prison."

In fact, visiting the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association (PaVMA) website under "advocacy," *Farmshine* learned that the contempt-of-court charge (executed by these non-facially-valid arrest warrants) was the suggestion made by PaVMA in its recent complaint about Herr and Wentworth ignoring previous fines and cease-and-desist orders from the State Veterinary Board.

Farmshine has learned that these fines were ignored on advice of their former attorney, so as not to admit guilt. After all, why should Herr and Wentworth admit guilt for actions that have become commonplace and are open to interpretation of the state's vague and archaic veterinary law in regard to defining 'diagnosis' -- especially since pregnancy is not a disease to be diagnosed, but rather a condition to be observed?

There is also the issue of targeted enforcement.

The State Vet Board was prompted to act in the first place by PaVMA filing a complaint seeking to specifically target "three individuals" with fines and cease-and-desist orders for "illegal practice of veterinary medicine by unlicensed individuals."

These original orders specifically named them as individuals employed with *NoBull Solutions LLC* and its "all encompassing reproductive management for dairy farms."

The "documentary evidence" in the complaints was in the form of two pages of *Facebook* posts that "show non-veterinarians using ultrasounds and making diagnoses."

Again, what are we talking about here? Ultrasounding cows in conjunction with breeding service -- something dozens of proficient ultrasound machine users and breeding technicians do with cattle, horses, and other livestock across the state and around the country.

This is repro, not medicine. What is the difference between diagnosis and observation? The archaic State Veterinary Law is unclear.

In today's times, we have breeding technicians using ultrasound in conjunction with pregnancy and reproductive observation that

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are the lifeblood of a dairy farm. We have hoof trimmers providing essential services that involve observation and treatment of hoof and foot problems, but the state vet law only specifically exempts equine farriers. We have nutritionists body scoring cows for herd nutritional and health status observation and advice. We have FARM program auditors scoring hocks, scoring lameness, scoring body condition and other potential veterinary diagnoses that are referred to as observation.

But somehow, observing pregnancy and reproductive performance through ultrasound is illegal without a veterinary license? All of these examples – including repro ultrasound – show how it takes a village to run a dairy farm these days. How many times do we go to meetings and hear experts tell farmers to get outside eyes observing the cattle on their farms?

Farmers, themselves, wear many hats. They observe, diagnose, and treat many conditions in their own herds. The law recognizes a farmer’s ability to diagnose and treat their own animals and to allow their hired employees to do it for them.

With this action, the state is basically saying small and mid-sized farms cannot pay for the services of others, not being large enough to hire full-time staff to do it.

This reporter received phone calls from half a dozen farmers, some of them Amish dairy farmers, while completing this report on April 17. One farmer from eastern Lancaster County said “hundreds of farmers in the county don’t know where they would be without Rusty Herr.”

Another from Oxford explained how much Herr has taught him about his livestock, so much more than a veterinarian would have time to teach. He noted Herr’s “calm personality and precise work,” and how others, including himself, are “now being impacted by not having him on their farms” while he is in jail.

Another said Herr and Wentworth “are keenly missed. They are great people who did a great job and provided great service. This is affecting my dairy farm. I have appreciated how they walked into my barn and did their utmost to help me out with dairy breeding decisions.”

Pennsylvania, with a small average herd size of 95 cows, has lost 46% of its dairy farms in the five years between the 2017 and 2022 Census of Agriculture. More dairy exits have occurred in 2023 and so far in 2024. Total herd dispersals have become commonplace as the low margins in dairy are a barrier for many farms to continue into the next generation.

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non-existent margins in dairy, and the rapid consolidation of this industry, if there is not a level playing field?

The very largest mega dairy operations in this country can hire full-time staff veterinarians, nutritionists, and technicians as employees and receive the blessing of the law, while small to mid-sized farms stand to lose the service of good people hired independently?

As for the PaVMA complaint that started all of this by citing state veterinary law, that law makes no mention of ultrasound or repro devices.

It's important to note that the PaVMA stepped up its drive to get targeted action from the state earlier this year. According to a February 21 post at the PaVMA website, the organization listed the ultrasound concern as an advocacy position under the heading "Illegal Practice of Veterinary Medicine."

In the post, PaVMA states that it "has received many reports of bovine technicians engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine without a license, specifically performing ultrasounds and issuing diagnoses. In the past, the state of Pennsylvania fined three individuals and ordered them to cease and desist their activities. We have received reports that some of these individuals have not stopped and flagrantly promote their use of ultrasounds on Facebook. We have filed a complaint with the Department of State, Professional Compliance Office."

The organization called its members to action, providing downloadable blank forms and instructions as follows: "We encourage all PVMA Members who have knowledge of these activities to also file complaints. A complaint form and copies of the cease-and-desist orders are available for download. Please reference the docket and case numbers in your complaint. The docket and case number are located on each cease-and-desist order. After

filing a complaint, please email us at Membership@PaVMA.org and let us know so we can keep track of our members who have joined us in making the state aware of this problem."

Parallels can be drawn to other points in the long and legendary history of dairy cattle reproductive progress, whereby the establishment have used interpretations of archaic and vague laws to target progressive individuals, who were helping dairy farmers improve their herds.

One such case was in Canada in the 1980s, as chronicled by *Holstein International*. The article titled "Allowing great sires to go everywhere" in the March, 2021 edition makes this point:

"Unfortunately, disruption in any established industry does not come without controversy, and in 1987 a charge was made against Transfer Genetics (and its owner) by the Ontario Government for the illegal delivery of semen. The law from the 1950s required semen to be delivered by a licensed Ontario A.I. centre. A fine for this 'violation' was suggested, but a guilty plea would delegitimize Transfer Genetics forever. In July 1987 Transfer Genetics was charged – resulting in the closure of Transfer Genetics' semen distribution."

After more than a year of fighting this battle, the case was won for farmers, and the achievements for modern-day genetics are well-documented.

Instead of giving in to the intimidation, this entrepreneur, with the help of others in the dairy community, persevered, and the results of those early matings of well-bred Canadian cow families to top U.S. sires of the 1980s have produced legendary lines looked to today.

If that entrepreneur, who went on to be recognized as 2022 World Dairy Expo International Person of the Year, had simply paid his fine in 1987, stopped ruffling feathers, and gone back to the sidelines, who knows what the impact would have been?

