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### SPRING HAS ARRIVED

and if you drive around long enough through Amish farm country, you might find some cows and heifers grazing somewhere. Even a mule, as was the case when this picture was taken approximately a year ago in Lancaster County, Pa. Have a pleasant season.

*Photo by Dieter Krieg*

## Improve summer grazing by optimizing photosynthesis

By DR. AMANDA GREV

Extension specialist, Western Maryland Research Center

KEEDYSVILLE, Md. -- Last summer was hot and dry for many in the Mid-Atlantic region, which reduced the productivity of cool-season perennial grass pastures. Looking ahead at the summer grazing season, here are some of the management practices that can be implemented to maximize plant growth and protect pasture stands during hot, dry periods.

### Maintain an appropriate residual

The key to having really productive pastures is optimizing plant photosynthesis. Think of your pasture as a solar panel where green, growing leaves are energy producers. To maximize production, livestock need to be rotated off of a pasture

in a timely fashion to ensure an effective “solar panel” or leaf area is left in the paddock following grazing.

Most cool-season forages need at least 4 inches of post-grazing residual to effectively take advantage of photosynthesis for regrowth. In addition to providing a photosynthetic base for plant regrowth, the leaf material that remains after a grazing bout also shades the soil surface, keeping soil temperatures cooler and helping to reduce soil moisture loss. This becomes especially important during drought conditions as we try to conserve every bit of soil moisture.

### Focal points

Leave at least 4 inches of post-grazing residual to enhance regrowth.

Providing a rest period allows the plant return to peak pro-

ductivity more quickly.

Length of time required for recovery depends on grazing pressure, plant species and weather conditions.

Plants should be at least 8 to 10 inches tall before re-grazing.

Clipping seed heads post-grazing can help plants remain in a more vegetative state.

The amount of residual left following grazing affects plant energy reserves as well, as most cool-season grasses store their energy reserves in the lower 3 to 4 inches of the stem base. Therefore, with a lower grazing height, plants not only have less leaf area remaining for photosynthesis, they also have less stored carbohydrate reserves left to provide energy for regrowth. On the contrary, a higher grazing height will leave more leaf area for photosynthesis and also more stored

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## Cows shot dead in Lancaster County, police seek tips

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Pennsylvania State Police, Lancaster Station, continue investigating several cases of animal cruelty from the overnight hours of March 15th, when "unknown actors fired shots into (at least) two cows on the 100 Block of School House Road in Colerain Township," according to the police report.

The cows were struck while in pasture, several times, and the owner found two deceased cows outside the next morning.

The same suspects fired shots at a horse and a cow in the 500 Block of South Vintage Road, Sadsbury Township during the same time frame, according to State Police. In this case, the police report indicates that the horse lived, but the cow was killed as a result of the shooting.

Pennsylvania State Police ask that anyone with knowledge of the incident contact the Lancaster Barracks at 717-299-7560.

As of Wednesday, March 19, no further details could be provided by officials

In a facebook post, Gabrielle Wentworth of NoBull Sires posted an update, noting that the farmers who owned the animals are friends and customers and that a givesendgo fundraiser had been set up to help with veterinary bills for other injured animals on the premises and to replace the animals lost. The fundraiser and updates can be found at <https://www.givesendgo.com/Lostcows-violence>

"This is a tragic situation and it just blows my mind and makes me sick to think that there is a person or persons out there, still at large, who had the audacity to take fire on innocent animals," wrote Wentworth, noting that in addition to the three confirmed dead cows at two different farms, one cow has been transported to New Bolton Animal Hospital to be treated for her wounds while some of the other cows, as well as a horse, were able to receive veterinary care at home and will hopefully recover.

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# Confirmed unaffected ... 'a gold seal for our dairy farmers'

By SHERRY BUNTING  
Special for Farmshine

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Pennsylvania is in the 9th cycle of testing milk for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) under the mandatory National Milk Testing Strategy (NMTS), according to State Veterinarian Dr. Alex Hamberg. He spoke Wednesday, March 19 during the monthly Industry Call on HPAI, hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence.

Hamberg confirmed that Pennsylvania is the third state to reach stage 4 as “confirmed unaffected” and is the first state with over 100 dairy herds to do so.

“The testing has gone well, and we can say with confidence that we have no herds or cows in Pennsylvania with HPAI. That’s a gold seal for our dairy farmers and our dairy products,” said Hamberg.

### The national scene

On the national scene, Hamberg reported

that the B3.13 strain of HPAI H5N1 is “still circulating heavily in California and Idaho. This is the strain with propensity to go between cattle and poultry and back again, to spread laterally and make a mess of things.”

The positives found in Arizona and Nevada, and a few in California, are the D1.1 strain, which predominantly circulates in the migratory bird flyways.

“This (D1.1) strain appears to all be from direct spillover (bird-to-cow) with no evidence of lateral spread (cow-to-cow),” Hamberg stated. “Clinically, D1.1 has less effect on cows, but there is still a lot to be learned. We don’t know if it can spread laterally, but it appears at this time it does not.”

Hamberg also reported on two raw milk cheese studies that are not yet published or complete. One conducted in New York inoculated raw milk cheese with the virus to see if it was still viable after 60 days of aging. The results indicate that cheese reaching pH below 5.0 had non-viable virus but above 5.0, some virus survived.

He urged listeners to wait and see on this study because this is a pre-press review and there are more details to review. At the same time, he noted that a federal study of 300 commercial cheese samples is one-third complete, with the first 100 samples showing zero virus.

### Biosecurity planning

The importance of biosecurity planning, knowing or obtaining the farm’s premise ID, transitioning to RFID tags, which became mandatory for most classes of cattle moving across state lines last November, are all things that make dairy and poultry operations safer in the face of HPAI.

“Don’t be daunted by this challenge. There are resources with our office, the Penn State Extension and Center for Dairy Excellence to nail down those biosecurity plans,” said Hamberg.

Bird-targeted biosecurity is important due to the D1.1 strain being transmitted from wild birds to dairy cows in western flyways, and it is present here in wild migratory birds

as well as domestic poultry, but has not produced spillover to dairy cows here.

The biosecurity plan should say if there are migratory birds on premises and what is being done to deter them. Farmers are encouraged to contact USDA Wildlife Services for options if they are unable to deter them.

Farmers are urged to remain vigilant as the Canada Goose migration is just now reaching its peak.

Dr. Ernest Hovingh, director of the PADLS system said they receive around 800 samples per week as part of the National Milk Testing Strategy and some testing is still coming in for animal movement.

When asked what dairy farmers should do if they have a poultry facility on their premises or employees working in both dairy and poultry, Hovingh said to treat them as two different farms, “like you are visiting your neighbor.” Change clothes and boots and use the same biosecure measures as if going off site, even if the dairy and the poultry are both on the same site.

# World Dairy Expo® reveals names of who will be honored

MADISON, Wis. – World Dairy Expo® has announced the names of who will receive Expo Recognition Awards in October. Nominated and selected by their peers, these individuals have made remarkable contributions to the dairy industry and their communities. Honorees will be celebrated during the Recognition Awards Banquet at World Dairy Expo on Wednesday, October 1. Banquet tickets will be available at [www.worlddairyexpo.com](http://www.worlddairyexpo.com) beginning on July 1.

### Dairy Producers of the Year

Ken, Mike, Tom, Dave and Clay McCarty, McCarty Family Farms, Rexford, Kan.

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### Industry Person of the Year

Jim Mulhern, former president and CEO, National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Va. Mulhern is credited for delivering numerous positive results for America’s dairy farmers by working behind the scenes to have conversations explaining many of dairy’s dynamic and deep issues to elected

leaders and policymakers. His work has made lasting impacts on dairy and ag policy, and his colleagues routinely say his kindness, hard work, and collaborative nature are unmatched in policy circles.

### International Person of the Year

Juan F. Moreno, CEO and co-founder of STgenetics, Colombia/Navasota, Texas. As the founder and CEO of Sexing Technologies (ST), Moreno spearheaded advancements that have fundamentally altered the landscape of animal breeding. His contributions, such as pioneering gender-sorted semen technology and introducing EcoFeed™, have reshaped dairy and beef production economics.



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# Farmshine Editorials

By Dieter Krieg  
Farmshine Editor



“The greatest tyrannies are always perpetuated in the name of the noblest of causes.”

— Thomas Paine

## Shame on America! Our children deserve better!

The photos you see on this page are of the empty “cartridges” that school milk comes in these days. Perhaps not in all schools, but at least in some. Let it be known that these international brand drinks are from a school in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where family farms are still the nucleus of the dairy industry. There’s lots of fresh milk available.

And the schools are top notch too, as measured by impressive modern buildings and sports facilities ... especially football fields. Millions of dollars are spent on infrastructure; but only pennies on the dollar when it comes to decent nutrition for our children.

Indeed, it’s all about money. Former USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack said as much when he excused the unavailability of whole milk in schools with his rudely curt comment: “They can’t afford it anyway”.

And this in a country that loves to have the rest of the world believe that it’s the richest and most powerful land on Planet Earth. But then again, we also have bragging rights for being deepest in debt, closing in rapidly on 40 trillion dollars. Beyond pitiful!

But even more alarming is how the U.S. hierarchy of bigger and greedier business

is failing to meet the nutritional needs of children.

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Cheap is the word for the American way. Quality defines what goes on the trays and tables in places like Japan, Europe, Israel, Iceland, Australia and New Zealand, just to mention a few locations.

Again, in America it’s all about the dollars. Our public schools and institutions have placed cost savings and convenience over the health benefits that natural foods offer. We are the processed food capital of the world and the result is obesity, poor health, poor performance, high medical costs, etc.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity rates and nutrition-related diseases such as diabetes have tripled over the past 50 years. And yet the scams continue.

Shame on America!



This carton of ‘Silk’ soymilk boldly advertises the contents as The Original Nutrition Powerhouse. Danone likely had no trouble getting the slogan approved by FDA, despite the claim being questionable to say the least. The 8-ounce serving supplies 40% of the Daily Value recommended for sugar.



“Delicious, Real Milk” boasts the writing on this lightweight packaging distributed by Dairy Farmers of America. In fact, it even carries the Real Seal and the notation that it is Grade A. The contents are described as “lactose-free skim milk, vitamins A + D fat-free, UHT. It’s “good” for six months without refrigeration. One must wonder how many of these cheap dairy impostors are tossed into trash cans.

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# Auction Guide

**MARCH 22**, 9 a.m. Large Farm Equipment Auction, Manchester, Pa. Sale managed by Rentzel's Auction Service.

**MARCH 22**, 10 a.m. Houser Tractor/Farm Equipment Auction, Middletown, Pa. Sale managed by Harry H. Bachman Auctioneer.

**MARCH 22**, 10 a.m. Northeast Ohio Equipment Consignment Auction, Leavittsburg, Ohio. Sale managed by RES Auction Services.

**MARCH 22**, 10:30 a.m. DVU Green & Gold Spring Spectacular Sale, Doylestown, Pa. Sale managed by Pa. Holstein Association.

**MARCH 22**, 11 a.m. Spring Premier All-Breed Dairy Sale, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

**MARCH 26**, 10:30 a.m. Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

**MARCH 26**, 12-1 p.m. White Oak Farms Complete Online Dispersal, Sweetwater, Tenn. Sale managed by Kreeger and Associates.

**MARCH 29**, 9 a.m. Weaver Public Auction, Martinsburg, Pa. Sale managed by Martin's Auction Service.

**MARCH 31**, 1 p.m. Draft Horse Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

**APRIL 4**, 10 a.m. Special Dairy Sale, Fisher's Quality Dairy Sales, Ronks, Pa. Sale managed by Fisher's Quality Dairy Sales.

