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## Promotional material is free

HARRISBURG, Pa. — With National Dairy Month approaching in June and to showcase how dairy is goodness that matters locally, the Center for Dairy Excellence has several free resources to help dairy producers share their stories with their community. Free yard signs, as well as rack cards and posters, that feature “Choose PA Dairy” messaging and statistics are available at no cost to dairy farm families and industry professionals.

The following resources are available while supplies last:

- Request free “Choose PA Dairy” yard signs to display at the end of your lane, outside your farm store or business, or in a flower bed so those visiting can see it.
- Request free posters and rack cards with “Choose PA Dairy” messages, stories and photos of PA dairy farmers while supplies last.
- Share Discover Dairy’s free “Adopt A Cow” program with families and teachers in your community. Enrollment opened May 1, and postcards to share the program are available.
- Share a photo or a few sentences about how your family is celebrating June Dairy Month or connecting with the community to share on social media.

“The 4940 dairy farm families across the state of Pennsylvania work every day to produce fresh, nutritious products, and it’s important for us to showcase how dairy is goodness that matters locally,” said Emily Barge, Communications and Marketing Manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “These resources are simple ways you can connect with families in your area and share your story throughout June Dairy Month and beyond.” The yard signs, posters and rack cards help promote how dairy farms contribute to our communities. They include a QR code linking back to a webpage where folks can see how dairy contributes to the local community in each county and across the state.

All material is available at no cost and can be mailed to you while supplies last. Limited quantities are available. Visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/june-dairy-month](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/june-dairy-month) to request all Choose PA Dairy material or call 717-346-0849.

If you would like to share how you are celebrating June Dairy Month with the Center, contact Emily Barge at [ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org) or call 717-346-0849. You can also reach out to Emily to request large quantities of material or request postcards to promote the Adopt A Cow enrollment to teachers and families in your community.

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## Got forage for the 'super bowl'?

MADISON, Wis. – Entries are being accepted now for the World Forage Analysis Superbowl, which is open to all forage producers across North America. The 2024 contest, held in conjunction with World Dairy Expo, is set to award over \$26,000 in cash prizes, made possible by generous award sponsors.

The deadline to submit corn silage samples is July 10, while all other entries must be submitted by August 22. The \$40 entry fee provides entry into the contest along with a detailed sample analysis sent to entrants after judging is complete. Entry forms are available at [www.foragesuperbowl.org](http://www.foragesuperbowl.org) or by contacting any of the award sponsors listed below.

The World Forage Analysis Superbowl is comprised of eight divisions that evaluate samples through lab and visual analyses. The winning entry of each division earns a cash award of \$2500, with additional cash prizes presented to second through fifth place.

The divisions and their sponsors are:

- Dairy Hay, sponsored by QLF Agronomy;
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A grand champion forage producer is also named in the contest and receives a check for \$2500, sponsored by Legacy Seeds.

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Additional support for the 40th annual World Forage Analysis Superbowl is provided by general sponsors ByronPRO/Byron Seed and ForageMate, and the contest's platinum sponsor, Brevant Seeds.

All award winners will be recognized at the Brevant Seeds Forage Superbowl Luncheon on Wednesday, October 2, at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

The World Forage Analysis Superbowl is organized in partnership between Dairyland Laboratories, Inc., Hay & Forage Grower, the U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center, University of Wisconsin, and World Dairy Expo.

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**Rising fluid milk sales stall, but year-to-date still higher**

USDA released its monthly Estimated Total Packaged Fluid Milk Sales Report for March 2024 on Tuesday (May 21). It showed total March sales took a hit after year-over-year (YOY) gains in 4 of the previous 5 months.

Despite March total fluid milk figures reported down 4.1% YOY, the year-to-date total was stable, up 0.2% YOY, suggesting some interplay in March sales deliveries via the extra day in February this Leap Year.

March conventional whole milk sales were down 1.7% YOY, but year-to-date sales remain above year ago by 2.7%. On the other hand, Organic whole milk sales in March were up a whopping 12% YOY and up 11% year-to-date.

Flavored milk sales were down for the month of March in all fat-levels YOY. But on a year-to-date basis, whole flavored milk

**Milk Market Moos**  
by Sherry Bunting  
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sales beat year ago by 10%.

Sales of milk in the 'other' category, which includes lactose-free, Lactaid, etc., were up 44% in March YOY and up 36.3% year-to-date, but represent just 4.3% of the entire fluid milk category while whole unflavored milk remains the largest seller, representing 38.7% of the total fluid milk category.

**Sellers dump cheese, sending Class III lower**

The CME spot cheese market moved lower each of the first three days this week. Like last week, sellers showed up with 40-lb block Cheddar to dump, only MORE of it this week, offering to sell at reduced prices, and moving a record 25 loads in the

first three days this week.

When the dust settled on Wed., May 22, the 40-lb block Cheddar price was pegged at \$1.84/lb, down 9 cents from the previous Wednesday -- driving 2024 Class III milk futures prices lower for the first time in nearly two months. That 9-cents/lb loss in the block Cheddar price translated quickly and precisely to a 90 cents/cwt loss in the June Class III milk futures price.

The 500-lb barrel cheese lost 3 cents/lb on the week. Wednesday's spot price was pegged at \$2.03/lb, with a 3-day count of just 8 loads traded. This put barrels over blocks by 20 cents.