Where the similarities are to this Pennsyl-



Robert Barnes, Esq. of Barnes Law LLP has taken the NoBull Solutions Defense case and vows to get justice for Ethan and Rusty and their families. He talked about it on his Viva Locals podcast April 17, saying "a whole bunch of folks are about to get sued" and citing unlawful detainment and civil rights precedents, among others.

Screen capture by Sherry Bunting

vania case is that he also chose not to pay fines levied on him and his company by the government as this would "delegitimize (his business) forever." The rest, as they say, is history.

In the case of Herr and Wentworth using ultrasound, their friend Masemore notes: "There is no guilt because this is an antiquated, vague law. The reality is that times change. Anyone, anywhere, today can buy an ultrasound machine and become extremely proficient in it. This is very commonplace. There are at least 15 to 20 individuals in this state using ultrasound without a vet license. I have dozens of friends, nationwide, that I know personally, who have ultrasound machines. It is a common thing on farms.

"Rusty has a winsome personality and is a man of humility, who is a servant, a hero to farmers as long as I've known him," Masemore observes, adding that dairy farmers in

Pennsylvania and around the country have flooded his phone over the past seven days for information on Herr and Wentworth, while their wives worked to retain another attorney. "The phone calls I have received from distraught farmers are overwhelming."

These calls, he says, show appreciation for the breeding services of these two now-incarcerated men, who are being kept from their families, their animals, and their livelihoods.

Members of the close-knit dairy community in southeast and southcentral Pennsylvania – and across the state and nation, in fact – are expressing concern, and a desire to help.

Farmshine's calls and emails to the offices of the York and Lancaster County District Attorneys have not yet been returned. Messages left for the State Veterinary Board and PaVMA have also not yet been returned.

NoBull Defense Funds have been set up at two local banks with checks payable to the wives of Herr and Wentworth as noted below for donations to assist with their legal defense to get them home to their families, their animals, and the dairy farmers they serve.

Cash donations are discouraged, and all monies unused for bail and/or legal fees will be returned to donors on a percentage basis. Please note in the memo line of the check **'NoBull Defense Fund.'**

The first is at Uninvest Bank. Checks should be made payable to Heather Herr and mailed to Uninvest, 1135 Georgetown Rd., Suite 200, Christiana, PA 17509.

The second is at People's Bank. Checks should be made payable to Gabrielle Wentworth and mailed to People's Bank, Brogue Financial Center, 2510 Delta Rd., Brogue, PA 17309.

A NoBull Solutions Defense Fund to free Herr and Wentworth has been set up online: www.givesendgo.com/nobull?utm_source=sharelink&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=nobull

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Editor's Note: In his weekly opinion/commentary from April 10th, R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard discussed what is known about the ongoing bird flu outbreak as it relates to industry concentration. In the interest of saving space, we skipped much of the history and current impact of the bird flu, placing all of the emphasis on the segment that you see below.

Bird flu times concentration

Unjustified market panic should cause us to look at something else that we've been warning America about for decades. And that is that the concentration, centralization, and industrialization of our meat production system is inherently unsustainable and is putting our nation's food security at risk.

A little over a generation ago, there were 185,000 dairy farms with more than 10 head of dairy cows located all across the U.S. and they milked more than 10.6 million cows. This

means their average herd size was under 58 cows per farm. Because they were smaller, family-sized operations and because they were more numerous and spread out over a huge geographic area, they were inherently less vulnerable to any localized disease outbreak, and the U.S. milk supply was inherently secure.

But today, after wiping out nearly 90% of our dairy farms, there are only about 23,000 dairy farms left in the U.S. with a herd size of more than 10 dairy cows, and they milk about 9.3 million dairy cows. This means their average herd size is now over 400 cows per farm.

It's clear that the concentration, centralization, and industrialization of our U.S. dairy industry puts our milk supply at greater risk as it's now inherently more susceptible to a disease outbreak or any other unexpected shock.

And what about our chicken industry that had to euthanize

over 50 million chickens due to HPAI since 2015, with as many as 5 million euthanized at a single industrialized mega farm?

Today there are only about 43,000 chicken farms in the U.S., and they raise 1.7 billion chickens for meat. This means the average flock size is now about 40,000 chickens per farm.

This is a case where the concentration, centralization, and industrialization of our poultry industry has left our nation with all its eggs in one basket – an inherently risky proposition.

But Congress is now working on the 2024 Farm Bill, which is an opportunity to begin disaggregating our meat production by substituting corporate command and control with competitive market forces.

Whether Congress has the will to provide opportunities for more family-scale farms and ranches is really up to you. You need to call them and tell them what it is you want.

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New guidance issued by USDA and State of Pennsylvania

‘Bird flu’ now known as Bovine Influenza A, found in 8 states

By SHERRY BUNTING
Special for Farmshine

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- Detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in dairy cows are now being more uniformly referred to as Bovine Influenza A (H5N1) and have expanded to 28 herds in 8 states as of Tues., April 16.

Since last week’s report, South Dakota has been added, with one herd detection, and six additional herds in Texas, New Mexico and Michigan, bringing the total to: Texas (11), New Mexico (6), Michigan (4), Kansas (3), Idaho (1), Ohio (1), North Carolina (1), and South Dakota (1)

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) updates the list and map daily in the evening at [https:// www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza/hpai-detections/livestock)

USDA is now cautioning farmers to limit animal movement and advising testing before necessary movements, using PCR testing prior and isolation of animals after movement for a minimum of 21 days.

The federal update also highlights practicing good every day biosecurity, limiting wild bird exposure, limiting traffic into and out of farm properties, restricting visits to employees

and essential personnel, and isolating sick cattle from the herd.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has now developed a “standardized response protocol”, if the situation presents itself in Pennsylvania. This includes herds

that may be located on premises with poultry. Cattle or poultry suspects should be reported through the PDA emergency line, at 717-772-2852, option 1. The veterinarian on call will return your call ASAP.