**APRIL 4**, 11 a.m. GTPI-Type Sale, Leola, Pa. Sale co-managed by Landis Marketing & Daniel Brandt Pedigrees & Marketing.

**APRIL 4**, 6 p.m. Special Feeder Cattle Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

**APRIL 9**, 12-1 p.m. Cantendo Acres Grazeland Jerseys Online Complete Dispersal, Creston, Ohio. Sale managed by Kreeger and Associates.

**APRIL 11**, 1 p.m. Monthly Dairy Sale & Special Spring Heifer Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

**APRIL 12**, 11:30 a.m. Pride of Posthaven Reduction Sale, Hobart, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

**APRIL 12**, 7 p.m. Franklin County Youth Dairy Club Calf Sale, Chambersburg, Pa. Sale managed by Franklin County Youth Dairy Club.

**APRIL 19**, Annual Spring Machinery Auction, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

**APRIL 19**, 8 a.m. Special Easter Horse Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

**APRIL 26**, 11 a.m. Pennsylvania Guernsey Blue Halter Sale, Bedford, Pa. Sale managed by the Pa. Guernsey Breeders Association.

**MAY 3**, 10:30 a.m. Bradford County Calf & Heifer Sale, Troy, Pa. Sale managed by Pepper's Auction Service.

**MAY 9**, 6 p.m. Horse Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

**MAY 15**, Know What You Buy Heifer Sale, Middletown, Pa. Sale managed by Pa. Holstein Association.

**MAY 16**, 7 p.m. Monthly Dairy Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

**JUNE 14**, 12 p.m. Cheers To Thirty Years Of Hosking Sales, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

**JUNE 20**, 7 p.m. Monthly Dairy Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

**JULY 11**, 6 p.m. Horse Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

**JULY 18**, 7 p.m. Monthly Dairy Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

# Dairyman's Datebook

**MARCH 21**, 6 p.m. Maryland Holstein Association banquet, New Windsor Fire Hall, 101 High Street, New Windsor.

**MARCH 25**, Lancaster County Holstein Association Spring tour, pick-up options are Wilson Eberly's farm, 295 South Farmersville Road, Ephrata, 7 a.m. and Manheim LCBC Church at 7:45 a.m. Please see details on page 7.

**MARCH 25**, 9:30 a.m. 97 MILK meeting, lunch included; Durlach-Mt. Airy Fire Hall, 880 Durlach Road, Stevens, Pa.

**MARCH 25-27**, Annual meeting of Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers, Liberty Mountain Resort, 78 Country Club Trail, Fairfield, Pa.

**MARCH 26**, 9:30 a.m. Penn State Extension Pasture Workshop, Ebensburg Borough Office's Community Room, 300 West High Street, Ebensburg.

**APRIL 1**, 7 a.m. Lebanon County Holstein Association tour of four central Pennsylvania farms. Meet at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. RSVP to either Derek Good (717) 679-8112 or Dylan Himmelberger (717) 769-0352 by March 28.

**APRIL 1**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Animal care workshop at the Crawford County Extension Office, 1099

Morgan Village Road, Suite A, Meadville, Pa. Optional dairy farm tour: TBD

**APRIL 3-5**, National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC) 43rd annual convention, Comfort Suites Hotel, 945 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa.

**APRIL 8**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Animal care workshop at the Belleville Community Center, 95 N. Penn Street, Belleville, Pa. Optional dairy farm tour: Kish View Farm.

**APRIL 15**, Deadline to apply for the Dairy of Distinction Award. Contact your state program director.

**APRIL 15**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Animal care workshop, Troy Fire Hall, 88 Firehouse Drive, Troy, Pa. Optional dairy farm tour: Gorrell Dairy LLC.

**APRIL 25**, 6 p.m. Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders annual awards banquet, American Legion, 3721 Business Route 220, Bedford. RSVP to Holly McCarty: 813-523-1168

**JUNE 12**, 6 p.m. A 'Toast to Dairy' event, Melhorn Manor, 977 West Main Street, Mount Joy, Pa.

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## Lebanon County Holstein Assn. slates April 1 tour

LEBANON, Pa. – The Lebanon County Holstein Association invites members to a bus tour of four central Pennsylvania farms on Tuesday, April 1. The group will meet at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds Exposition Center at 7 a.m. on Tuesday and return around 6:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged bring a packed lunch and RSVP to either Derek Good (717) 679-8112 or Dyllan Himmelberger (717) 769-0352 by March 28.

The first stop on the tour will be at DJ Glick's farm. He and his family milk 65 cows with a BAA of 111.9 and an RHA of 26,340M. They have 32 Excellent and 27 Very Good cows.

Penn Dell Farm in Spring Mills will be the second stop. Jim Houser and his family have 23 Excellent and 40 Very Good cows with an RHA of 29,258M and 110.5 BAA. They have been on the Progressive Breeder Registry for 53 years.

The third stop will be Dryhouse Farm near Belleville. Michael Yoder and his family milk 200 Registered Holsteins and Jerseys, as well as a few Ayrshires. To date, he has bred more than 70 Excellent and 300 Very Good cows. They exhibit cattle at local, state and national shows and have had 11 Junior and Open All-American nominations in four breeds.

The final stop on the tour will be Millwork Farm near Thompsettown, owned by Joel Mills and his family. They milk 125 cows in a free-stall facility with 31 Excellent and 65 Very Good cows. They are currently working with Millwork Oak Devin and the recently scored Byway Kaden that is now EX-95. In 2015, Joel was awarded the Distinguished Young Breeder honor from Holstein Association USA.

For those interested in attending the bus tour, please RSVP by March 28.

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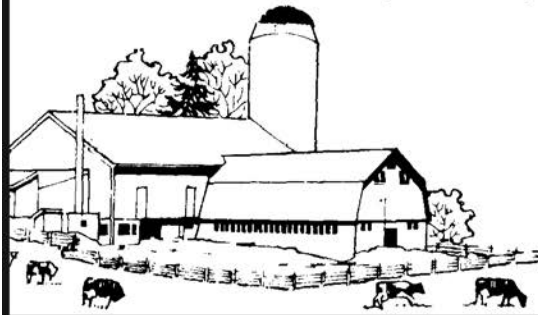
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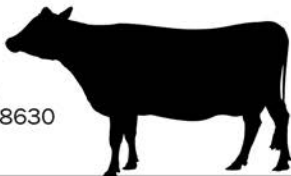
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# 'Tina' Carlin remembered for her devotion to all that is wholesome

MESHOPPEN, Pa. — Tinamarie (Tina) Carlin, 58, was healed from her long and painful illness when she was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 16th.

She was born Tinamarie Myers on April 21, 1966 in Cogan Station, Pa., the daughter of Harry Otto "Harry O" Myers and Dolores "Dolly" Lapka Myers. She grew up helping her Dad on his small dairy farm and was actively involved in FFA.

She fell in love with farming and knew she wanted to spend her life in the country where she could be surrounded by the beauty of God's creations. She graduated from Williamsport High School in 1984 and spent her "free" time working at Agway in Williamsport. Later, she worked at the Agway in Tunkhannock and Laceyville.

On December 3, 1988 Tina married the love of her life, Gerald Carlin of Meshoppen. She helped Gerald on their farm outside of South Auburn. She operated the retail farm

store at their farm from the time they opened it in 2012 until September of 2024. She enjoyed interacting with customers and was dearly loved by many. She especially enjoyed when the neighbor kids would come in to visit her. They mostly wanted ice cream, but they enjoyed seeing her also.

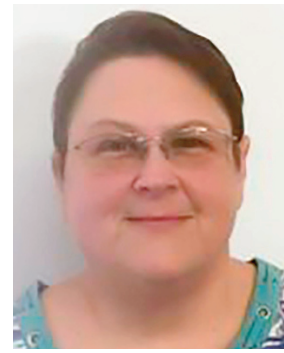
Tina was active in several farm organizations including ProAg, ARMPPA, NFFC, Family Farm Defenders and most recently Farm Women United, where she always advocated for farmers and consumers alike on dairy issues and farming in general.

Tina was active in her church, New Hope Ministries in West Auburn. She was the "sunshine lady" and always enjoyed worshiping and spending time with her church family.

Tina enjoyed crafts and always loved to make homemade Christmas presents as they were truly a gift from the heart. She would often make gift baskets and other little crafts that she sold in their store. She loved spending

time with her grandchildren on the farm, and she loved to hear their giggles and laughs as they played on the swing set out behind the house.

The deceased is survived by her loving husband, Gerald Carlin; her son, Caleb Carlin; her daughter, Lydia Potter (Matthew); her sister, Ruthanne Snell (Tommy); her brothers and sisters in law, David Carlin (Elizabeth), Don Carlin, Connie Vunderink (John), and Paul Carlin (Sue). She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews and others who affectionately referred to her as Mama or Mama T.



Tina Carlin

Tina was preceded in death by her father and mother, her sister Becky Jo Douglass and a daughter-in-law, Samantha Carlin.

A funeral service for Tina was held at New Hope Ministries, 1575 State Route 367, Laceyville, on Saturday, March 22 with Reverend Tim Barnett officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made to New Hope Ministries, "Hope Through Love", 1575 State Route 367, Laceyville, PA 18623. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheldonFuneralHomes.com](http://www.SheldonFuneralHomes.com).

## EPA's water decision praised

WASHINGTON – American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commended the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement on March 12th to begin efforts to clarify how EPA will implement the Waters of the United States rule to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Sackett v. EPA.

"The Supreme Court clearly ruled, almost two years ago, that the government overreached in its interpretation of what waters fell under federal jurisdiction, but inaction

and vague implementation guidelines by EPA led to permitting delays, litigation and uncertainty.

"I'm pleased that EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin has listened to the concerns of farmers and is making strides toward getting rid of the guesswork. The foundation he laid today is the first step toward creating clear WOTUS implementation guidelines, which will help farmers protect the environment while ensuring they can grow the food America's families rely on."

## Staph aureus – you have it!

**Hoard's Dairyman article Jan 2025: Staph aureus is a subclinical threat**

"Mastitis can be caused by many pathogens, but if you ask any dairy veterinarian or farmer which is the most damaging, the odds are good that their response will be Staphylococcus aureus."

"Staph. aureus is especially dangerous because it persistently infects cows"

Dr. Justine Britten, Pres. Udder Health Systems, NMC board: "In my personal experience, every dairy is impacted to some degree by Staph. aureus," and "If Staph. [aureus] was easier to see, farmers would be a lot less tolerant of it," {translation – you don't pay attention to the problem so they will test your milk samples}

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**Milk futures continue downward trek**

Milk futures continued their downward trek this week, especially on Class IV, mirroring the red ink in the dairy product markets in the face of a firm to higher global dairy trade (GDT). The 12-month average Class III milk futures price slipped back under the \$18 mark at \$17.91 on the close Wed., March 19, down 16 cents/cwt. Meanwhile, the 12-month average for Class IV contracts lost 21 cents at \$18.52.

**U.S. dairy product prices far below GDT**

Dairy products were lower across the board on the CME daily spot market, despite Tuesday's firm GDT all-product index, with butter, industrial bulk cheddar and mozzarella -- running 34% above the U.S. price levels. Never mind tariffs, U.S. exporters will easily undersell the competition with cheap cheese on a weaker U.S. dollar.

The CME spot cheese market took a sound beating as 40-lb block cheddar traded 7 cents lower at \$1.6050/lb Wednesday, on 22 loads; 500-lb barrel cheese fell 8 cents to \$1.5650/lb, with 11 loads changing hands. Dry whey lost a penny at 47 cents/lb with 6 loads trading. CME spot butter lost 4 cents, pegged at \$2.2950/lb; 16 loads traded. NFDM dropped a half-cent at \$1.1550/lb, 2 loads sold.