The dry whey spot price hit 41 1/2 cents/lb last Friday, then lost ground the first three days this week with 12 loads trading. By Wed., May 22, spot whey stood at 39 1/2 cents, up a fraction of a cent from the previous Wednesday.

**Powder up, butter surges**

The butter market surged 12 cents higher on the week. The CME spot price was pegged at \$3.11/lb on Wed., May 22 with just 5 loads trading over the first three days.

Nonfat dry milk continued to show strength, hitting \$1.1750/lb Wednesday, up a penny and a half from a week ago in moderate trade with 14 loads changing hands the first three days.

**Milk futures mixed: Cl. III slips, Cl. IV soars**

After seven straight weeks of mainly gains in the Class III milk futures markets, this week's board showed red through November, with nearly \$1.00 taken off the June contract. Meanwhile, the steadily soaring Class IV futures board was a sea of green again with second-half 2024 contracts topping the \$22 mark at midweek.

On Wed., May 22, the Class III milk futures for the next 12 months (May24 through Apr25) averaged \$19.07, erasing most of last week's gain, down 11 cents from the previous Wednesday, and breaking the 7-week trend of week-over-week gains in the 12-month average for Class III milk futures.

Class IV milk futures, on the other hand, continued pushing higher across the board, with the average for the next 12 months at \$21.45 on Wednesday's close, up 37 cents from the previous Wednesday and fully 60-cents higher than two weeks ago.

**Global price index keeps gaining, up 3.3%**

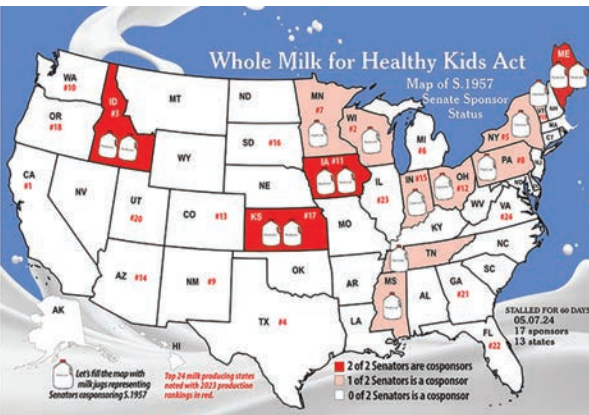
The GDT biweekly internet auction Tues., May 21, had an all-products index up 3.3% over the previous auction May 7. This includes a whopping 9.8% increase in the GDT price index for bulk Mozzarella, with all sales transacted for July.

After the 8% gain in the index for bulk Cheddar two weeks ago, Tuesday's index was unchanged with some softness in all months of contracts, except July, up 2.3%. GDT butter surged 5.1%, whole milk powder up 2.9%, Skim milk powder up 3.5%.

**June Class I mover finally tops \$20**

USDA announced the June advance Class I base price 'mover' Wed., May 22 at \$20.08, up \$1.62 from the May mover and \$2.07 higher than June a year ago. This is the first year-over-year increase in the Class I mover price in 18 months, and the highest mover since February 2023.

And yet, if the previous 'higher of' method had been used to calculate the June mover, it would have been \$20.58. This represents a 50-cent per cwt formula loss in the Class I base price for June, using the current 'average of' method vs. the previous 'higher of.'



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# Must check-off align with DGA on fat? We've asked so stay tuned

By **SHERRY BUNTING**  
Special for Farmshine

ROSEMONT, Ill. — In the article titled “Whole milk sales surge as Senate bill for schools remains blocked” on page 3 of the May 10, 2024 edition of Farmshine, we mentioned a press release about a dairy check-off-led pilot in Cincinnati schools that offered lactose free chocolate milk and increased milk consumption by 16%.

Parentetically, we noted that the lactose-free chocolate milk in the pilot was also fat-free. DMI reached out to clarify:

“The pilot featured only 1% (low-fat) chocolate milk, which is following USDA’s nutrition standards for school meals. The results of the Cincinnati pilot proved we can provide milk to many students who previously weren’t consuming it, especially those who are lactose intolerant,” wrote Scott Wallin, DMI vice-president for industry media relations.

With this correction, it’s clear that the pilot used lactose-free low-fat 1% chocolate milk, not fat-free (0.1%) lactose-free chocolate milk.

Meanwhile, we stand by our statement that when students have the choices of 2% (reduced-fat) and especially 3.25% (whole milk), they choose milk even more often, and discard much less of the milk they are served.

The DMI email continued, pointing out: “You also reference that lactose-free shelf-stable milk as part of a checkoff strategy that is a higher priority than working to provide whole milk in schools. These are two separate yet important potential barriers to milk and dairy consumption among students.”

“Conducting a pilot program to assess acceptance of a lactose-free dairy milk options that meets the recommendation for

low- or non-fat milk and dairy foods of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) was something National Dairy Council could address within its dairy checkoff purview, which must align with the DGA,” the email continued.

**In my reading of these words, the problem we face is clear.**

But what is the root of the problem is perhaps unclear. It comes down to the phrase “within its dairy check-off purview, which must align with the DGA (Dietary Guidelines for Americans).”

Other commodities do not appear to be held to this low-fat dogma.

DMI staff in a May 2021 media conference about reaching Gen-Z, noted that it “has been focusing on the youth audience ever since making its commitment to USDA on school nutrition in 2008.”

In other conference settings, we have heard the phrase “commitment to advance the Dietary Guidelines.”