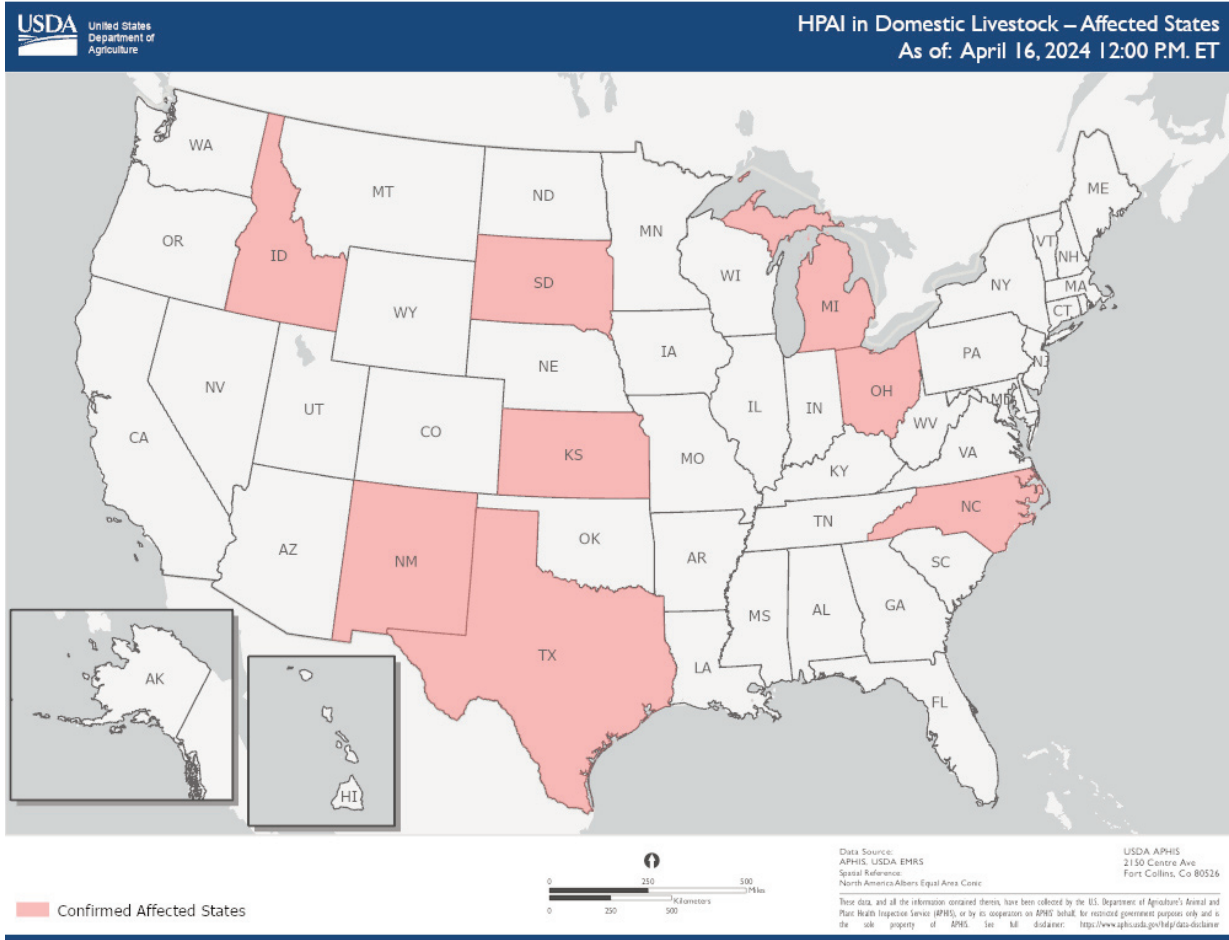
If dead wild birds are found on the dairy,

contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission (1-833-PGC-WILD or 1-833-742-9453) or USDA Wildlife Services (717-236-9451) for assistance.

Influenza A in cattle is now classified as an “emerging” disease added recently to the Pennsylvania Dangerous Transmissible Disease list by temporary quarantine order.

This is not a danger to the public or consumers, but rather because of its potential to impact on the already fragile economic conditions of farms as one of the most obvious symptoms has been a significant herd level drop in milk production, suppressed appetite and rumination, and the potential for cows not to bounce back in milk production after recovering.

The PDA update notes that if cattle detections occur in Pennsylvania and whenever poultry detections of HPAI occur, dairy cattle on that farm will be subject to the milk movement quarantine, which requires permits in 30-day increments for milk to go only for processing via pasteurization and as outlined at https://mcusercontent.com/80df644c5f57a4eeb8b7ba77d/files/01508d16-a9cf-ba3e-40b6-f742b99827c7/Notice_Biosecurity_Requirements_for_Milk_Movement_Permits_from_FLU_A_Cattle_Quarantined_Premises.pdf



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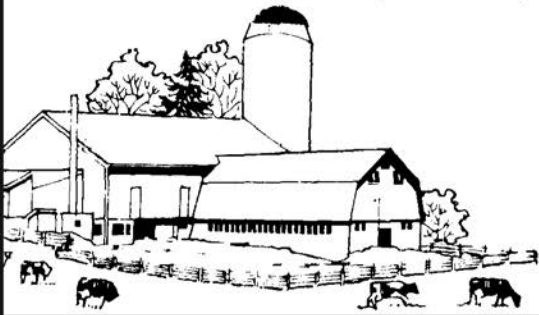
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- APRIL 20**, 10:30 a.m. Mid-Atlantic Brown Swiss Calf Sale, Frederick, Md. Sale managed by Maryland Brown Swiss Association.
- APRIL 20**, 7 p.m. Franklin County Youth Dairy Club Calf Sale, Chambersburg, Pa. Sale managed by Franklin County Youth Dairy Club.
- APRIL 22**, 1 p.m. Special Dairy Sale, Dewart Livestock Market, Watsonstown, Pa. Sale managed by Fraley Auction Company.
- APRIL 24**, 10:30 a.m. Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.
- 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 Benefit Heifer Auction, Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Martin's Auction Service.
- APRIL 27**, 9 a.m. Rauhauser Family Trust Collection Auction, Thomasville, Pa. Sale managed by Rentzel's Auction Service.
- 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.
- MAY 2**, 7 p.m. Special Dairy Sale, Fisher's Quality Dairy Sales, Ronks, Pa. Sale managed by Fisher's Quality Dairy Sales.
- MAY 4**, 9:30 a.m. Public Real Estate Auction, Blairs Mills, Pa. Sale co-managed by Ron J. & Ron S. Gilligan & David C. Zentner.
- MAY 4**, 11:30 a.m. Spring Production All-Breeds Dairy Sale, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.
- MAY 25**, 11 a.m. Special Riding Horse Sale, Penns Valley Livestock, Centre Hall, Pa. Sale managed by Penns Valley Livestock.
- MAY 31**, 7:30 a.m. Horse Consignment Sale, Penns Valley Livestock, Centre Hall, Pa. Sale managed by Penns Valley Livestock.
- JULY 6**, PHA Summer Sensation Sale & Picnic, Somerset, Pa. Sale managed by Pa. Holstein Association.