The USDA National Dairy Product Sales Report (NDPSR) for week ending March 15 saw block cheddar at \$1.86/lb, barrel cheese at \$1.80/lb. Even at this level, U.S. cheese is 40 to 45 cents/lb below the global bulk cheddar price and 30 to 35 cents/lb under the global bulk mozz. Meanwhile, CME spot cheese is fully 60-70 cents under global indexes.

**April Class I mover down \$1.45 at \$19.57**

The April advance Class I base price mover was announced at \$19.57 on March 19, down \$1.45 from the March mover, but 39 cents higher than a year ago. This is 33 cents higher than it would have been if the 'higher of' method was used to calculate Class I skim price. As we get closer to the USDA implementation date of June 1 to restore the 'higher of' method, along with other Federal Milk Marketing Order price formula changes, we are seeing the Class III and IV advance skim pricing factors come together after nearly six years of a wide spread between them.

**Jan. fluid sales edge lower, whole milk strong**

After finishing 2024 calendar up 0.6% year-on-year (adjusted for the extra Leap Day), the Estimated Fluid Milk Product Sales Report, released March 11, showed total fluid milk sales were 3.856



**Milk Market Moos**

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billion pounds, down 0.5% year-on-year (YOY) in first month of 2025. Conventional fluid milk sales at 3.58 billion pounds were down 1% YOY; whereas organic fluid milk sales at 276 million pounds were up 6.5%. Organic sales represented 7.2% of January's total fluid milk sales.

January's whole milk sales continued the trend of accumulating strong gains. Conventional whole milk at 1.38 billion pounds was up 1.4% YOY, representing 38.5% of total conventional sales. Organic whole milk sales totaling 149 million pounds, up 10.3% and represented 54% of total organic sales.

Flavored whole milk sales fell 1.9% in conventional channels, down 10.5% for organic. Flavored reduced-fat milk sales were down 3.5% in conventional channels, up 30.5% for organic. It is important to remember that sales of whole flavored milk are a difficult statistic to compare because sales depend upon what fat percentage processors offer, rather than a true reflection of what consumers are wanting to buy. If whole flavored milk is not on the shelf, it can't be sold.

Sales of conventional 'Other Fluid Milk Products' at 203 million pounds were up 14.6% YOY and represented 5.7% of all conventional fluid milk sales in January. The "other" category includes eggnog, certain kinds of drinkable yogurt, Lactaid milk, and other products that may not fit into the main categories. Extended shelflife (ESL) milks are not counted in the 'other products,' but in the category that matches their fat content.

Just last week, American Dairy Association Northeast (ADANE) shared in its newsletter a link to a column written by DMI's chair, who credited the DMI/MilkPEP "unified strategy" for moving fluid milk sales higher in 2024 for the first time in decades of decline.

But what's really going on behind this statistic? The *Milk Market Moos* column in the Feb. 28th *Farmshine* explored the 2024 YOY fluid milk sales increase. It's clear, in fact, that the steady and strong rise in whole milk sales since 2019, as well as recent acceleration in organic milk sales, are what drove the total category higher last year. The 2% gain in whole milk sales, representing over 38% of the total category, along with the 7.2% increase in total organic fluid milk sales, representing over 7% of the total category, accounted

**FEDERAL ORDER UNIFORM PRICE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025 MILK MARKETINGS (published Mar. 14, 2025)**

FEDERAL ORDER	SUP @3.5F, 2.99P (\$/cwt)	Change / prior mo	Avg. Pool Test Fat, Protein (%)	Change / prior mo	SUP Value @Test (\$/cwt) before adjustments	Change / prior mo	PPD @base zone	Change / prior mo
Florida (FO 6)	25.42	0.38↑	3.99, N/A	0.07↓, N/A	26.89	0.12↑	N/A	N/A
Southeast (FO 7)	23.90	0.11↑	4.27, N/A	0.07↓, N/A	25.26	0.22↓	N/A	N/A
Appalachian (FO 5)	23.55	0.29↑	4.24, N/A	0.04↓, N/A	25.34	0.10↑	N/A	N/A
Northeast (FO 1)	21.64	0.17↓	4.45, 3.31	0.01↓, 0.01↓	25.19	0.24↓	1.46	0.01↓
Arizona (FO 131)	21.18	0.24↓	4.18, N/A	0.10↓, N/A	23.00	0.58↓	N/A	N/A
Southwest (FO 126)	21.10	0.26↓	4.45, 3.45	0.07↓, 0.06↓	24.76	0.57↓	0.92	0.10↓
Midwest (FO 33)	20.82	0.03↓	4.43, 3.38	0.01↓, 0.01↓	24.47	0.12↓	0.64	0.13↑
California (FO 51)	20.54	0.41↓	4.35, 3.45	0.01↓, 0.01↓	23.92	0.64↓	0.36	0.25↓
Central (FO 32)	20.34	0.16↓	4.39, 3.45	0.01↓, 0.01↓	24.05	0.52↓	0.16	NC*
Pacific NW (FO 124)	20.32	0.31↓	4.60, 3.51	0.01↓, NC*	24.69	0.36↓	0.14	0.15↓
Upper Midwest (FO 30)	20.31	0.16↓	4.47, 3.36	0.01↓, 0.01↓	24.14	0.26↓	0.13	NC*

for more volume than the 38% gain in sales of 'other fluid milk products' making up 5% of the total fluid milk category. Organic milk is exempt from the national checkoff and has their own advertising. As for whole milk? We all know the score on its grassroots promotion!

**ESL platform mixed bag for real dairy**

After absorbing the Pa. Dairy Summit panel discussion on fluid milk innovation and the designation of extended shelf life (ESL) milk as the platform for DMI's Milk Molecules Initiative (MMI), we dug deeper and found that ESL ultra pasteurization changes the shape of the protein molecules. In fact, the structural changes to milk protein in these modern processing methods for shelf-stable goods affect whey more than casein. It is the whey protein where bioactive compounds, like lactoferrin, are being identified. What DMI's Paul Ziennisky did not speak about in February is the role of New Zealand-based global Fonterra, which has worked on protein fractionation robotics (PFR) to separate whey compounds, like lactoferrin, at the farm level. Researchers state that, "Proteins are long chains of amino acids arranged in specific shapes. They can only function correctly when their shape is exactly right. However, most proteins are incredibly sensitive to changes in temperature, which can alter their structure," making it more difficult to extract compounds later. Work is ongoing to extract lactoferrin on the farm between teat cup and milk tank -- pre-chill and pre-processing. This model is being explored to remove other proteins from raw milk that may otherwise be destroyed by the treatment process at the plant -- especially as the industry clearly wants to move to ESL as the platform for what DMI is building. Meanwhile, Fonterra with U.S. headquarters right around the corner from DMI in Chicago, is launching the production of lactoferrin with recombinant bioengineered microbes through joint ventures and startups.

Fonterra's joint startup Vivici raised \$34 million in 2024 to expand animal-free dairy operations for the lactoferrin market with plans to launch in the second half of 2025, according to *AgFunder News*. The beta-lactoglobulin it already produces is used in clear protein drinks with bovine lactoferrin having similar applications. Another new player in the lactoferrin market via bioengineered microbes plans to construct a precision fermentation vat facility in the Midwest to "be in proximity to the large consortium of players spanning big dairy, dextrose providers, offtakers, CPG and ingredient players, together with innovative financing solutions."

While dairy milk significantly outpaces plant-based beverage sales, future growth in cellular dairy will be the next ugly deal. About 40 cellular (fake) dairy-without-the-cow brands exist today across every dairy product category. Companies are scaling with a b2b strategy of working alongside traditional dairy processors to provide additional "precision protein" touting (flawed) carbon footprint advantages for vats vs. cows. And then there is the Boston startup Brown Foods launching UnReal Milk with the tagline "the world's first lab-grown whole cow's milk— produced without a single cow." Will consumers have a clearly labeled choice? And will RFJK Jr's FDA allow such tomfoolery to go on.

DMI says its Milk Molecules Initiative will create new markets for ingredients dairy farmers already sell. The question is: Who will actually fill these markets that farmer checkoff dollars are building? DMI says it is preparing to take advantage of a future that seems far way but is right around the corner. The dairy industry's heaviest hitters are partnered-in (Glanbia, Agropur, Leprino, Hilmar, Milk Specialties Global, along with BASF, the heavy-hitter in dextrose substrate feeding).

Will consumers buy it? Do they really want ultra processed solutions for health and wellness, where nature is deconstructed and reconstructed? Time will tell. But one thing is clear: grassroots dairy farmers have the best story, the most natural product, and the consumer's trust as well! *Let's keep it REAL, folks!*

**Don't miss 97 MILK's next meeting March 25 in Stevens, Pa.**

STEVENS, Pa. -- The grassroots non-profit 97 MILK will have their next meeting open to all dairy farmers, Tues., March 25, 2025 from 9:30 to Noon at the Durlach-Mt. Airy Fire Hall at 880 Durlach Road, Stevens, Pennsylvania. Lunch will be provided.

Come out and hear the latest on what 97 MILK is doing and how you can be involved. Remember, this is non-profit run by volunteers, and their work since 2019 is making a real difference with consumers and the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.



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PHILIP NEWSWANGER	HO	50	77	
NEVIN BRUBAKER	HO	61	115	
GERALD HOOVER	HO	93	76	

LEONARD HORST	HO	97	72	
SUMMIT LEVEL FARM	HO	97	119	
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SCHUCKER FARM	53 HO	22438	887	725
HARNISH, ERIC	143 XX	20997	949	702
LISA SCHUCKER	58 JE	17766	934	700
SOUTHMONT FARMS	184 JE	18917	1003	695
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
JAY GOOD & BEN & KARLA MULL	HO	92	718	
SCHUCKER FARM	HO	119	53	
STEVE GROFF	HO	177	145	
KIM, DORTHY & LESLIE KINSMIA	HO	188	84	
SOUTHMONT FARMS	HO	188	363	
DEAN & REBECCA JACKSON	HO	190	83	

**Bucks**

CROOKED ACRES DAIRY	49 HO	28396	1054	881
ENSENADA FARM LLC.	103 HO	24809	1073	800
TANNERS BROS. DAIRY	225 HO	24198	891	724
ENSENADA FARM LLC.	10 XX	17350	746	583
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
ENSENADA FARM LLC.	XX	80	10	
ENSENADA FARM LLC.	HO	145	103	
CROOKED ACRES DAIRY	HO	146	49	

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THOUSAND HILL DAIRY	215 HO	23932	911	724
THOUSAND HILL DAIRY	17 HO	22807	845	693
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
THOUSAND HILL DAIRY	HO	120	215	

**Centre**

DAN & PENNY ULMER	239 HO	24876	1071	756
ASPEN HOLLOW	47 HO	23050	983	722
PENN VIEW	47 HO	22301	892	692
MICHAEL K. KING	44 HO	21848	909	685
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
MICHAEL K. KING	HO	81	44	
PENN VIEW	HO	97	47	
JEFFERY BIDDLE	HO	152	79	
DAN & PENNY ULMER	HO	158	239	
ASPEN HOLLOW	HO	176	47	