We’ve asked DMI to help us understand the nuances here with questions such as:

**1. Where does the law require the dairy checkoff program to limit its purview within the DGA?**

**2. Why does dairy seem to be more restricted than beef and other commodities in this way? Beef is promoted as beef, occasionally as lean beef. Pork is promoted as pork. Eggs are promoted as Incredible Edible Eggs.**

**3. Why are milk and dairy products tied to the low-fat qualifier in nearly all the promotion, education, and piloting, especially the 3-a-day?**

**4. Does DMI believe or has USDA specially**

**stated that their purview is limited within the DGA across all promotion, education, and piloting platforms, or just in the school setting?**

**5. Has DMI specifically asked or pushed this question? Have they asked if they can do pilot trials with youth based on current milkfat research that differs from the DGAs?**

Whether the dairy check-off is required to limit its purview to the DGAs, or did so by its own agreement, this is a good reminder of why the U.S. Congress, which authorized mandatory producer check-off programs in the first place, should include language in the farm bill or through other legislative means to divorce the producer-funded dairy checkoff programs from the DGAs – for clarity.

**Set the dairy farmers free! They're the ones who fund the check-off, so they are not government-funded mouthpieces, but rather have been given a “self-help” tool by the Congress, which it appears has become usurped.**

There is abundant sound science on the benefits of milkfat that all checkoff organizations should be able to justify shouting it from the rooftops and coming up with all kinds of whole milk pilots with young people – even if they have to donate the whole milk during the trial or put together a student focus group off school grounds.

Plenty of workarounds are possible here with some inspiration.

In the Dairy Stabilization Act of 1983 Congress listed five findings about the goodness of milk and how vital it is to “the welfare of milk producers... and the general economy of the nation” that the check-

off program be started, if producers agreed by referendum.

Congress declared in the Act that, “It is in the public interest to authorize the establishment” of the check-off to “carry out a coordinated program of promotion designed to strengthen the dairy industry’s position in the marketplace, and to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for fluid milk and dairy products.”

We are often told that the DGAs are “recommendations,” not law. Nowhere in the actual 1983 Dairy Stabilization Act or the National Dairy Promotion Order of 1984 and as amended in 2011, are DGAs mentioned.

Among the items the Secretary must approve, there is no mention nor is there any mention of USDA as defined of “sound nutritional principles” for producer-funded programs, only that other commodities not be disparaged.

House Ag Committee Chairman Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson has taken a step in the right direction by including DGA reform in his draft of the 2024 Farm Bill. He has talked in the past about language that makes it clear that the mandatory producer-funded checkoff programs do not have to tie their promotion and education to the DGAs.

Such language would not be necessary except for this constant refrain by the dairy checkoff about its “purview within the DGAs.”

At producer meetings where this has come up, we have heard check-off staff and board members say conflicting things: 1) all dairy speech needs to align to the DGAs, or 2) only dairy speech in schools must align to the DGAs.

Which is it? We replied to the DMI clarification email asking that question too. Stay tuned.

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**MAY 29**, 6-7 p.m. ET Applegate Dairy Lely A4 Robot Online Auction, Ravenna, Mich. Sale managed by Kreeger and Associates.

**MAY 30**, Tramilda Milking Herd Dispersal, Montezuma, Ga. Sale managed by Tradition Auction Services.

**MAY 31**, 7:30 a.m. Horse Consignment Sale, Penns Valley Livestock, Centre Hall, Pa. Sale managed by Penns Valley Livestock.

**JUNE 7**, 6 p.m. Special Feeder Cattle Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

**JUNE 8**, 11 a.m. Built To Last at Brigeen Farms, Turner, Me. Sale managed by Borderview Genetics.

**JUNE 13**, 11 a.m. Pursuit of Excellents Sale, Leola, Pa. Sale managed by Landis Marketing.

**JUNE 14**, 10:30 a.m. Triple-Hil Sires Progeny Classic II, Smithsburg, Md. Sale managed by Triple-Hil Sires.

**JUNE 18**, 10 a.m. Compass Point Farm Herd Dispersal, Gap, Pa. Sale managed by Tim Weaver Auction Service.

**JUNE 20**, Special 12 Year Anniversary Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales.

**JUNE 28**, Special Pony 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.

**JULY 12**, 10:30 a.m. Know What You Buy Heifer Sale, Middletown, Pa. Sale managed by Pa. Holstein Association.

## Dairyman's Datebook

**JUNE 7-9**, Kids & Calves Clinic and Show, Norwich, N.Y. Contact Zack Proskine for more information: 607-435-0051.

**JUNE 8-9**, Western New York Summer Showcase, Wyoming County Fairgrounds, Pike.

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

**JUNE 20**, 9:30 a.m. Hoof management workshop at Maier Farms LLC, 7085 Schumacher Road, Waunakee Wis. Sponsored by Professional Dairy Producers. Registration and more information is available by visiting [www.pdpw.org](http://www.pdpw.org) or calling 800-947-7379.

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

**JUNE 18-22**, National Guernsey Convention, Chula Vista Resort, 1000 Chula Vista Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

**JUNE 19-22**, American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and National All-Jersey, Inc. (NAJ) annual meetings, Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, Springfield, Mass.

**JUNE 22**, 8 a.m. to noon, Breakfast on the Farm at Iowa's Dairy Center, 1527 Highway 150 South, Calmar.

**JUNE 24-27**, National Holstein Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**JUNE 25-29**, National Milking Shorthorn Convention, Fireside Inn & Suites, 25 Airport Road, West Lebanon, N.H.