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- APRIL 22**, 7 p.m. Lancaster County Holstein Association meeting at John Irvin Stoltzfus' farm, 228 Hollow Road, Gordonville. Main topic: 2024 field night. No RSVP needed.
- APRIL 25**, 9 a.m. Pennsylvania Holstein Spring Show, Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, Pa.
- APRIL 26-27**, 7 p.m. Pennsylvania Ayrshire Convention, Shippensburg Fairgrounds, Shippensburg.
- MAY 3**, 4 p.m. Faith Builders Christian School Annual Benefit Auction with dinner and bake sale included; 28527 Guys Mills Road, Guys Mills, 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.
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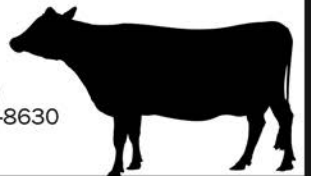
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Milk prices look bullish as inflation fizzles and Congress fails

DENVER, Colo. — According to a new quarterly report released on April 11 by CoBank's Knowledge Exchange, Futures prices indicate 2024 could be the third-highest milk price year on record. However, sluggish international dairy trade and tepid domestic demand have been slowing growth in dairy product sales. The prospect of new processing plant capacity coming online, and more cheese trying to find a home later this year, has been putting downward pressure on Class III milk prices. On the flip side, strong butter demand has lifted Class IV milk prospects higher. Together, cheese and butter prospects have inverted the Class III to Class IV price relationship. The situation could persist throughout 2024, delivering lower milk prices to farmers in high cheese-production regions such as the Upper Midwest.

After the best three-year stretch for farm incomes in history, the coming year will be challenging for row crop producers due to ample domestic stocks and the relentlessly strong U.S. dollar. Even more problematic for American farmers is the loss of global export market share as policy makers have eschewed trade agreements that would improve international market access. U.S. farmers are at an ever-increasing disadvantage to export.

The 118th Congress is one of the least productive in history and the farm bill remains in a state of flux amid highly partisan divides. To date, neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate Agriculture Committees have released text to reauthorize the farm bill. The shrinking majority in the House makes passing any legislation extremely difficult. In the short term, further Congressional inaction seems a safe bet.

Strong labor and consumer spending metrics have led most market participants to dismiss earlier recession concerns, but there are still some worrying signs for the U.S. economy. While inflation rates are trending in the right direction, they remain higher than ideal. The Federal Reserve has assured interest rate cuts are coming this year. However, it also appears to be admitting inflation will take longer to subside than it had hoped for earlier and interest rates will not return to their pre-pandemic lows in the foreseeable future.

The Fed is likely keeping a wary eye on consumer spending, new job growth and wages, but recognizes rate cuts are needed to ensure the economy does not stall out. Given that inflation is still too high and the economy is showing some signs of stress, the report indi-

cates the Fed will wait at least until June before launching the next rate-cutting campaign.

"Inflation is proving to be more difficult to tamp down than expected," said Rob Fox, director of CoBank's Knowledge Exchange. "But the Fed doesn't want to crash land the economy after avoiding a recession for this long. Fed officials reiterated in March that three rate cuts totaling 75 basis points are still likely in 2024, despite the uptick in various inflation measures seen in the first quarter."

While commodity markets have steadily trended lower over the past two years, natural gas prices have completely bottomed out and are flirting with all-time lows. Low natural gas prices are problematic for the industry, but a boon for American consumers as well as for businesses that use natural gas to produce basic materials such as steel, concrete and fer-

tilizer.

The strong U.S. dollar remains a headwind to U.S. grain and oilseed exports, and low water levels on the Mississippi River could slow shipments ahead.

Ag retailers and distributors could see slightly lower demand for fertilizer and other inputs during the spring agronomy season due to an anticipated decrease in total plantings of principal crops. Tighter farm balance sheets could also limit any increase in spending on inputs in 2024. Farmers trying to get ahead by applying spring fertilizer faced difficulties obtaining supplies. Urea ammonia nitrate inventories started off the year low and remained tight heading into April. Anhydrous ammonia applications in late fall emptied stocks on hand, and the quick start this spring continues to use up limited supplies.

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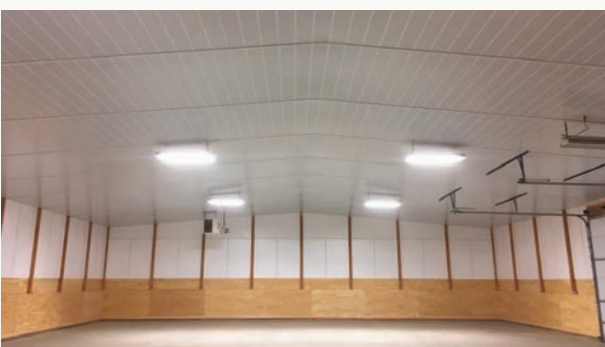
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Guidance enhanced at Pennsylvania dairy organizations

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Center for Dairy Excellence and Dairy Excellence Foundation recently welcomed three dairy professionals to the organizations' Board of Directors. The Center for Dairy Excellence Board of Directors guide the work of the non-profit 501c6 organization, which fosters collaboration across the industry and provides resources to

strengthen Pennsylvania dairy farms. The Dairy Excellence Foundation Board of Directors guide the work of the 501c3 charitable organization focused on cultivating and empowering dairy's next generation.

• **Katie Dotterer**, owner of AgvoKate, an educational and advocacy business is the new member elected to the Dairy

Excellence Foundation's Board of Directors. She filled an open position vacated by Marcia Opp of Washington, Pa. Katie's passion for agriculture and the Spanish language was developed through her upbringing as part of the third generation on her family's dairy farm in central Pennsylvania. She has degrees in business management and marketing, secondary



Katie Dotterer



Scott Lackey



Jared Kurtz

education, and Spanish, and is certified in ESL ... English as a Second Language. Recognizing the need to bridge an industry-wide communication and cultural gap, she developed on-line Spanish and ESL courses tailored specifically to agriculture through her business, AgvoKate. She helps host on-farm tours and participates in public speaking engagements, news segments, and social media content that shares the story of agriculture and dairy farming.