**Chester**

ARJOY FARMS LLC.	918 HO	31933	1292	1076
KING DAIRY LLC.	150 HO	30302	1217	942
ONE WAY HOLSTEIN	148 HO	30026	1217	933
DAVID F. KING FARM #2	47 HO	28611	1016	921
JOEL M. KAUFFMAN	75 HO	28252	1154	896
STEPHEN BEILER	70 HO	26823	1034	871
JOE & KRISTEN LUSBY	61 HO	26768	1114	864
PEI-VALLEY	250 HO	24879	1067	860
J. & M. DAIRY	247 HO	25219	1086	859
LEON KING	62 HO	28125	1074	854
AARON K. MILLER	63 HO	27588	1106	847
DAVID K. KING	88 HO	25995	1131	837
DREAM RIDGE HOL. LLC.	72 HO	26714	1082	835
AMOS S. LAPP, JR.	50 HO	26374	1053	827
CHRIST KAUFFMAN	56 HO	26297	1064	822
JOHN S. BLANK, JR.	62 HO	26217	1027	809
NOAH H. MARTIN	63 HO	25789	1117	809
WILMER F. KING	58 HO	25623	1065	799
ENOS K. STOLTZFUS	52 HO	24982	1042	788
SAMUEL F. BLANK	56 HO	24326	905	760
DELMAR SENSENIG	120 HO	23233	949	758
ELVIN E. KAUFFMAN	71 HO	25293	981	752
BENJAMIN & SADIE GLICK	52 HO	24389	978	751
ELMER S. KING	60 HO	22726	933	749
REUBEN KING	61 HO	23938	912	742
BENJAMIN M. KAUFFMAN, JR.	52 HO	23618	888	741
AMOS LAPP	63 HO	24468	901	739
JONAS L. FISHER	70 HO	24126	909	717
DAVID S. & MARY STOLTZFUS	41 HO	23862	1024	717
ISAAC FISHER	51 HO	21426	918	679
JOE STOWE	83 XX	20264	837	670
THE FARM AT DOE RUN	11 JE	16507	818	648
STEVEN M. FISHER	40 HO	21163	864	634

DON & PAM GABLE	104 AY	18295	795	611
DAVID S. STOLTZFUS	42 HO	19139	771	608
JOHN B. FISHER	51 HO	20044	767	587
THE FARM AT DOE RUN	10 NO	16008	656	571
MIKE S. ZOOK	67 AY	17098	691	547
SEVEN STARS FARM	68 XX	13791	707	503
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
THE FARM AT DOE RUN	JE	79	11	
NOAH H. MARTIN	HO	91	63	
JOE & KRISTEN LUSBY	HO	112	61	
LEON KING	HO	114	62	
J. & M. DAIRY	HO	119	247	
JOEL M. KAUFFMAN	HO	122	75	
BENJAMIN & SADIE GLICK	HO	127	52	
STEVEN M. FISHER	HO	129	40	
J. DAVID LAIR	HO	135	56	
KING DAIRY LLC.	HO	144	150	
STEPHEN BEILER	HO	147	70	

BENJAMIN M. KAUFFMAN, JR.	HO	152	52	
CHRIST KAUFFMAN	HO	152	56	
DAVID S. & MARY STOLTZFUS	HO	153	41	
AMOS S. LAPP, JR.	HO	156	50	
JOHN S. BLANK, JR.	HO	159	62	
ELMER S. KING	HO	160	60	
DON & PAM GABLE	AY	161	104	
ONE WAY HOLSTEIN	HO	168	148	
ELVIN E. KAUFFMAN	HO	169	71	
AARON K. MILLER	HO	173	63	
WILMER E. KING	HO	174	58	
MIKE S. ZOOK	AY	189	67	
<b>Clearfield</b>				
PRISELAC DAIRY	114 HO	24743	1011	814
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
PRISELAC DAIRY	HO	194	114	

**Clinton**

AMOS M. FISHER	53 HO	20461	850	638
CHRISTIAN & ESTHER GLICK	42 HO	19051	788	595
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
CHRISTIAN & ESTHER GLICK	HO	100	42	
AMOS M. FISHER	HO	123	53	

**Cumberland**

RYAN SNYDER	78 HO	31054	1244	992
ROCK SOLID DAIRY	381 HO	30053	1295	951
HILLSIDE HOLSTEINS	63 HO	28424	1140	936
NEALAND FARMS	438 HO	29601	1224	922
GARY SNYDER	82 HO	28483	1167	916
ALLEN Z. BURKHOLDER	83 HO	27045	1170	913
OAKVILLE ACRES LLC.	246 HO	29103	1284	904
C VALLEY HOLSTEINS	76 HO	27619	1175	892

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CURTIS WEAVER	194 HO	28626	1171	886
HOMESTEAD RIDGE DAIRY	68 HO	26087	1064	871
MARCUS HOOVER	58 HO	28085	1159	871
ZIMMERMAN DAIRY	54 XX	27027	1089	866
MARCUS GOOD	134 HO	26659	1090	855
CARL NEWSWANGER	144 HO	27334	1117	854
EVERETT & KATRINA NOLT	151 HO	25805	1020	848
SPRING RUN FARM	56 HO	25993	1097	848
PAUL R. & WILMA N. ZIM	71 HO	26722	993	820
IRVIN ZIMMERMAN	127 HO	25924	1100	819
COUNTRY VIEW FARM	54 HO	24474	1014	817
RYAN LEID	62 HO	24630	1039	818
CURVIN & EILEEN HURST	57 HO	23624	1027	796
TRIPLE L FARM	165 HO	24177	996	784
HILLCREST FARM	78 HO	25323	965	781
NORMAN RAY ZIMMERMAN	98 HO	23195	1001	780
BULLSHEAD DAIRY	100 HO	24741	1035	766
WALTER BURKHOLDER	36 HO	24048	962	766
RAINBOW VALLEY FARM	66 HO	23864	1032	751
MARK ZIMMERMAN	95 HO	22913	938	749
KOSER-VALLEY FARM	41 HO	22326	918	722
DESTINY FARMSTEAD	94 XX	21499	937	720
NEIL N. MARTIN	39 HO	21947	883	708
LESTER WENGER	65 HO	20536	840	659

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

ZIMMERMAN DAIRY	XX	65	54
ROCK SOLID DAIRY	HO	73	381
CURTIS WEAVER	HO	77	194
NEALAND FARMS	HO	80	438
IRVIN ZIMMERMAN	HO	83	127
RAINBOW VALLEY FARM	HO	86	66
OAKVILLE ACRES LLC	HO	94	246
EVERETT & KATRINA NOLT	HO	106	151
BULLSHEAD DAIRY	HO	106	100
ALLEN Z. BURKHOLDER	HO	106	83
C VALLEY HOLSTEINS	HO	121	76
RYAN LEID	HO	134	62
GARY SNYDER	HO	136	82
HOMESTEAD RIDGE DAIRY	HO	147	68
COUNTRY VIEW FARM	HO	147	54
MARCUS HOOVER	HO	151	58
HILLCREST FARM	HO	152	78
CARL NEWSWANGER	HO	164	144
DESTINY FARMSTEAD	XX	165	94
MARCUS GOOD	HO	168	134
SPRING RUN FARM	HO	174	56
NEIL N. MARTIN	HO	175	39
MOUNT ROCK DAIRY LLC	XX	176	1061
RYAN SNYDER	HO	178	78
CURVIN & EILEEN HURST	HO	182	57
LESTER WENGER	HO	193	65

**Dauphin**

SYLVAN & RACHELANN PET	47 HO	27545	1125	902
RAYMOND S. PETERSHEIM	249 HO	25610	949	826
AMOS & NANCY KI	43 HO	24761	1059	802
JEFF & KENDRA NISSLEY	217 HO	23939	1072	775
ALVIN & NOAMI FISHER	50 HO	25100	956	773
PLEASANT HILL FARMS	41 HO	23781	940	743
AMOS MARK STOLTZFUS	56 HO	24363	852	721
ISAAC E. LANTZ	57 HO	24254	900	709
IVAN PRISCILLA STOLTZFUS	54 HO	22640	909	688
PLEASANT HILL FARMS	26 XX	19830	900	677
STEVEN & ELIZABETH K.	48 HO	20748	812	649

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

JEFF & KENDRA NISSLEY	HO	128	217
AMOS MARK STOLTZFUS	HO	189	56
ALVIN & NOAMI FISHER	HO	194	50

**Fayette**

ORR AGRICULTURE LLC	195 HO	24307	1009	829
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**Franklin**

ROARING CREEK FARM	141 HO	31604	1408	1025
DAVID BAKER	108 HO	29774	1313	992
BURK LEA FARMS	958 HO	30397	1377	991
NEVIN WENGER	91 HO	30024	1252	980

STARR DAIRY	98 HO	28922	1190	935
AMOS BENEDICT	100 HO	27687	1321	933
FREY'S FARM DAIRY	79 HO	28816	1179	930
WADE BENEDICT	136 HO	27093	1297	926
LAMAR MARTIN	68 HO	26753	1180	925
THOMAS PRIEST	200 HO	27612	1349	918
IVAN BENEDICT	87 HO	27537	1165	913
MARVIN CONLEY	69 HO	27097	1171	894
RICK WADEL	322 HO	25034	1149	890
JAY HAWBAKER	132 HO	27390	1130	886
CARL PUGH & SON LLC	244 HO	26080	1160	880
TWOTOP HOLSTEINS LLC	293 HO	27934	1222	879
RICECREST DAIRY LLC	207 HO	27526	1161	879
ARLIN HECKMAN	143 HO	25133	1118	860
EVAN HAWBAKER	123 HO	27161	1065	848
EUGENE L. MARTIN & SONS	192 HO	25323	1101	843
BROOK END FARM	112 HO	25259	1065	821
DANA FUNK	153 HO	25423	1153	804
ROOT CELLAR FARMS	89 HO	25647	1073	803
CURTIS MEYERS	245 HO	24117	1099	799
ANDREW GARBER	107 HO	25063	1003	783
LESLIE HAWBAKER	99 HO	24139	946	775
EDWARD MARTIN	53 HO	23800	983	762
TY-TAN DAIRY	74 XX	21094	922	745
LICKING CREEK FARM LLC	120 XX	22702	937	743
DUSTIN & CARRIE GINGERICH	179 JE	19466	1040	722
MARCUS J. LAUVER	182 HO	22295	915	705
MIKE WINGERT	100 HO	20663	897	702
DAR VIEW FARMS	146 XX	18276	786	587

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

FREY'S FARM DAIRY	HO	69	79
NEVIN WENGER	HO	72	91
TY-TAN DAIRY	XX	100	74
LICKING CREEK FARM LLC	XX	107	120
LAMAR MARTIN	HO	108	68
DANA FUNK	HO	110	153
MIKE WINGERT	HO	111	100
ROARING CREEK FARM	HO	116	141
TWOTOP HOLSTEINS LLC	HO	117	293
AMOS BENEDICT	HO	121	100
DAVID BAKER	HO	122	108
JAY HAWBAKER	HO	122	132
DUSTIN & CARRIE GINGERICH	JE	123	179
IVAN BENEDICT	HO	130	87
RICECREST DAIRY LLC	HO	138	207
MARVIN CONLEY	HO	138	69
JEFFREY BAUGHMAN	HO	149	59
BURK LEA FARMS	HO	151	958
EVAN HAWBAKER	HO	152	123
MARCUS J. LAUVER	HO	156	182
STARR DAIRY	HO	166	98
BROOK END FARM	HO	167	112
WADE BENEDICT	HO	176	136
CARL PUGH & SON LLC	HO	182	244
ROOT CELLAR FARMS	HO	182	89
EUGENE L. MARTIN & SONS	HO	190	192
THOMAS PRIEST	HO	196	200

**Fulton**

MISTY MOUNTAIN DAIRY	484 HO	28632	1283	934
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**Huntingdon**