**JULY 3-6**, National Brown Swiss Convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 333 Main Street, Green Bay, Wis.

**JULY 6**, Pennsylvania Holstein Picnic, McWilliams Farm,

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

**JULY 14**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. New York State Holstein Picnic, hosted by George Farm, 320 Genesee Road, Arcade.

# NoBull's Herr and Wentworth home; core issue confusing

By SHERRY BUNTING  
Special for Farmshine

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Rusty Herr and Ethan Wentworth are home with their families after their 30-day incarceration on contempt linked to an investigation and subpoenas for records and names regarding ultrasounding of livestock as part of their NoBull Solutions breeding services.

Through their attorney Robert Barnes of Barnes Law LLP and founder of the 1776 Law Center, the two men and their families express gratitude for the prayers that have meant so much, and donations for their legal defense.

"Their wives and children are glad they are home, and we are putting together our plan to protect their interests going forward, while fighting the legal onslaught," said Barnes in a Farmshine interview Monday, May 20.

He met with them and their families in Lancaster County

last week, and he shares that they saw things and experienced things they are not ready to talk about.

"It was psychological torture," said Barnes. "The state of officials may have thought this would break them, but it has not had that impact. They are caught up in something bigger than themselves."

Barnes also met some of NoBull Solutions' customers, who talked about the value of their services and their shock over the situation.

He noted that the Habeas Corpus petition is now moot because the men are no longer in jail, having served the 30 days. However, Barnes said they have appealed the contempt order to the State Supreme Court with direct appellate authority over the Commonwealth Court.

NoBull Solutions "continues to get served subpoenas, and we continue to object to those, so this is yet to be determined," said Barnes, adding that they "are still not personally named, which is a very odd dynamic. Subpoenas had been done on NoBull Solutions, but the individuals were never properly served or named party to the case."

Referring back to docket 325 MD 2021, Herr and Wentworth have not been noticed individually, with only NoBull Solutions listed as respondent in the 2021-23 investigative subpoenas and petitions for enforcement.

No new documents have been added since the April 29 rulings by the Commonwealth Court judge, who unsealed the docket and denied the petition for immediate relief.

Barnes explains that his office is contesting jurisdiction, authority, and bringing constitutional objections.

"We are looking at bringing a federal civil rights claim against the various state actors and private participants that appear to have conspired with state actors to violate their civil rights," said Barnes, noting they hope to get clarity on the scope of these laws in the process.

He reviewed the legislative history with several lawmakers who have reached out.

"They say they made sure farmers were completely excluded from this type of action, so the language allows practices on your own animals and anyone working as your employee or your agent, which is broad. Here, they've made it clear that anyone that's your 'agent' would be excluded," he said.

(This reporter's review of the statute shows the word 'agent' is indeed used.)

Barnes sees the use of 'agent' in the law as substantive. "There is no question whatsoever that they are exempt because they worked for farmers as their 'agent,'" he said.

He confirmed that his office has heard from both state and federal legislators and from staff for two of the three presidential candidates.

There are aspects of this case and the NoBull defense that go to the substance of the authority here, in addition to alleged due process violations.

"We will be seeking legal clarity from the courts on these questions," said Barnes.

When asked specifically what happens now in terms of their work? Barnes was blunt.

"We believe what the state is doing is illegal, and we see no reason why they can't continue doing work that needs to be done for farmers in Pennsylvania, which is legal and entirely economically necessary," he said.

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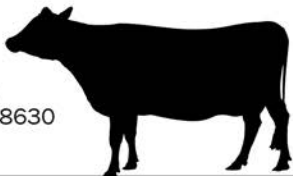
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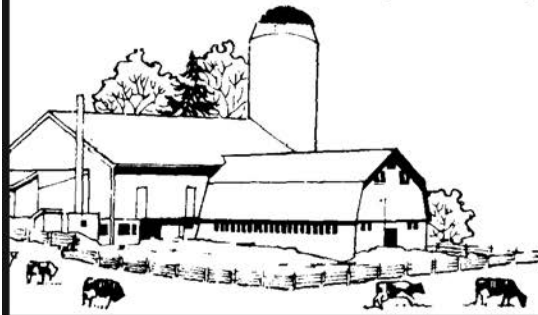
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# Jersey breeders support youths with numerous scholarships

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Monday, July 1 is the deadline to apply for scholarship and educational awards administered by the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA), headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The AJCA awarded \$31,600 in scholarship money to Jersey Youth last year. This funding went toward young Jersey enthusiasts pursuing a college or university degree or, in some cases, gaining hands-on experience in the development and management of Registered Jersey™ cattle. Junior or Lifetime members of the association with a 2.5 minimum grade point average, on a 4.0 scale, are eligible to apply for the awards.

The Russell-Malnati Scholarship for Advanced Studies (\$5000) will be awarded to a graduate dairy science, animal science (dairy emphasis), large animal veterinary practice, dairy production or manufacturing, or dairy product marketing student.

The Walter and Joyce Owens Family Scholarship (\$5000) will be offered for the third time.

Those who are incoming or current undergraduate students in any post education institute studying a dairy related major are eligible. Applicants must also be working toward a two- or four-year degree and demonstrate satisfactory academic performance. Recipients can receive the scholarship a maximum of two times but must reapply for reconsideration.