"I am excited to collaborate with like-minded people to continue to provide resources to farmers and support youth development by joining the Foundation's Board of Directors," Katie added. "Doing so is instrumental to ensure the longevity of the Pennsylvania dairy industry for current and future generations. I'm grateful to have this opportunity to give back to an industry that has given me and my family so much."

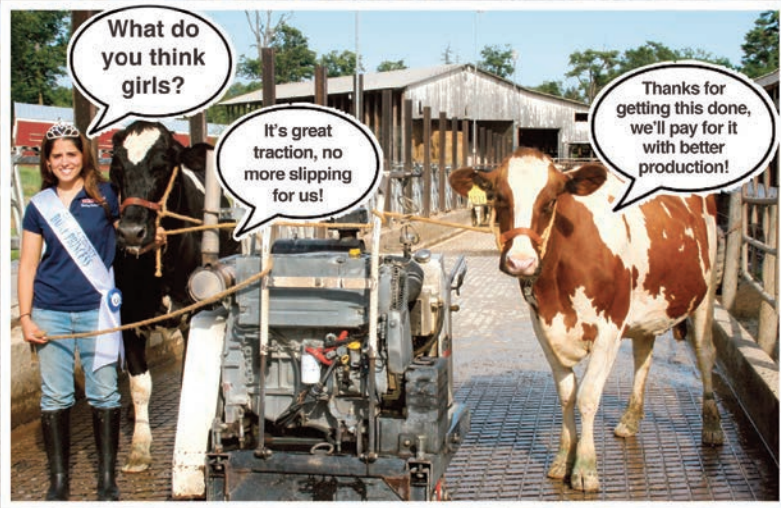
• **Scott Lackey**, a dairy producer and partner at Sugar Branch Farms LLC, a 900-cow dairy in Bradford County, was elected to the Center for Dairy Excellence Board during the December 2023 Board meeting. He filled an open position, which was vacated by Jessica Slaymaker who reached the two-consecutive term maximum set by the organization's bylaws.

At Sugar Branch Farms LLC, Lackey is responsible for the management of their dairy herd, including youngstock, and the dairy operation's employees. He was born and raised on a dairy in Mercer County, Pa. and is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in environmental planning. Before choosing to become a dairy producer, he served seven years in the Army as an infantryman and completed a 14-month tour of duty in the Kosovo/Balkan War in 2002-2003. He has also worked as an agribusiness insurance underwriter with Westfield Group and as a nutrient management planner with the Chester County Conservation District. He is married to Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey and has three children.

"I was excited to join the Center for Dairy Excellence Board of Directors because I have witnessed the beneficial programs and educational opportunities the Center brings to the dairy industry," Scott said. "I joined the Board to learn more of what the Center does and to help promote the mission. I look forward to page 17

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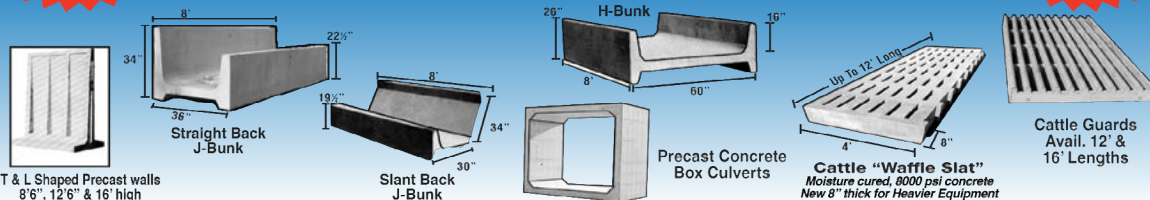
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The conference promises an immersive experience, featuring in-depth classroom sessions led by experienced judges. Attendees will also participate in hands-on learning activities, including placing classes of heifers and cows and giving a set of reasons. 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

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Select Sires took note of demand for genetic diversity

PLAIN CITY, Ohio – Genetic diversity continues to be in demand by dairy breeders around the world and Select Sires delivered with this graduating class. Each of the newly proven Holstein bulls are sired by a different sire and grandsire. These diverse pedigrees don't fall short on performance and the lineup offers outliers for milk yield and com-

ponents, health traits and fertility, according to Select Sires.

Among the graduates are leaders for Herd Health Profit Dollars® (HHP\$®) – the index designed to create healthier, longer-living cows that garner a greater return on investment, reduce herd turnover and lower the dairy's carbon footprint.

Holstein highlights

• Six graduates boast HHP\$ values greater than +950 with 14HO15367 Knockout (+1071), 7HO15429 Derringer (+1057) and 7HO15266 High Demand (+1001) leading the charge.

• Sires that qualify for the Mastitis ResistantPRO® designation, offered exclusively by Select Sires, excel for Zoetis Mastitis Resistance, CDCB Mastitis and Somatic Cell Score. Daughters of Mastitis ResistantPRO sires have the genetic potential to experience less mastitis events – boosting milk quality and saving on treatment costs. Knockout, Derringer, High Demand, 7HO15366 Agassi and 7HO15427 Rompen-Red each qualify for the Mastitis ResistantPRO designation.

• Highly anticipated Rompen-Red made his debut with a noteworthy progeny proven summary. This Altuve son boasts an Apple-free pedigree, modern linear profile and balanced Type (2.04 PTAT, +2.04 UDC).

• High Demand has an interesting sire stack and hails from a high-performance pedigree: 14HO14220 Riveting x (VG-86-VG-MS-DOM) 14HO7770 Helix x (VG-85-VG-MS-DOM) Tango x (VG-86) 7HO10849 Shamrock. His daughters are flat-boned with exceptional udder quality (+1.33 PTAT, +1.38 UDC).

• After a popular young sire career, 7HO15420 Porter debuts on the proven lineup as one of 7HO14454 Lionel's highest sons for NMS (+1,039) and CMS (+1,050).