DOUGLAS VARNER	245 HO	27813	1207	914
KEN & CINDY BROCKETT	94 HO	23539	1011	812
DOUGLAS VARNER	30 AY	20384	946	699

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

DOUGLAS VARNER	HO	45	245
DOUGLAS VARNER	AY	47	30

**Indiana**

NATHANIEL STOLTZFUS	87 HO	28739	1127	924
EMANUEL GLICK	121 HO	23935	957	780

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

NATHANIEL STOLTZFUS	HO	168	87
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**Jefferson**

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**Smith Oak Farm**

SMITH OAK FARM	101 HO	20938	856	685
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**Juniata**

LELAND EBERLY	72 HO	30985	1293	970
KELVIN MARTIN	130 HO	28625	1182	904
ZUGSTEAD FARM	39 HO	27569	1145	891
ZUGSTEAD FARM	827 HO	26563	1129	866
ZUGSTEAD FARM	35 HO	26243	1092	854
DWIGHT MARTIN	78 HO	26544	1070	849
HENRY ACRES HOLSTEIN	216 HO	25247	1057	810
SEVEN STARS DAIRY	351 XX	25873	951	806
ZUGSTEAD FARM	10 XX	24503	1020	792
GARY MARTIN	72 HO	24864	993	788
SPEERETTE FARM	60 HO	21929	844	688
SPEERETTE FARM	12 XX	20079	785	639
R. E. SHEARER & FAMILY	84 HO	16529	629	501

**HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000**

KELVIN MARTIN	HO	85	130
LELAND EBERLY	HO	120	72
GARY MARTIN	HO	120	72
ZUGSTEAD FARM	XX	156	10
SEVEN STARS DAIRY	XX	190	351

**Lancaster**

BRUBAKER FARMS	1458 HO	32513	1317	1018
JEFF SENSENIG	90 HO	29970	1283	983
RANCKSTEAD FARM LLC	91 HO	31101	1230	980
JOEL & PRISCILLA REIFF	40 HO	31013	1288	975
MARVIN LEE ZIMMERMAN	110 HO	30352	1304	970
MEADOW VISTA FARM	834 HO	30048	1292	969
DELMAR SHELLEY	55 HO	29335	1234	961
WEAVER HOMESTEAD FARM	202 HO	29157	1249	955
CLINTON HURSH	77 HO	29097	1168	947
KREIDER DAIRY FARMS	2148 HO	29005	1211	944
EZRA S. HORST, JR.	116 HO	29867	1240	943
JONATHAN S. STOLTZFUS	76 HO	29630	1241	940
CENTRAL MANOR DAIRY	198 HO	29906	1285	940
DARYL SENSENIG	78 HO	28773	1217	939
WANNERS PRIDE-N-JOY	932 HO	28719	1298	938
JAY & JOANNE WISE	77 HO	27855	1225	934
TRI-WILLOW FARMS	89 HO	29894	1133	932
DAVID RAY HOOVER	71 HO	29595	1102	929
CURVIN MARTIN	78 HO	29273	1198	925
JOLAN & KATIE MARTIN	89 HO	29982	1182	925
JOHN M. BURKHOLDER	153 HO	28558	1245	923
MATT AUMENT	74 XX	28222	1180	923
OLD PIKE DAIRY	162 HO	29589	1191	920
MAPLEHOPE FARM, INC.	117 HO	28276	1139	919
MEADOW SPRING FARM	512 HO	28796	1195	919
STONER DAIRY FARM LLC	472 HO	28951	1207	917
PAUL DAVID GARMAN	62 HO	29563	1119	917
HILLSIDE MEADOWS FARM	182 HO	28040	1182	915
ARLIN BENNER	809 HO	28974	1187	915
SPRING VALLEY DAIRY	90 HO	28890	1202	912
TOM NAUMAN	69 HO	27204	1152	910
MERVIN Z. HOOVER	54 HO	27533	1126	906
CHARLES FARMS, INC.	74 HO	29024	1148	902
SPRING MEADOW DAIRY	88 HO	28816	1112	902
RIVERSIDE ACRES	72 HO	27432	1153	901
OMAR K. MILLER	57 HO	27582	1148	900
DOUG & MICHELE ZEISE	114 HO	27600	1298	897
LINNUS M. HURST	52 HO	27605	1117	896
CHARLES FARMS, INC.	443 HO	28798	1183	895
CLINTON L. SENSENIG	211 XX	28087	1186	893
ALVIN S. BEILER	61 HO	29479	1201	891
FRANKLIN VIEW FARMS	905 HO	27979	1195	890
JESSE MARTIN	184 HO	26798	1116	890
L. MICHAEL WEAVER	76 HO	27654	1092	888
BURNELL R GOOD	73 HO	27207	1167	887
AMOS S. KING, JR.	82 HO	27302	1145	887
FAHNSTOCK FARMS	400 HO	26530	1060	885
BENUEL K. ESCH	56 HO	28207	1135	884
MOUNT VIEW ACRES	54 HO	28111	1136	884
DANIEL F. BEILER	64 HO	28505	1163	883
STATELINE HOLSTEINS	112 HO	28082	1079	882
DAVID Z. BEILER	61 HO	29205	1148	881
MELVIN MILLER	76 HO	27083	1083	881
SWEIGART FARMS 2 LLC	521 HO	28513	1123	881

MELVIN K. & ESTHER ST	56 HO	27185	1187	878
SAMUEL N. SHIRK	48 HO	27256	928	877
ELAM KING	51 HO	28267	1099	877
STEVIE K. STOLTZFUS	57 HO	27580	1156	876
DELMAR J. OBERHOLTZER	95 HO	27022	1105	875
G. ANTHONY ZIMMERMAN	93 HO	27265	1113	875
PENNMAR DAIRY LLC	2754 HO	27509	1173	874
CHRIST FISHER	50 HO	26898	1097	872
PAUL B. ZIMMERMAN, JR.	147 HO	26489	1143	870
PAUL & MARK MILLER	134 HO	26902	1101	869
RED VALLEY HOLSTEINS	90 HO	25876	1089	869
HATTI HOLLOW DAIRY	58 HO	28260	1111	868
BENUEL S. STOLTZFUS	47 HO	28772	1339	864
KENNETH L. WENGER	68 HO	26709	1207	863
MELVIN L. BEILER	70 HO	27779	1094	860
DANIEL K. SMUCKER	55 HO	26467	1158	859
JACOB E. SMUCKER	72 HO	25963	1139	859
EMANUEL J. KING	57 HO	28418	1226	858
EDWIN N. ZEISER	69 HO	26808	1114	856
JAMES S. ZIMMERMAN	74 HO	27050	1142	855
CHRISTIAN LANDIS	26 HO	25418	1084	855
JAMES B. HOOVER	49 HO	26479	862	855
OMAR KAUFFMAN	65 HO	2925		

MELVIN S. ZOOK	53 HO	20448	791	595
DANIEL S. ESH	40 HO	20130	942	593
AMOS F. ESH	56 JE	16290	788	576
THOMAS ARROWSMITH	54 JE	14801	819	567
SAMUEL J. STOLTZFUS	46 HO	18907	727	567
DAVID B. FISHER	43 HO	18747	731	567
DAVID L. KING, JR.	43 HO	18288	796	566
DAVID Z. HORST	43 HO	17144	668	537
LESTER MARTIN	36 HO	16702	634	501
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
PAUL & MARK MILLER	HO	29	134	
KEVIN BALMER	XX	51	119	
RIVERSIDE ACRES	HO	62	72	
STEPHEN GLICK	HO	62	81	
CENTRAL MANOR DAIRY LLC.	XX	68	18	
CURVIN MARTIN	HO	71	78	
TRI-WILLOW FARMS	HO	73	89	
GARY R. MARTIN	HO	76	95	
DAVID J. KULP	HO	76	42	
LAMAR ZEISET	HO	76	62	
SUNBEAM DAIRY	HO	76	129	
RANCKSTEAD FARM LLC.	HO	77	91	
SUNNYBROOK DAIRY FARMS LLC.	HO	79	123	
MERVIN Z. HOOVER	HO	80	54	
JAY & JOANNE WISE	HO	82	77	
LINUS M. HURST	HO	82	52	
JONAS B. & MATTIE L. MILLER	HO	83	37	
JOHN B. STOLTZFUS	HO	86	75	
DANIEL & MARY STOLTZFUS	HO	86	65	
PAUL B. ZIMMERMAN, JR.	HO	87	147	
JEFF SENSENIG	HO	87	90	
HENRY Z. BEILER	HO	87	51	
IRVIN FARM	HO	88	81	
DAVID Z. BEILER	HO	89	61	
CHRIST E. STOLTZFUS	HO	90	55	
JOHN STOLTZFUS	HO	91	49	
JACOB L. KING, JR.	HO	92	54	
SYLVAN J. OBERHOLTZER	HO	95	163	
DAVID K. STOLTZFUS	HO	97	39	
ARLUN BENNER	HO	98	809	
MEADOW VISTA FARM	HO	98	834	
SPRING MEADOW DAIRY	HO	98	88	
LEONARD N. FOX	HO	100	56	
SAMUEL K. FISHER	HO	101	59	
CONRAD SENSENIG	HO	103	199	
ELAM K. KING	HO	106	59	
JESSE MARTIN	HO	107	184	
AMOS B. FISHER	HO	107	42	
MEADOW RUN FARM	JE	110	36	
BRUBAKER FARMS	HO	111	1458	
GLENN H. MARTIN	HO	111	56	
CHRISTIAN LANDIS	HO	112	26	
JOHN & LAROSE HOOVER	HO	113	67	
BURNELL R. GOOD	HO	116	73	
AMOS J. GLICK	HO	116	49	
JOHN K. KING	HO	116	53	
ELMER KING	HO	117	41	
JONATHAN S. STOLTZFUS	HO	118	76	
DANIEL L. STOLTZFUS	HO	119	46	
STONER DAIRY FARM LLC.	HO	119	472	
CHARLES FARMS, INC.	HO	120	443	
WEAVER HOMESTEAD FARM LLC.	HO	120	202	
SAMUEL J. STOLTZFUS	HO	121	46	
JACOB F. KAUFFMAN	HO	122	77	
JOLAN & KATIE MARTIN	HO	122	89	
STEVIE K. STOLTZFUS	HO	122	57	
ISAAC D. KING	HO	123	33	
OREGON DAIRY FARM LLC.	HO	123	61	
DAVID WAYNE SMUCKER	HO	123	91	
AMOS B. STOLTZFUS	HO	124	66	
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COGAN SKY FARM	229 HO	26003	1065	839
MATT & ALICIA DERR	172 JE	19679	1028	744
ADAM & LISA SONNEN	62 HO	22160	963	734
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
COGAN SKY FARM	HO	108	229	
ADAM & LISA SONNEN	HO	123	62	

### Mifflin

SHAWN SMOKER	147 HO	25971	1055	857
DAVE & JEN STUCK	126 HO	26281	1083	821
TIMOTHY KAUFFMAN	128 HO	25774	1035	790
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
TIMOTHY KAUFFMAN	HO	101	128	
SHAWN SMOKER	HO	112	147	

### Montgomery

JONATHAN & KAREN S.	47 HO	26212	1040	858
JONATHAN & KAREN S.	11 XX	18832	760	638
LALISA HOLSTEINS	156 HO	19810	895	611
PETER KOSS	61 HO	16977	710	598
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
W. B. SAUL HIGH SCHOOL	XX	135	12	

### Northampton

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<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
KEYSTONE FARM	HO	195	66	

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# Holstein heritage was celebrated with family and friends

By DIETER KRIEG  
Farmshine Editor

PERKASIE, Pa. — Bucks County Holstein breeders have a remarkably strong and influential program ..... despite being low in the number of farms these days. Only 10 dairy farms remain in the region and that's counting the one owned and operated by Del Val University.