The William A. Russell Memorial Scholarship (\$2750) is offered to those who will begin their studies at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2024. Students who have completed at least one year of their studies are eligible for the VL Peterson Scholarship (\$2000). The Jack C. Nisbet Memorial Scholarship (\$2000) will be awarded to an eligible nominee for the Jersey Youth Achievement Contest.

The Robert Bignami Memorial Scholarship (\$2000) was established from a generous donation of Bob and Pam Bignami, Orland, Calif., from the sale of BW Graduate-ET in 2020. Those who have graduated high school and attended Jersey Youth Academy are eli-

gible to apply. These students must also be heading to or enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university majoring in an agricultural-based degree.

The Cedarcrest Farms Scholarship (\$1250) will go to either an undergraduate or graduate student working toward a degree in large animal veterinary practice, dairy production, dairy manufacturing, or dairy product marketing. Students must also demonstrate significant progress toward their intended degree and a clear intention of an agriculture career through coursework completion and a goal statement.

The Paul Jackson Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) is for continuing college students in any degree program area. The recipient of the AJCA Directors' Scholarship (\$1000) is determined based on academic performance, activities and accomplishments with Jersey cattle and commitment to continued involvement in the Jersey dairy business. The Bob Toole Jersey Youth Award (\$1500) can be used for educational expenses or a well-defined practical experience related to breeding, developing and showing Registered Jerseys.

The Morris B. Ewing ABS Genetic Performance Scholarship (\$2500) will be awarded to a junior or senior undergraduate student seeking a career in genetics, dairy production, large animal veterinary medicine or milk marketing. The Lineweaver Scholarship

(\$2750) will be awarded to an undergraduate who has completed at least one year of study in a four-year program focused on dairy science, animal science (dairy emphasis) or dairy products.

The recipient of the Anne E. Perchard Challenge Award (\$350) will be selected from among applicants for the national achievement contest and/or scholarship program to recognize abilities and leadership potential and, in turn, challenging the recipient to achieve his/her potential through continuing Jersey activities.

Also, the Reuben R. Cowles Jersey Youth Award will be presented to an eligible resident of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia to be used for educational expenses or to travel to the All American Jersey Show and Sale, the AJCA-NAJ Annual Meetings or other Jersey educational activities. Applicants must be at least high school graduates, but not older than 36 years of age as of January 1, 2024.

For application forms and instructions, visit the "Scholarships and Internships" page on the USJersey website or use the link, [tinyurl.com/JerseyScholarships](http://tinyurl.com/JerseyScholarships). Recipients will be recognized on Saturday, November 9 at the Youth Awards Ceremony held in Louisville, Ky.

For more information, contact the AJCA by email at [info@usjersey.com](mailto:info@usjersey.com); or visit its web site at [USJersey.com](http://USJersey.com).

## Alan Guebert's book is available for \$17.95

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Alan Guebert, whose Farm & Food File column appears periodically in *Farmshine*, has published a 152-page book about life "on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth." His recollections will resonate with dairy farm families, no matter where they live.

The book's title is *The Land of Milk and Uncle Honey and it describes* "the good life at 50 cents an hour."

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Guebert's family managed Indian Farm, a dairy operation on 700 acres of rich Illinois bottomland. Guebert's heartfelt and humor-

ous reminiscences depict the hard labor and simple pleasures to be found in ennobling work, and show that in life, as in farming, Uncle Honey had it right with his succinct philosophy for overcoming adversity: "the secret's not to stop."

Alan Guebert graduated from the University of Illinois in 1980 and has written the nationally syndicated column *The Farm and Food File* since 1993. His awards include Writer of the Year and Master Writer from the American Agricultural Editors' Association. As of mid-2020, Alan and his wife, the lovely Catherine, live in Madison, Wis. He may be reached at [www.farmandfoodfile.com](http://www.farmandfoodfile.com).

The book can be ordered from University of Illinois Press, priced at \$17.95 per copy. To order, please call Steve Fast, 217-244-4689 or e-mail [sfast@uillinois.edu](mailto:sfast@uillinois.edu)

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## Allegany County

HESS, LESTER E.	68 HO	26863	1102	835
WILLIAM HALL	132 HO	24389	1056	775

## Broome County

WINSOR ACRES	2091 HO	29036	1170	889
SCOTT GLEZEN	2222 HO	26590	1068	848
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
WINSOR ACRES	HO	84	2091	

## Cayuga County

EZRA WEAVER	78 HO	30299	1216	971
LERROY & CYNTHIA HORST	122 HO	27485	1060	838
HOOVER, ERNEST	95 HO	26839	1043	813
JASON & BETHANIE GLICK	94 JE	14934	719	530
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
LERROY & CYNTHIA HORST	HO	46	122	
EZRA WEAVER	HO	151	78	
JASON & BETHANIE GLICK	JE	189	94	

## Chautauqua County

COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	694 HO	27732	1203	916
COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	29 XX	25157	1134	839
COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	70 JE	19752	1041	730
PHILIP BECKERINK	70 HO	22167	891	712
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
PHILIP BECKERINK	HO	136	70	

## Chemung County

LE-DENN FARM	94 HO	24078	893	751
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
LE-DENN FARM	HO	118	94	

## Herkimer County

SAMUEL S. KING	73 HO	27136	1023	854
JONATHON SHIRK	42 HO	23915	1047	743
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
JONATHON SHIRK	HO	158	42	
SAMUEL S. KING	HO	188	73	