• 7HO15523 Parsly's dam is the globally recognized Siemers Lmda Paris 27856-ET (EX-91-EX-MS-GMD-DOM). Parsly sires the same

pleasing Type pattern as his brother 7HO15085 Parfect and excels for milk yield and components (+1797 PTAM, +71 Protein, +85 Fat)

• Derringer daughters showcase strong fore udder attachments with intermediate teat placement (+1.71 UDC).

• Producers looking for a mating sire free of 7HO12788 Frazzled, 250HO14134 Renegade and 7HO15167 Gameday will find Knockout and 14HO15460 Simba are exceptional options.

Jersey highlight

• 7JE1880 Stearns is an A2A2 Beta-Casein, BB Kappa-Casein 7JE1614 Shocker son that combines big-time milk yield (+1232 PTAM) with positive health and daughter fertility traits (+0.4 DPR, +2.4 HCR, +1.6 CCR).

• 14JE1830 JX Hooptie {4}-P is an elite Polled sire with BB Kappa-Casein and double-digit component percents (+0.17% Fat, +0.11% Protein).

Ayrshire highlight

• 9AY129 Jamaica sires adequate width in the front-end and creates daughters that carry that width through their rumps with strongly attached udders (+0.5 PTAT). This 7AY118 Champ son excels for fitness traits (2.85 SCS, +0.6 PL, +0.6 LIV) and offers exceptional sire fertility (+2.3 SCR) as a FertilityPRO® sire.

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Sustainable Chesapeake gets \$1 million

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Sustainable Chesapeake, in partnership with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance), Maryland Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association (MDVA), The Dairy Alliance, and the American Dairy Association North East (ADANE), has received \$1 million for water quality and climate change benefits on MDVA dairies in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

The funding will allow the partners to:

- Improve manure management on approximately 30 to 40 dairies.
- Leverage an additional \$9 million in RCPP funding
- Partner with local check-off programs to educate consumers, farmers, and other key stakeholders about dairy farmers' environmental stewardship efforts.
- Pilot the first agribusiness-led effort in the Bay watershed to explore whether all conservation practices installed on member dairies are credited towards state WIP goals.

"As a former dairy farmer, I understand the hard work involved in running a dairy farm and the challenge of making the farm profitable," said Dale Gardner.

The partners will use the funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to improve water quality and aquatic habitat by implementing agricultural best management practices and prioritizing riparian forest buffers. The partnership estimates that the project will plant approximately 20 acres of buffers and implement over 130 conservation practices.

Because food production is responsible for 40% of the phosphorus and 50% of the nitrogen loading into the Bay, Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) watershed

implementation plans (WIPs) indicate that acceleration of conservation practices on animal and crop farms is needed to address water quality degradation and inadequate aquatic habitat for fish, wildlife, and invertebrates.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has served as the 'backbone' for action-oriented impact and collaboration across the region's watershed since 1971.

Lancaster County Holstein Association to meet April 22

GORDONVILLE, Pa. — The Lancaster County Holstein Association invites all interested persons to a meeting at John Irvin Stoltzfus' farm, 228 Hollow Road, Gordonville, on

April 22nd at 7 p.m. The main topic of the meeting will be the field night event for this year. No RSVP needed.

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Milk futures mostly higher

Class III and IV milk futures took slightly different tracks this week. Class III futures were higher across the board, while Class IV trends were mixed but fully steady as a 12-month average compared with a week ago.

The front month Class III contracts made the biggest gains, except for the current month of April languishing in the \$15s. Still, the entire Class III board ranged mid-\$15s to mid-\$18s at midweek, while the Class IV board ranged from \$20 in the current month of April to a high of \$21.58 in Q-4. That's still a \$2.50 to \$4.75 spread with Class IV still way ahead of Class III through yearend and into Q-1 of 2025.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Class III milk futures for the next 12 months averaged \$17.85, up 15 cents from the 12-month average on the previous Wednesday and 37 cents higher than two weeks ago, showing the first back to back weeks of gains in the Class III futures market in some time.

Class IV futures averaged \$20.74, up a penny compared with the 12-month average on the previous Wednesday.

CME spot dairy markets mixed

Spot cheese made steady gains for the second consecutive week with moderate numbers of loads traded in the mid-week session. Dry whey was also higher. Both helped boost



the previously sagging Class III futures markets for the second straight week.

On Wed., April 17, the 40-lb block Cheddar price was pegged at \$1.61/lb up 4 cents from the previous Wednesday with 9 loads trading; 500-lb barrels were also pegged at \$1.61/lb were up 5 cents on the week with 4 loads trading. Dry whey gained back the 2 pennies lost last week, pegged at 38 1/4 cents/lb with one load changing hands Wednesday.

In the Class IV sector, Butter moved higher at the start of the week, then lost a penny and a half Wednesday when 2 loads traded and the spot price was pegged at \$2.9250/lb, down a half-penny from the previous Wednesday. Grade A nonfat dry milk lost a little ground each day, pegged at \$1.12/lb at midweek, down a penny and a half from the previous Wednesday with 2 loads trading.

May Class I mover at \$18.46 (vs. \$20.19)

USDA announced the May advance Class I base price 'mover' Wed., April 17 at \$18.46, down 72 cents from April, and \$1.11 lower than the Class I mover a year ago.

At \$18.46 under the current 'average-plus-74-cents' formula, the May mover is a whopping \$1.73 per hundred-weight lower than the \$20.19 it would have been under the previous 'higher of' formula.

While dairy farmers in the Upper Midwest are getting clobbered by a predominantly Class III blend price and new milk check deductions, the Class I mover doesn't seem to matter when Class I utilization is less than 10% for Order 30.

However, consider the fact that the higher value Class II and IV are above the Class I price, even with differentials, at this time under the "average of" method, and now what you see is the bit of Class II and IV milk that is utilized in Order 30 gets yanked out of the pool, further saturating the impact of the much lower Class III price.

Even at a small percentage of all product use in that region, a healthy Class I mover, as previously priced using the 'higher of' method would be over \$20 and would help to keep the bit of Class II and IV milk in the pool -- taking the edge off the Class III wallop in farmer paychecks in the region.

With the announcement this week of the May mover nearly \$2 below what it would have been using the previous 'higher of' method, USDA marks exactly 5 years since the legislative language in the 2018 Farm Bill changed the method to an average of Class III and IV advance pricing factors with an additional 74-cent adjuster.