But last Saturday, March 15, the group's annual meeting and potluck dinner drew no fewer than 100 people, a testament that the Association is very much alive. In fact, it was noted that the Bucks County Holstein Association is one of the most active in the state. The proof is in the numbers, as well as a myriad of activities. Youths are the key, especially youngsters who do not live on farms. The Association's calf-leasing program is not only popular but also a means of building a good rapport with the community ... one calf and one kid at a time.

The potluck dinner and meeting took place in the social hall of the Deep Run Mennonite Church East, a venue that was large enough to host the gathering and all that goes with it. In this case, quite a bit. Tables along one side near the entrance were bursting with items for a raffle. Tables closest to the kitchen were lined up end-to-end, loaded with an almost unbelievable amount and variety of food prepared and brought in by members of the Association. Among the choices of beverages were whole and chocolate milk, donated by Longacres Dairy in nearby Barto, Pa.

A bit of history of the Bucks County Holstein Association was given by



Recognized for top production were, left to right: David Crooke of Crooked Acres Farm and Josh and David Bishop from Ensenada Farm. Photos by Dieter Krieg

Josh Geissinger, state representative, and Sue Haldeman, treasurer, during their opening remarks. "Past and present breeders and their families attend this gathering," Sue wanted everyone to know. It's a close-knit group with a proud tradition and therefore the always noteworthy attendance.

Formed in 1912, the Association is the old-

est in the state and went on to become the unrivaled largest, with more members than even Lancaster or Bradford County. (This according to a 1936 *Directory of Pennsylvania Federation of Holstein-Friesian Clubs* owned by this writer). Bucks County Holstein breeders were also first to host their own show, which happened in 1949. To this day, the Bucks County Holstein Association's annual summer show draws over 70 animals. Most of them are 4-H animals, Sue noted.

A noteworthy measure of support for the Association that was very evident during the festive gathering on Saturday was the number of donated door prizes. Just about everyone received one, thanks to businesses in the area and as far away as Lancaster County.

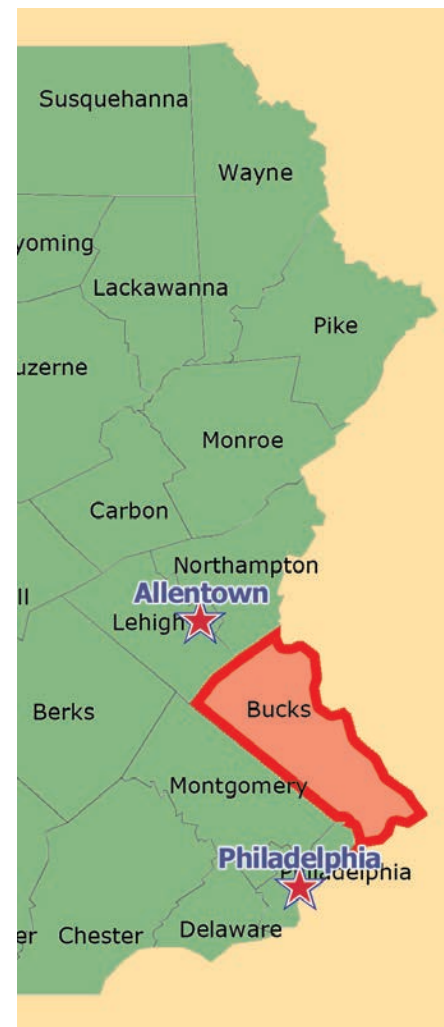
David Lentz, executive director of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association was in attendance having driven three hours from Union Bridge, Md. where he had helped with the Peace & Plenty Springtime Jubilee Sale. It grossed over a million dollars.

David asked all breeders in attendance to consider selling heifers because prices are currently higher than they have ever been during his 30 years with PHA. The state association's next Know What You Buy Heifer Sale takes place on May 15th and consignments are being welcomed. If interested, please call David at: 717-329-9202 or e-mail him at: director@paholsteins.com

Concluding the program was the recognition of production awards as noted below.

**Top herds for milk:**

1. Crooked Acres Dairy... 28,728 lbs.



Bucks County's location between Allentown and Philadelphia and a mere 2-hour drive from New York City, provided tremendous market access even just a few decades ago. The county boasted 160 dairy farms in 1965; today just 10 remain.



Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Charlotte Wallace was a special guest at the dinner. She is pictured with her father, Scott, and Ruth Ann Moyer, who is a member of the Bucks County Dairy Promotion Committee.

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2. Delaware Valley U. .... 26,891 lbs.
3. Marwell Dairy Farm ..... 26,608 lbs.
4. Ensenada Farm, LLC .... 24,805 lbs.
5. Tanner Bros., ..... 24,144 lbs.

**Top herds for butterfat:**

1. Delaware Valley U. .... 1147 lbs.
2. (tie) Crooked Acres Dairy .1061 lbs.  
Ensenada Farm, LLC .....1061 lbs.
4. Marwell Dairy Farm ..... 983 lbs.
5. Tanner Bros. .... 877 lbs.

**Top herds for protein:**

1. Crooked Acres Dairy ..... 891 lbs.
2. Delaware Valley U. .... 877 lbs.
3. Marwell Dairy Farm ..... 800 lbs.
4. Ensenada Farm LLC ..... 796 lbs.
5. Tanner Bros ..... 718 lbs.

**Top cows:**

In first place was Delaware Valley U. with "Tabitha": 37,238M 1560F 1129 P.

Marwell Dairy Farm was recognized for "Malia" and "Jane", both with over 36,057M.

For butterfat, Del-Val had the top three, the other two being ShowCow and Millie, both with over 1400 lbs.

Second place for protein went to DVU's "Millie" with 1071 pounds while Ensenada Farm placed third with "Poet," who produced 1038 pounds.

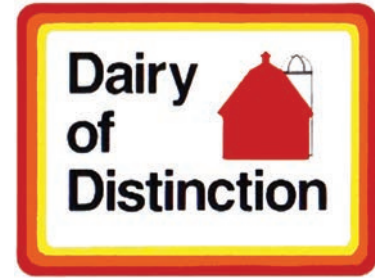
Ensenada Farm picked up two other prestigious prizes along the way: Lowest SCC was one; while the other was for the lifetime production of a cow named "Payton" who is credited with 200,295M 8115F 6314P in seven lactations. She was born April 29, 2015.

The entertainment was a slide show that reviewed the past year's activities, featuring scores of 4-H'ers and their show animals.



Bucks County Dairy Maid Miranda Heintz and Allie Dewitt look over just a few of the items on one of three tables that were fashioned to turn heads.

## Dairy of Distinction applications need to be submitted by April 15



PATTON, Pa. – Dairy producers in the Northeast and Middle Atlantic region are invited to apply for the Dairy of Distinction award. Applications need to be submitted by April 15, and should be signed by the dairy farmer.

The award is based on the concept that attractive farmsteads promote a positive dairy image and will help to enhance consumer confidence in the wholesomeness of milk for the industry. Dairies receiving the highest scores will be awarded an 18-inch-by-24-inch Dairy of Distinction sign to display in front of their farm. Farms that have changed ownership from generational transfers are also encouraged to reapply even though the farm has previously received the award.

Prior to farm scoring, milk handlers are contacted to verify milk quality. Roadside judging will occur in May, and farms will be evaluated on factors that can be controlled by the dairy producer. Judges will look for clean and attractively finished buildings; neat landscaping, ditches, roads and lanes; and well-maintained fences. They also will take into consideration other aspects of the farm, such as manure management and cleanliness of animals, the barnyard and feed stor-

age areas. To obtain an application for dairies in Pennsylvania, call Ashley Hoover, program secretary, 717-513-7284 or visit the website: [www.dairyofdistinctionawards.com](http://www.dairyofdistinctionawards.com)

The Pennsylvania program is part of the Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program, which also includes New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Dairy producers in these states can obtain an application from the program secretary in their state, as follows:

- Maryland**  
Nicole Forsythe, Maryland Dairy Shrine  
10226 Downsville Pike  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
[mddairyshrine@gmail.com](mailto:mddairyshrine@gmail.com)
- New Jersey**  
Joy Ricker  
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- Vermont**  
Louise Waterman  
Vermont Agency of Agriculture  
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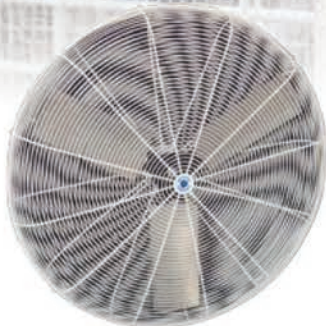
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# Beef-on-dairy calves overcome early-life pneumonia with resilient growth

*Study finds hybrid calves recover from pneumonia with minimal long-term impact on performance*

By **Ingrid L. B. Fernandes**  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Department of Animal Science

Many modern dairy farm operations have developed an additional revenue stream by breeding dairy cows with beef bulls using artificial insemination to produce crossbred beef-on-dairy calves. These crossbreds have improved growth performance and meat efficiency, leading to a higher market value compared to purebred dairy calves.

The immune system plays a crucial role in fighting infections and fully matures in calves around eight months of age. Beef-on-dairy calves are typically weaned at approximately two months of age. Stressful events such as weaning, commingling, and transportation can make calves more susceptible to disease. Because beef-on-dairy calves are weaned earlier, they face a higher risk of developing pneumonia during this critical period of life. Pneumonia can negatively impact growth performance, future productivity, and overall health, ultimately reducing financial returns. Calves that undergo severe health events as early as the pre-weaning period may also have increased chances of mortality and morbidity in their adult life.

In a new study, a team led by Penn State researchers investigated the effects of early-life pneumonia events on the long-term growth performance of beef-on-dairy calves. The researchers determined that despite the reduction in average daily gain up to three weeks post-diagnosis, by the age of eight months on average, the hybrid calves that recovered from pneumonia achieved similar average daily growth to calves that never had pneumonia.

## Economic Benefit

The research was conducted by Ingrid Fernandes, a Master's student in the Department of Animal Science being advised by Drs. Melissa Cantor and Tara Felix. Her work may help inform dairies struggling to survive financially, according to study author Melissa Cantor, Penn State assistant professor of precision dairy science in the Department of Animal Science.

"We've had high inflation, of course, across the United States, but particularly in the dairy industry, where the cost of raising purebred dairy replacements has grown significantly," Cantor said. "Adding the beef-on-dairy hybrid sideline to their businesses has helped producers, but financial constraints dictate that dairy farmers must be selective about which animals they keep. They need to be sure the practice makes sense for them economically."

Fernandes added, "With the use of beef semen on dairy cows, producers have the ability to use dairy sexed semen in high genetic value cows to produce quality replacement heifers. Therefore, the genetic value of animals coming from the dairy industry, both targeting the dairy and the beef chain, increased."

The team published its findings on January 31st in the *Journal of Dairy Science*, after undergoing a process of peer

review by the editorial board.

Researchers reported that pneumonia observed in beef-on-dairy crosses only compromises their growth for about three weeks before they begin recovering. Calves that were classified as having pneumonia, through lung consolidation detected by ultrasound scans, were able to exhibit compensatory growth when compared to their healthy peers, suggesting the illness was just a temporary setback.

## Growth performance

The study is the first of its kind to investigate the long-term effects of pneumonia in beef-on-dairy cattle growth performance; researchers evaluated if evidence of the illness identified in 143 beef-on-dairy calves at weaning (two months of age) were associated with growth performance. Two months of age is when calves transition from drinking milk as their main source of nutrition to solid feed. Researchers assessed calf weights soon after birth, at weaning, post-weaning at about 21 days, and at eight months. The researchers assessed the impact of pathogens in the calves' lungs and closely monitored the young animals' average daily growth.