## Jefferson County

ALLARD CREST FARM	54 XX	19330	769	629
BONNYLAND FARM	65 HO	18980	771	590
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
ALLARD CREST FARM	XX	192	54	

## Montgomery County

CHRIS & AMY HOEFELE	94 HO	23975	927	768
PETERSHEIM, IVAN & ESTHER	73 HO	22624	906	714
DANIEL B. STOLTZFOOS	60 HO	19837	880	640
ABRAM MILLER	46 HO	20865	804	628
DREAMROAD JERSEYS LLC.	61 JE	16947	803	615
DELLAVALLE FARM	21 HO	19050	787	612
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
CHRIS & AMY HOEFELE	HO	138	94	
DREAMROAD JERSEYS LLC.	JE	177	61	
PETERSHEIM, IVAN & ESTHER	HO	179	73	

## Ontario County

LAKE COUNTRY HOLSTEINS	71 HO	32320	1226	1026
NEVIN SENSENIG	61 HO	29389	1211	950
LEON NEWSWANGER	57 HO	29801	1127	928
RUEBEN WEAVER	50 HO	27621	1232	921
NELSON SENSENIG	52 HO	28602	1144	918
HARVEY SENSENIG	58 HO	28124	1120	917
DAVID BURKHOLDER	47 HO	28004	1187	899
VERNON OBERHOLTZER	87 HO	25239	1142	857
LEWIS R. SAUDER	51 HO	26082	1090	835
ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN	163 HO	24648	910	765
CLEARVIEW FARM	59 HO	24648	1002	746
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
NEVIN SENSENIG	HO	67	61	
DAVID BURKHOLDER	HO	69	47	
HARVEY SENSENIG	HO	83	58	
VERNON OBERHOLTZER	HO	85	87	
CLEARVIEW FARM	HO	129	59	
LAKE COUNTRY HOLSTEINS	HO	147	71	
RUEBEN WEAVER	HO	163	50	
ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN	HO	163	163	
NELSON SENSENIG	HO	167	52	
LEON NEWSWANGER	HO	187	57	
NORMAN BURKHOLDER	HO	193	67	
LEWIS R. SAUDER	HO	193	51	

## Otsego County

EVAN M. CHARLES	66 HO	26530	1042	865
MARVIN FISHER	58 XX	23961	878	735
MATHEW FISHER	63 HO	22071	980	682
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
EVAN M. CHARLES	HO	175	66	
MARVIN FISHER	XX	193	58	

## Rensselaer County

ERIC ZIEHM	62 XX	17830	776	545
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## Schoharie County

ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	29 HO	25724	896	814
SLATEHILL FARM	119 HO	22874	943	743
ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	31 AY	18011	687	566
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## Schuyler County

MARLIN HOOVER	43 HO	21888	905	714
BROOK'S EDGE DAIRY	78 HO	21505	883	684
ALLEN, THOMAS R.	47 HO	16504	651	529

## Seneca County

WINDY HOLLOW FARM	161 HO	25128	987	781
CLAIR ZIMMERMAN	92 HO	24839	934	753
KEITH MARTIN	75 HO	23378	899	751
DELMAR & DAWN MARTIN	103 HO	21497	852	674
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
DELMAR & DAWN MARTIN	HO	142	103	
CLAIR ZIMMERMAN	HO	147	92	

## Steuben County

PAUL & KATHIE WHITE	114 HO	27958	1227	887
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
PAUL & KATHIE WHITE	HO	156	114	

## Tioga County

LAWTON JERSEY FARM	98 JE	21635	1056	769
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ROGER FORD	XX	163	42	

## Tompkins County

HOUSTON, MARLIN, JR.	142 HO	19923	791	624
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HOUSTON, MARLIN, JR.	HO	183	142	
LIBERTY VIEW FARMS LLC.	XX	183	52	

## Wayne County

KEVIN HUBER	60 HO	27976	1245	891
RICHARD HORNING	146 HO	26752	1077	871
DWIGHT SENSENIG	75 HO	24743	960	792
LARRY MARTIN	88 HO	24758	992	769
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KEVIN HUBER	HO	46	60	
DWIGHT SENSENIG	HO	134	75	
LARRY MARTIN	HO	147	88	
RICHARD HORNING	HO	150	146	

## Yates County

NATHANAEL MARTIN	45 HO	28018	1113	910
MATTHEW ZEISET	57 HO	29104	1153	896
DAVID MARTIN	51 HO	27634	1132	886
DANIEL K. MARTIN	62 HO	27595	1059	856
CLARENCE GARMAN	56 HO	26373	1080	851
DAVID HORST	50 HO	26567	1125	839
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DUANE MARTIN	44 HO	26055	1006	782
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SCENIC RISE DAIRY	52 HO	24275	927	765
NEIL WEAVER	39 HO	24690	920	757
JOHN BURKHOLDER	47 HO	23407	916	727
DELMAR BURKHOLDER	60 HO	22763	920	715
BRANDON HOOVER	48 HO	21876	904	702
VINE VALLEY FARM	233 BS	20771	852	698
HARVEY N. HORNING	41 HO	21079	878	664
MARK HOOVER	58 HO	21305	849	656
ROLLEN N'S DAIRY	77 HO	20292	810	631
ANDREW Z. LEID	51 HO	20096	769	598
WILMER HORNING	43 HO	19153	733	586
CLEASON MARTIN	36 HO	17735	752	578
MARTIN FOX	48 XX	16156	733	568
MERVIN MARTIN	38 JE	14946	710	534
RICHARD NOLT	42 JE	14285	667	506