The cumulative net losses over the 5 years of implementation since May 2019 is now approaching the \$1.3 billion mark in Class I revenue alone, not to mention further impacts when higher value manufacturing milk is depooled to deflate the benchmark minimum prices in all Federal Milk Marketing Orders.

While the DMC margin forecasts show current feed cost projections and milk price projections for the remainder of 2024 -- based on volatile futures markets today -- may not trigger any DMC payments, who knows what factors could affect this through December, and certainly, the USDA All Milk price used to determine the DMC margin does not come close to representing farm-level mailbox milk prices -- especially in the Upper Midwest where farmers are being crushed under the weight of a demoralizing Class III price and various deducts to-boot.

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MONTH	2018 Farm Bill Avg + 0.74	19 year method HIGHER OF	Diff +/- per cwt vs higher of	CI mil lbs All FMMOs	GAIN/LOSS Avg + 0.74 vs. higher of	NET CUMULATIVE GAIN/LOSS intervals
May-19	16.42	15.76	0.66	3728	\$ 24.61 million	\$ 24.61 million
Jun-19	17.07	16.44	0.63	3230	\$ 20.35 million	
Jul-19	17.18	16.79	0.39	3482	\$ 13.58 million	
Aug-19	17.89	17.37	0.52	3716	\$ 19.30 million	
Sep-19	17.85	17.49	0.36	3616	\$ 13.01 million	
Oct-19	17.84	17.82	0.02	3897	\$ 0.78 million	
Nov-19	18.14	18.44	-0.30	3425	(\$ 10.28 million)	2019 - 8 mos - \$0.11/cwt gain
Dec-19	19.33	20.68	-1.35	3756	(\$ 50.70 million)	\$ 30.65 million
Jan-20	19.01	19.91	-0.90	3876	(\$ 34.88 million)	(\$ 4.23 million)
Feb-20	17.55	17.01	0.54	3457	\$ 18.68 million	
Mar-20	17.46	17.12	0.34	4011	\$ 13.64 million	
Apr-20	16.64	16.49	0.15	3617	\$ 5.43 million	
May-20	12.95	13.15	-0.20	3581	(\$ 7.16 million)	
Jun-20	11.42	11.03	0.39	3465	\$ 13.51 million	\$ 39.87 million
Jul-20	16.56	19.13	-2.57	3528	(\$ 90.67 million)	
Aug-20	19.78	24.36	-4.58	3459	(\$ 158.44 million)	
Sep-20	18.44	22.69	-4.25	3534	(\$ 150.02 million)	
Oct-20	15.20	16.20	-1.00	3792	(\$ 37.92 million)	(733.68) for year
Nov-20	18.04	21.22	-3.18	3641	(\$ 115.78 million)	2020 - 12 mos - \$1.68/cwt loss
Dec-20	19.87	24.88	-5.01	3807	(\$ 190.07 million)	(\$ 703.03 million)
Jan-21	15.14	15.35	-0.21	3678	(\$ 7.72 million)	
Feb-21	15.54	15.84	-0.30	3400	(\$ 10.20 million)	
Mar-21	15.20	15.66	-0.46	3737	(\$ 17.19 million)	
Apr-21	15.51	15.69	-0.18	3542	(\$ 6.38 million)	
May-21	17.10	17.29	-0.19	3413	(\$ 6.48 million)	
Jun-21	18.29	19.17	-0.88	3200	(\$ 28.16 million)	(\$ 779.16 million)
Jul-21	17.42	17.08	0.34	3288	\$ 11.18 million	
Aug-21	16.90	16.36	0.54	3429	\$ 18.52 million	
Sep-21	16.59	15.90	0.69	3452	\$ 23.81 million	
Oct-21	17.08	16.38	0.70	3488	\$ 24.42 million	35.55 gain for year
Nov-21	17.98	17.71	0.27	3650	\$ 9.58 million	2021 - 12 mos - \$0.08/cwt gain
Dec-21	19.17	18.52	0.65	3718	\$ 24.17 million	(\$ 667.48 million)
Jan-22	19.71	19.71	0.00	3634	No loss / No gain	
Feb-22	21.64	22.15	-0.51	3303	(\$ 16.85 million)	
Mar-22	22.88	23.67	-0.79	3617	(\$ 28.57 million)	
Apr-22	24.38	24.88	-0.50	3466	(\$ 17.33 million)	
May-22	25.45	25.28	0.17	3416	\$ 5.81 million	
Jun-22	25.87	25.26	0.61	3135	\$ 19.12 million	(\$ 705.20 million)
Jul-22	25.87	25.94	-0.07	3094	(\$ 2.17 million)	
Aug-22	25.13	26.17	-1.04	3414	(\$ 35.51 million)	
Sep-22	23.62	25.31	-1.69	3411	(\$ 57.66 million)	
Oct-22	22.71	24.71	-2.00	3455	(\$ 69.10 million)	
Nov-22	24.09	25.54	-1.45	3485	(\$ 50.53 million)	
Dec-22	22.58	22.90	-0.32	3557	(\$ 11.38 million)	2022 - 12 mos - \$0.64/cwt loss
Jan-23	22.70	22.41	-0.29	3597	(\$ 10.43 million)	(\$ 940.75 million)
Feb-23	20.78	20.41	0.37	3212	\$ 11.88 million	
Mar-23	18.99	18.80	0.19	3555	\$ 6.75 million	
Apr-23	18.85	18.57	0.28	3196	\$ 8.95 million	
May-23	19.57	19.48	0.09	3350	\$ 3.05 million	
Jun-23	18.01	18.07	-0.06	3128	(\$ 1.88 million)	
Jul-23	17.32	18.34	-1.02	3077	(\$ 31.39 million)	
Aug-23	16.62	18.29	-1.67	3417	(\$ 57.06 million)	(\$1000.45 million)
Sep-23	18.90	18.90	0.00	3380	No loss / No gain	
Oct-23	19.47	18.92	0.55	3532	\$ 19.43 million	annual 198.04
Nov-23	19.75	20.50	-0.75	3506	(\$ 26.30 million)	2023 - 12 mos - \$0.24/cwt loss
Dec-23	19.76	20.85	-1.09	3455	(\$ 37.66 million)	(\$1044.98 million)
Jan-24	18.48	19.46	-0.98	3781	(\$ 37.05 million)	
Feb-24	17.99	19.48	-1.49	Est. 3450	(\$ 51.41 million)	
Mar-24	18.80	20.00	-1.20	Est. 3450	(\$ 41.40 million)	
Apr-24	19.18	20.19	-1.01	Est. 3450	(\$ 34.85 million)	
May-24	18.46	20.19	-1.73	Est. 3450	(\$ 59.69 million)	(\$1269.38 million)

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).