They determined that lung pathogens were not associated with growth performance, and average daily growth was similar among all calves by about eight months of age. However, pathogens were associated with the presence of lung consolidation, which is a result of pneumonia.

The researchers said the calves recovered without antibiotics, which could be particularly impactful for the organic dairy industry and help reduce antimicrobial resistance in cattle.

## Long-term effects of pneumonia

"Our study, which aimed to understand the impact of pneumonia on growth and the potential for self-healing in calves, highlighted that beef-on-dairy crosses often recover from pneumonia without antibiotics, unlike purebred Holstein dairy calves," Cantor said. "We think this is at least partially attributed to hybrid vigor — the phenomenon by which a progeny exhibits superiority over its parents in traits such as growth rate and productivity. This research was aimed at understanding the long-term effects of pneumonia and the economic implications of crossbreeding."

"Most pneumonia pathogens are already present in the respiratory tract of calves regardless of whether they have pneumonia or not. We call this type of pathogen, 'commensal' because they can live in the calf without causing harm. However, when a calf undergoes stress, pneumonia pathogens are going to multiply and then cause symptoms. Many

pathogens are involved in the development of pneumonia, and some are more aggressive than others when we talk about signs of disease. The pathogen isolated from the calves in our study is a pathogen that most of the time does not cause severe effects on the calf. Along with the hybrid vigor mentioned by Dr. Cantor, I believe that this was an important factor in calves' fast recovery," said Fernandes.

There is also the other side of the coin. Just because calves recover doesn't mean they shouldn't be treated. Many factors influence the necessity of antimicrobial treatment, including the severity of the infection, the calf's ability to mount an effective immune response, and the risk of disease transmission within the herd. Without meticulous disease assessment, delaying or withholding treatment could lead to prolonged illness, increased pathogen shedding, and long-term consequences on growth and performance. Strategic and timely antimicrobial use, guided by proper diagnosis and monitoring, is essential to ensuring both animal welfare and sustainable disease management.

Dr. Tara Felix, an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science and beef specialist with Penn State Extension, has been working with beef-on-dairy cattle throughout the system, from birth to packer, for the past few years. Felix focuses on the much more-long term, saying, "It is critical to continue this vein of research and determine the implications that these early-life health events may have on the feedlot side of the industry, all the way out to the packer. Stay tuned!"

Follow-up research

"There is still a lot to understand about beef-on-dairy cattle health," Fernandes said. "The calves from this study were targeting the beef industry and we followed them through the growing and feedlot phase. Our team collected information on feedlot growth performance and carcass characteristics at slaughter. The follow-up paper will be published soon with more information about the effects of early live pneumonia events on the feedlot and more."

The other collaborators on this study are Allison Welk and David Renaud, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada; and Donald Sockett, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The research was supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



Study author Dr. Melissa Cantor, Penn State assistant professor of precision dairy science, with a beef x dairy hybrid calf used in research. Photo: Penn State

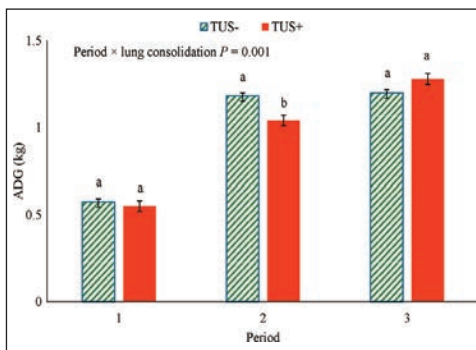


Figure 1. The association of thoracic ultrasonography score (TUS+  $\geq 1\text{cm}^2$ ) identified at weaning, and the lung consolidation  $\times$  period interaction on average daily gain (ADG) of 143 beef  $\times$  dairy calves (37/143 TUS+) compared with calves without lung consolidation (TUS-) using a mixed linear regression model. The interaction was adjusted with Tukey corrections.

## Online resources

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# Grazing from page 1

carbohydrate reserves.

Post-grazing residuals will also affect plant root growth, as plant roots rely on the leaves to supply energy from photosynthesis. In general, the amount of live root growth occurring below ground is roughly equivalent to the amount of live forage growth occurring above ground.

Research has shown that the amount of above ground forage removed impacts root health. Up to 50 percent of above ground biomass can be removed with little to no impact on root growth. However, with greater than 50 percent removal, root growth slows dramatically, and removing 70 percent or more of above ground biomass can completely stop root growth.

This is where the old rule of thumb “take half, leave half” comes into play. Leaving half of the leaf area on the plant lessens impacts to the plant root system, enabling the plant to continue to absorb nutrients and moisture and recover quicker following grazing. If pastures are grazed too low, plant root growth slows or stops, diminishing the vigor of the plant root system and the overall productivity of the plant.

Leaving half of the leaf area on the plant has minimal impacts to the plant root system, enabling the plant to continue to absorb nutrients and moisture and recover quicker.

### Provide an adequate rest period

One of the most common mistakes people make in grazing management is providing too short of a recovery period for pastures after grazing. Pasture forages require a rest period in order to maintain productivity and longevity. When a plant is grazed, the loss of leaf material means the plant loses its energy producing center.

The plants’ response is to rebuild that center using stored energy reserves. If the plant is given rest following grazing, new leaves will develop and will replenish this energy supply.

Without that rest, the plant is not able to replenish its energy supply and will continue to use the remainder of its stored energy to produce new leaves. As energy supplies are depleted, the plant will be unable to maintain production and will eventually start to die out, leading to weak stands, overgrazed pastures, and the invasion of weeds or other non-desirable forages.

Maintaining flexibility in your system will allow you to balance the length of the rest period with the plant growth rate and is fundamental to successful grazing management. How long recovery takes will depend on a number of things, including the plant species, the amount of grazing pressure, and the time of year.

As we get hotter and drier, grass growth rates slow down and the days of rest required may be much longer than that required during the spring when rapid growth is occurring. Regardless, the rest period must be long enough to allow the plants to recover and grow back to a practical grazing height before livestock are allowed to graze again; for most cool-season grasses, this will be at or above the 8 to 10 inch range.

To accommodate for this longer rest period, the rotation speed between paddocks will have to slow down.

The basic rule is: when pastures are growing fast, rotate fast; when pastures are growing slowly, rotate slowly. Remember that the goal of the rest is to allow young green leaves to grow and maximize photosynthetic capacity.

### Don't ignore seed heads

A plant that is producing seed heads is undergoing reproductive growth and not putting energy into leafy growth or tiller production. Clipping seed heads from these grasses can encourage the plant to go back into leafy or vegetative growth, which will increase forage quality and result in more total forage being produced over the course of the growing season. Clipping will also serve the added benefit of helping to control certain weed populations.

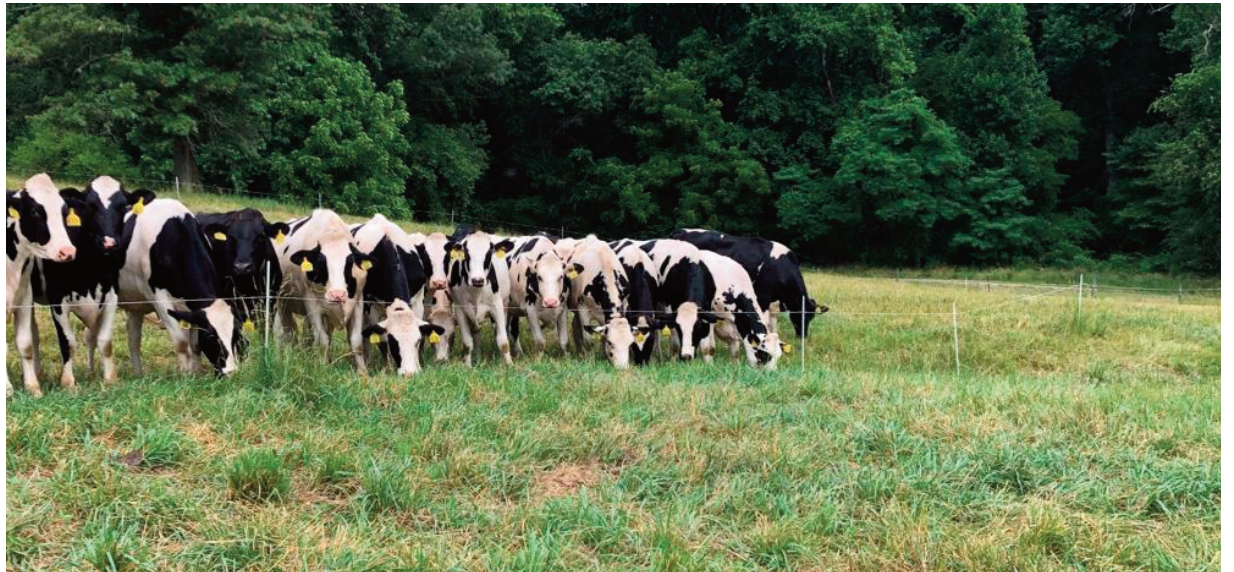
Seed heads can also be an indication of uneven grazing patterns in your pasture. If selective grazing is occurring, some plants are likely being overgrazed while others are becoming too mature. If this is happening, consider adding more divisions or paddocks into your pasture system. This means you will be grazing your animals on smaller areas, increasing the stocking density.

A greater stocking density will reduce the amount of selective grazing that occurs, increasing forage utilization and reducing the need for pasture clipping.

It is important to recognize that clipping pastures does have a cost, both in time spent and in fuel burned completing the task. In reality, the need to mow or clip is usually site and time specific and will depend on several factors, including the amount of seed heads present, the buildup of thatch over time, the timing and intensity of grazing, and any weed pressure.

Potential benefits of clipping must be weighed against the costs that are associated with mowing pastures to determine if it is a practical expense economically. In some cases, mowing will have a low return on investment, and you may be better off focusing on other things and reducing

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Heifers wait to be moved into a new cool-season paddock in the grazing system at the University Dairy in June, 2024.

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# Seats open for dairy farmers, vets, processors, academics

By **SHERRY BUNTING**  
Special for Farmshine

ARLINGTON, Va. -- The National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) Program is seeking nominations for designated seats on three FARM Task Forces.

Online nominations and self-nominations end on March 31, at <https://nationaldairyfarm.com/farm-task-force-nominations/>

The task forces with open seats include Animal Care, Environmental Stewardship and Workforce Development. The role of the respective task forces, according to the nationaldairyfarm.com website, is to:

- Provide dairy expertise in designated fields,
- Provide guidance and input regarding FARM Program future developments,

- Provide feedback and recommendations for program updates, standards and resource content to National Milk Producers Federation committees, and

- Serve as FARM Program ambassadors to internal and external industry stakeholders.

Those selected for an open task force seat will be announced in June to join existing members of the respective task forces in July and will serve through June of 2028.

Members cannot serve more than two consecutive terms but may regain eligibility to serve as a task force member after opting out for one term. Nominations can be submitted as self-nominations or from those in support of specific nominees.

The designated seats available for nomination or self-nomination by March 31 are as follows:

**Animal Care seats are open for:**

- Two dairy farmers, who must be active dairy farmers marketing milk through a FARM Program participant (cooperative/processor);

- One dairy veterinarian, who must be a licensed practitioner with primarily dairy clientele along with being an active AABP or AVMA member;

- Two dairy cooperative and processor staff, whose qualifications include active participation in good standing in the FARM Animal Care Program as well as certification as a FARM trainer or evaluator; and

- Two dairy academic persons, whose qualifications include having an advanced degree in dairy welfare or related field with a research focus in dairy welfare along with a dairy extension appointment.