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DAVID MARTIN	HO	52	51	
MERVIN LEE ZEISET	HO	58	47	
NATHANAEL MARTIN	HO	59	45	
DANIEL K. MARTIN	HO	77	62	
JOHN BURKHOLDER	HO	86	47	
AMMON REIFF	HO	90	69	
CLEASON MARTIN	HO	94	36	
CLARENCE GARMAN	HO	95	56	
MATTHEW ZEISET	HO	95	57	
WARREN MARTIN	HO	101	68	
PHILIP MARTIN	HO	102	24	
RICHARD NOLT	JE	103	42	
ROLLEN N'S DAIRY	HO	104	77	
SCENIC RISE DAIRY	HO	109	52	
LEON WEAVER	HO	127	60	
HARVEY N. HORNING	HO	127	41	
DELMAR BURKHOLDER	HO	134	60	
AARON H. KILMER	HO	153	37	
ANDREW Z. LEID	HO	166	51	
DAVID HORST	HO	173	50	
BRANDON HOOVER	HO	175	48	
DUANE MARTIN	HO	195	44	

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## Middlesex County

SPRING RUN DAIRY LLC.	61 XX	16991	754	586
<b>HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000</b>				
SPRING RUN DAIRY LLC.	XX	135	61	



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 Entry fee: \$25 by July 7; Late entry fee: \$100  
 Judge: Rudy Kiko  
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 Check-in deadline: July 12 by noon  
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### Central PA Championship Show

Date / time: July 27, 8:30 a.m.; earliest move in: July 25  
 Place: Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall  
 Entry fee and date: \$15 between June 17 - July 8  
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 Chairmen: Wayne Cessna 814-494-1848 and Michael Yoder 717-437-5846  
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 Earliest move in: after 3 p.m. on Aug. 6  
 Place: South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville  
 Entry fee: \$10 by July 31; Late entry fee: \$20 to Aug. 6  
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## Pennsylvania Holstein picnic and sale set for July 6

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association invites all interested dairy farmers and their families to a summer picnic and the Summer Sensation Sale on Saturday, July 6th. It will be hosted by the McWilliams family in Somerset County with lunch starting at 11:30 and the sale starting at 12:30. A pre-sale preview will also be hosted at the McWilliams Farm the night of Friday, July 5.

In addition, there will be a "Sharpen your Selection Skills" segment for juniors at 11a.m. near the sale cattle. It will be

led by Ron Hembury of Hembury Farms, home of Cherry-Lor Holsteins. Ron has long-standing partnerships with several significant herds like Pen-Col, Tiger-Lily, and Heart & Soul.

The McWilliams farm is owned by Charlene and Same McWilliams. They milk 70 Registered Holsteins including many boarded cattle. Their prefix is well known on the tan-bark trail as they exhibit at the local, state, and national level. At the 2024 PHA Spring Show, they showed the grand champion and the honorable mention grand champion in addition

to many other top placing animals. In 2023, they built a new barn and step-up parlor and they are looking forward to showcasing it during the summer picnic.

Tickets for the picnic are \$5 and ticket order deadline is Monday, June 17. Tickets are available online at www.paholsteins.com. If needed, please use the ticket order form below and send into the PHA office.

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## Leaving for Maine on June 6th Holstein tour to big sale has a few seats available

MORGANTOWN, Pa. — Seats are still available for a bus trip to Maine to attend the "Built to Last Sale" at Brigeen Farms in Turner, Maine, on Saturday, June 8th. Along the way, the tour group will visit four prestigious, high-BAA herds, namely Conant Acres, Juniper, Pineland and Silver Shade.

Ben Kauffman of Honey Brook is organizing the trip at a cost of \$135 per person for the bus only. Expenses for lodging and meals is not included.

The bus will leave from Morgantown on Thursday night, June 6th, drive through the night and make a stop for breakfast before visiting a few of Maine's top Registered Holstein herds. The following day, Saturday, will be spent at the sale, which is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock.

All Holstein enthusiasts are invited to come along. Pick-up options for the trip include Morgantown, Cabella's near Hamburg and the Wilkes-Barre / Scranton region. More precise information will be provided when you make your reservation by calling Ben at 610-273-3472. Or you can email him at bkpets@upwardprint.com

The bus is scheduled to be homeward-bound around 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 and be back in Morgantown before midnight.



Clara Baker



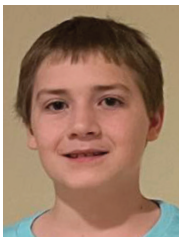
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# Pennsylvania Guernsey breeders recognize achievements

BEDFORD, Pa. — Recognition of adults and Juniors was the highlight of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' annual gathering held here in Bedford last month.

The top award, Walk of Fame, was presented to Kevin Stoltzfus of Warwick Manor Farm, East Earl, Pa., who resurrected the Guernsey tradition of his maternal grandparents in 1999. Warwick Manor Guernseys are known around the world and it was no surprise that he and members of his family were called forward numerous times during the award presentations on Friday evening, April 19 and Saturday morning, April 20, as their herd repeatedly received recognition for type and production. The Warwick Manor herd ranks first in the state for butterfat and protein: (18,051M) 5.8% 1047F 3.4% 612P

Named high herd in the state for milk was Rocky Hill Farm of Hughesville with a 305-day RHA of 21,598M.