Consignments welcome for Triple-Hil's Progeny Classic II

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



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ward to helping the cause of growing Pennsylvania dairy forward."

• **Jared Kurtz** of Kurtland Farms in southern Berks County, Pa. also joined the Center for Dairy Excellence Board during the December 2023 Board meeting as the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania (PDMP) representative. He filled an open PDMP representative position, which was vacated by Diane Hartman of Berks County, Pa. Jared owns and operates Kurtland Farms with his parents. His family's dairy operation is over 100 years old and Kurtz is the fourth generation. They milk 330 cows and farm 325 acres, double cropping corn and triticale. He and his wife, Marla, have five children.

"I am not sure there is an organization that does more for

the dairy industry within the state of Pennsylvania than the Center for Dairy Excellence. From the professional development resources to grant programs, and through their Foundation, the Center is constantly exploring ways to ensure the long-term viability of the dairy industry within Pennsylvania," Jared said. "I am looking forward to working with the entire team that has already built an incredibly strong organization to continue to empower Pennsylvania dairy families and businesses to thrive."

The Center's Board of Directors must agree to serve a three-year term and may be re-elected for an additional term. The Board was developed to represent multiple aspects of the dairy industry, with seats for dairy farmers, allied industry professionals, marketing cooperative employees, veterinarians, retail representatives, processor representatives, and members from the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

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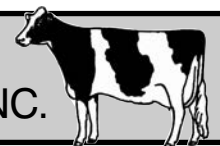
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EX94-4E
Jomill Poker Keegan
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Melios Granddaughters sell
-Jomill Farms



EX92
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descendant sells
-Cassie Clark



EX94-2E
Sunny-Acres CA Ginger
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EX92-2E
Vales-Pride Supreme Jewel
Fall Roar Descendant
-Vales Pride



Swag Ocean Fever
December Oak Sister
-Emily Monnat & Kylie Preisinger



EX94
Maple-Dell Trident Dee - ET
March Reynolds going back to Dee
-Shawn Hernley



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September Epic Daughter
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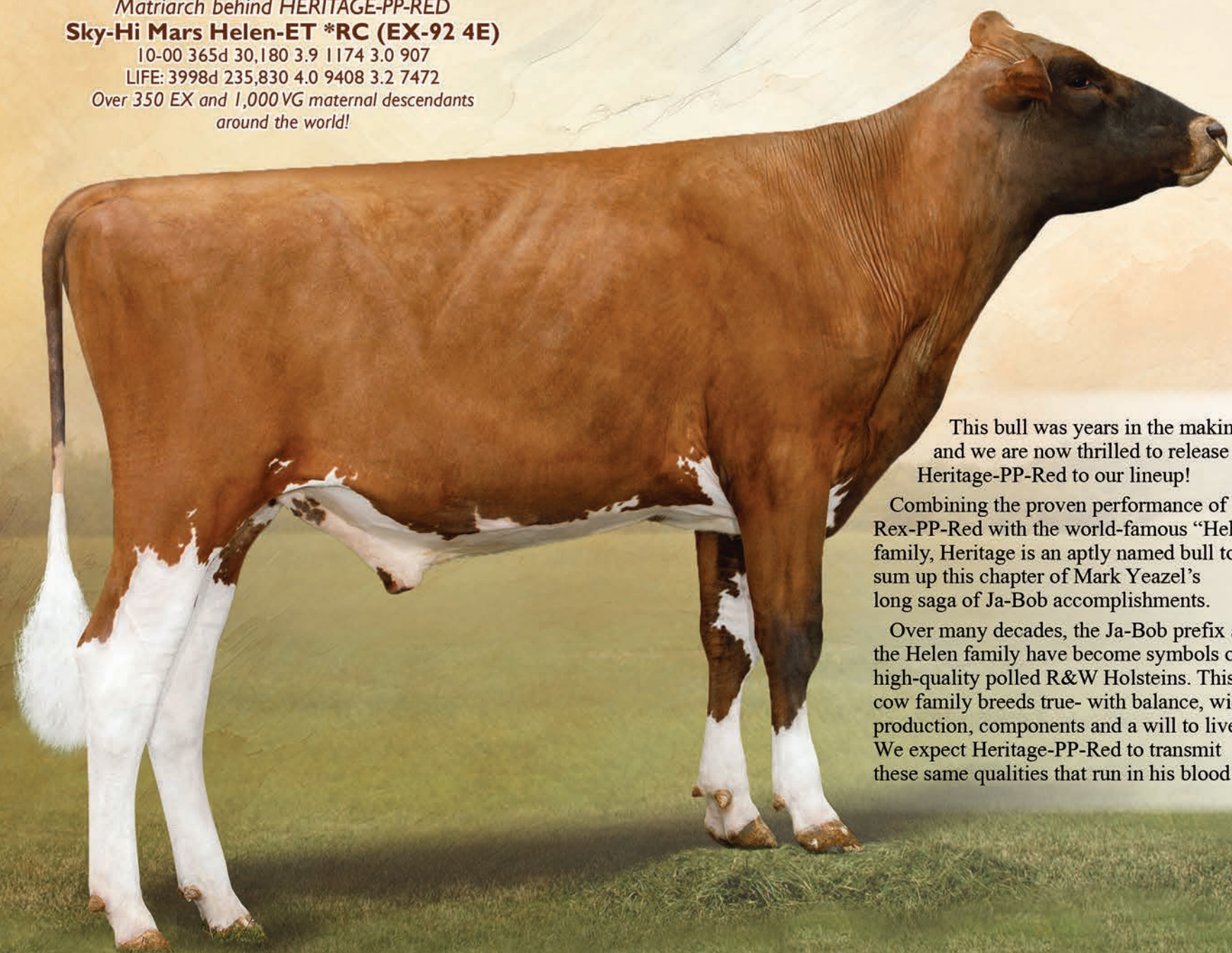
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