- Environmental Stewardship seats are open for: Five dairy farmers, who must be active dairy farmers marketing their milk through a FARM Program participant (cooperative/processor).

- Workforce Development seats are open for: Two dairy farmers who must be active dairy farmers marketing their milk through a FARM Program participant (cooperative/processor).

## Animal care workshops to begin April 1

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Three more Animal Care Workshops will be held in April for both English and Spanish-speaking dairy producers and their employees. The events will be held on April 1, April 8 and April 15, hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence, PA Beef Council, the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania (PDMP) and Penn State Extension. The workshops will focus on animal care skill-building to help dairy producers fulfill training requirements in four areas of the National FARM program. Attendees can also get certified in Calf Care and Quality Assurance (CCQA) or get recertified in Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) if they are interested. Following each workshop, attendees can take an optional tour of a nearby dairy operation. Biosecurity protocols will be closely followed during each farm tour.

"We've had about 80 individuals from dairy farms across the state join us for the first few workshops this Spring. We're looking forward to having more dairy teams join us this April for these free National FARM training opportunities that include a tour of other dairy operations," said Valerie Mason-Faith, risk education manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "After rotating through the four training areas during the workshops, you'll get a physical certificate that you can save in your files to show your commitment to FARM standards."

The training areas for the workshops include:

- Antibiotic Stewardship, Pain Management, and On-Farm Chemotherapeutic Stewardship. What procedures do you have on your farm to ensure that all medications are being administered at the right time to the right animal at the right dosage – and that you are following all necessary meat and milk withholds?

- Calf Care and Nutrition. What Average Daily Gain (ADG) do you need to achieve in order to reach optimal growth targets by your desired Age at Calving?

- Biosecurity and Premise Mapping for Dairy Producers. What are the critical control points (CCPs) on your dairy farm where disease transmission risks are highest?

- Fitness for Transport and Quality Assurance. Are there any protocols or management decisions you could alter or areas to make improvements when it comes to fitness to transport and quality assurance?

The April events will be held on the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crawford County Extension Office, 1099 Morgan Village Road, Suite A, Meadville.

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# Veterinarian to lead NMPF's 'FARM' program, supported by DMI

By **SHERRY BUNTING**  
Special for Farmshine

ARLINGTON, Va. — Dr. Meggan Hain joined National Milk Producers Federation on Feb. 28 to serve as chief veterinary officer for NMPF and the National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) program.

Dr. Hain will “lead NMPF’s efforts to advance animal welfare standards, support dairy producers and promote science-based best practices across the industry,” according to the NMPF press announcement.

With two decades of veterinary expertise

in dairy health and welfare, Hain was instrumental in developing animal welfare programs, disease response strategies and quality assurance initiatives in her previous position as managing veterinarian and animal care specialist for Organic Valley, where she oversaw the animal health and welfare program for 1800 farms nationwide.

Dr. Hain holds both a doctor of veterinary medicine degree and a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Ohio State University.

She will be the first veterinarian to lead the FARM program, and will take on the responsibilities of former FARM executive director

Emily Yeiser Stepp, who recently accepted a position as senior director of industry affairs for fairlife, LLC.

During a recent producer meeting in Kentucky, NMPF CEO Gregg Doud expressed gratitude for Stepp’s service, but also indicated NMPF’s desire to have a veterinarian in this role as the program evolves.

The FARM Animal Care Version 5 standards were approved by the NMPF Board of Directors in June 2023 and will be in place until June 30, 2027. Program standards are reviewed every three years for revisions.

The Workforce Development Version 2 updates are also coming as the NMPF executive committee has been reviewing recommendations from the FARM Task Force to make adjustments in this module.

Environmental Stewardship Version 3 was launched last summer to integrate a new greenhouse gas model. The Ruminant Farm Systems (RuFaS) model, led by Cornell University, is the new engine for FARM Environmental Stewardship. According to NMPF, this model



Dr. Meggan Hain

“has the ability to run what-if scenarios to assess practice and technology options.”

The FARM program was the 2009 brainchild of DMI’s Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, a 501c6 non-profit established in 2008 under the dairy checkoff umbrella as a “pre-competitive industry-wide collaboration.”

NMPF operates the FARM program with support from DMI. Program participation is “open to all U.S. dairy farmers, cooperatives, and processors.”

Said to be voluntary, FARM becomes mandatory for dairy farms shipping milk to participating cooperatives and processors, with the program serving as a gatekeeper to the milk marketplace. NMPF estimates 98% of U.S. dairy farms are enrolled in FARM Animal Care and 80% of the milk by volume is enrolled in the FARM Environmental Stewardship through their participating processors or cooperatives.

More information about the FARM program can be found at [nationaldairyfarm.com](http://nationaldairyfarm.com).

## \$20,000 in student scholarships offered by Purina Animal Nutrition; apply by April 17

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Optional tour: Kish View Farm

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the time and money spent mowing.

**Consider other potential forage sources if needed**

When conditions are hot and dry and cool-season pastures are just not growing, consider other potential sources of forage that can be used. This could include grazing regrowth on hay fields, utilizing warm-season annual forages, grazing droughted crop fields, or feeding hay or baleage.

In the long run, using these alternative sources now will help preserve pasture stands and allow you to grow more grass later in the year. If you are feeding hay, remember to compare the quality of the hay against the class of livestock you are feeding to make sure their nutritional needs are being met.

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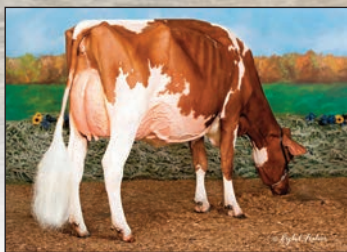
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**Ms D Apple Danielle-RED-ET** EX-95,2E EEEVE

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Danielle was 3X nominated All-American R&W in milking form, is a 9th generation EX and gr'dau of Apple! Selling is her bigtime R&W Showtime calf born 12/5/24 and ready to win!



**Apple-Pts Aprisco-RED-ET** EX-93 EEEVE

3-07 305 27,210 4.6 1240 3.3 945

Aprisco was R&W All-American Fall Yearling 2021 and an own daughter of Apple herself! 2 opportunities from Aprisco sell including her MUST SEE R&W Jr. 2 Showtime recently fresh & spectacular. Also, selling 6/12/24 R&W Hulu w/ +3.15T.



**ZBW-JLP Mrand Joyous-RED-ET\*PP** VG-88 VVVV @ 2yrs

Joyous-RED topped the Best of Luck-ET 2023 sale @ \$45,000 and is backed by 11 EX dams! Selling is her very special R&W & polled Hulu yearling daughter with a +3.91G-Type!



**Cherry-Lor Ladd Ripple-RED\*PO** EX-95,3E EEEEE

7-03 365 37,370 4.1 1545 3.5 1306

Ripple was 3X Res. All-Am R&W in milking form and 7X consecutive nom. Jr All-Am R&W as a cow! Selling EX R&W Warrior dau. of Ripple fresh 1/28 AND VG-87@2yrs R&W Warrior gr'dau fresh 3/3. Her dam is EX-94 All-PA!



**Golden-Oaks Long Shot-ET** EX-91, 92-MS

2-00 300 27,430 3.1 858 3.3 893

Long Shot herself SELLS! She was 1st Jr. 2, Int Champion MI State show and the ALL-Michigan Jr. 2yr-old 2023. Also, All-WI Spring Yrlg. 2022 and just went EX-91 fresh a few week w/ 2nd calf!



**Kings-Ransom Kroy Climax-ET** EX-94 EEEVE

6-05 365 44,440 4.9 2188 3.7 7336

This family is on fire!...and now you can own Climax's A2P2 fancy fresh daughter, just went VG w/ 87-MS & milking 100 lbs./day! Next dam is Cleavage EX-95 then 9 more EX dams!



**Comestar Larion Goldwyn-ET** EX-95,2E EEEEE

4-04 365 37,470 4.3 1617 3.5 1315

Larion was Jr. Champion WDE and All-American & All-Canadian as a Fall Yearling and All-WI as a 5yr-old! Larion's fresh AOT Honour sells and is VG @ 2-02 along with her polled 12/1/24 heifer calf!

**More type highlights include:**

- Show stopper, 9/15/24 Alligator sells X EX-91 King Doc x BLEXY EX-97,3E & WDE Supreme champ!
- 3/3/24 R&W FULL sister sells to Ms Analyst She Got it-RED, the Un. All-Am R&W Spring Calf 2022!
- 3/3/24 Delta-Lambda sells from N-E Fall Nat'l 1st Jr 2 and VG-87 1st score x EX-94,2E x EX-94,2E
- 6/7/24 Alpha sells X 7 EX dams that avg. 94 pts., Penn-Gate breeding.
- 10th generation EX 2nd calf sells with Direct calf
- Super 3/1/24 Architect sells X EX-93 Crush X Apple EX-96,4E
- Fancy 6/24 R&W Hulu X EX-93 Warrior X Apple EX-96,4E
- 9/2/24 daughter of Kings-Ransom MG Cleavage-ET EX-95 sells!
- Summer Jr 2 prospect sells just fresh from EX-94,2E x EX-93,2E x 10 more EX dams!
- 1st choice of 4 females by Pace X EX-94 Delta-Lambda from Hanker EX-94
- EX 2nd calf Hanans milking 130 lbs./day
- 19th generation EX Sympatico sells fresh milking 113 lbs. along with Master embryos
- Fresh VG 2yr-old R&W Unstoppa-bull sells w/ several A-A sisters and daughter of Miss Roxys Recovery EX-92,2E
- Fancy R&W bred heifer daughter of Emoji EX-94,2E 2X HM All-American!
- Fancy Lambda due 6/1 for Summer Jr. 2 X EX-93 X Lylehaven Atwood Lilly EX-95
- Summer Jr. 2 prospect by Thunderstorm sells due June X EX-93,2E All-MI x EX-94 2x A-A & A-C
- EX-94,2E Avalanche dau. of Luck-E Advent Asia-ET EX-94,3E sells ready to flush!
- 8 EX cows sell, too many great ones to list them all, check out the catalog online!!
- Few fancy Jerseys sell including Dec. 2024 Victorious X Felicidad EX-94 X Feliz Navidad EX-93 & Madison Grand!

**Embryo highlights selling:**

- 16 incredible type embryo lots sell including: Audacious X EX-95,2E Jacot sis to Apple; Alligator X EX-95 X EX-95; Dropbox X EX-95,2E All-Am Nom.; Superman & Alpha X Awesome X Maple-RED EX-94
- Champion R&W & B&W Royal: Hulu X Infra EX-93 & 5 A-A sisters to embryos; Logic-PP X EX-91 X Blexy EX-97; Hinge & Hulu X VG-87 2yr-old Lambda X Adler EX-96,2E; Superman X VG-87 R&W
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**Genomic highlights selling:**



**BGP SImdunk Iowa 4975 Ewl-ET** EX-92,2E EEEEE DOM

5-03 365 41,400 4.6 1016 3.4 1428

Selling IVF session from yearling Sheepster w/ +3281GTPI +1268 NM\$ +1806M +116F +75P +7.1PL +2.30T. Dam is Gameday X EX-91 Biggelo X Ewl!

**More Genomic highlights:**

- IVF session from +3248G +1252 NM\$ MILKY X VG-87 Gameday
- IVF session from EX-90 Captain daughter +3078G +1122NM
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- 2 high Genomic embryo lots sell by free-agent sire, Cruz +3318G!

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