The fun auction raised \$2061 for the youths and a raffle raised another \$200+/- to support the kids going to the national convention to be held June 18-22 in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Youth contest results included:

- The junior division of the quiz bowl, blue team, consisting of Clara Lee Baker, Lee Baker, Alan Espenshade and Corbin McMurray.
- The junior division's gold team consisted of Andrew Bryan, Haylee Blauser, Audrey Poole and Landon Poole.
- The senior division quiz bowl team consisted of Breann Poole, Evan Espenshade, Larsen Swan and Renee Ealy.
- Speech contest winners in the senior division were Abigail Bryan, first place and Breann Poole, second.
- Intermediate speech winners were, 1. Larsen Swan, 2. Audrey Poole and 3. Evan Espenshade.
- Junior division speech contestants Haylee Blauser and Clara Baker placed first and second, respectively.
- Andrew Bryan won first place with his intermediate division display.



Breann Poole was named Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen.



Haylee Blauser was named Pennsylvania's Outstanding Guernsey Girl.

**Summer yearling:** Warwick Manor JCP Crown Royal, Karli Stoltzfus

**Spring yearling:** TwinCounty Tappys Tribute-ETV, Landree Fraley

**Winter yearling:** TwinCounty Tappys Trifecta-ETV, Landree Fraley

**Fall yearling:** Twin Brook Kiss Me Kate, Jocelynn McMurray

**Yearling in milk:** Warwick Manor Lexus Anise, Karli and Kolby Stoltzfus

**Summer junior 2-year old:** Sniders Aiden Aarthi, Bella Gable

**Junior 2-year old:** TwinCounty Pies Twilight-ET, Landree Fraley

**Senior 2-year old:** PR-Thayer View Latimer Carly, Jocelynn McMurray

**Junior 3-year old:** Sniders HP Latimer Krystal, Bella Gable

**Senior 3-year old:** Hi-Guern View Divas Desire, Karli and

Kolby Stoltzfus

**4-year old:** Sniders Kipling Brae, Allie Snider

**5-year old:** Sniders Rebel Adelee-ETV, Bella Gable

**Aged cow:** Villa Crest Marvel Sayre, Ashton Stiles

**Lifetime production:** Warwick Manor Chris Carly, Karli Stoltzfus.

## Adult All-Pennsylvania Awards

**Spring calf:** Twin-County Tap Me In-ET, Landree Fraley.

**Winter calf:** Jon-Ann Prada Ziggy, Kyle Bonavita

**Fall calf:** Misty-Meadows Lonestar Satire-ETV, Beth Clark and Chris Reichard.

**Summer yearling:** Warwick Manor JCP Crown Royal, Karli Stoltzfus

**Spring yearling:** Twin-County Tappys Tribute-ETV, Landree Fraley

**Winter yearling:** Misty Meadows Razor Jaycie, Beth Clark and Chris Reichard

**Fall yearling:** Twin-Brook Kiss Me Kate, Jocelynn McMurray.

**Yearling in milk:** Hollow-View Spartacus Sybil, Elsie Wolf and Kevin Stoltzfus

**Summer junior 2-year old:** Tomahawk Claim Ernie Natalia, Breann Poole.

**Junior 2-year old:** Warwick Manor Cosmo Dutton, Kolby Stoltzfus

**Senior 2-year old:** PR-Thayer View Latimer Carly, Jocelynn McMurray

**Junior 3-year old:** Sniders HP Latimer Krystal, Bella Gable.

**Senior 3-year old:** Hi Guern View Divas Desire, Karli and Kolby Stoltzfus

**4-year old:** Sniders Lonestar Prize, Bella Gable.

**5-year old:** Sniders Rebel Adelee-ET, Bella Gable.

**Aged cow:** Sniders Arsenal Hallie, Brooks Snider.

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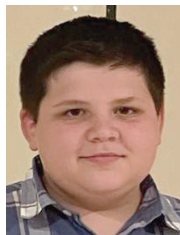
Corbin McMurray



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Kolby Stoltzfus



Larsen Swan

• In the junior division display contest, Landon Poole, placed first; Clara Baker placed second and third place was a tie between Elijah McCarty and Aaron Bryan.

Following is the list of award winners for production and type among adults and Junior members.

## Junior Production Awards:

**2-year-old:** Warwick Manor Fireman Berry, owned by Kolby Stoltzfus,

2-5y, 21,783M 6.2% 1356F 3.4% 730P

**3-year old:** Warwick Manor Latimer Smokin, owned by Kolby Stoltzfus

3-4y, 27,385M 6.0% 1654F 3.0% 827P

**4-year old:** Dix-Lee Alymo Desire-ET, owned by Kolby Stoltzfus

4-5y, 21,793M 7.0% 1535F 3.5% 769P

**5-year old:** Twin Brook Latimer Fergie, owned by Jocelynn McMurray

5-0y, 20,228M 4.8% 971F 3.4% 687P

**Aged cow:** Warwick Manor Miss America-ET, Kolby Stoltzfus

6-5y, 23,966M 4.5% 1078F 3.4% 812P

## Junior All-Pennsylvania Awards

**Spring calf:** TwinCounty Tap Me In-ET, Landree Fraley

**Winter calf:** Warwick Manor Indigo Chimmy, Karli Stoltzfus

**Fall calf:** Ealy Highland Yeti Mia, Renee Ealy

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**‘Jerseys for Profit’ thanks to cow families, longevity and butterfat**

By SHERRY BUNTING  
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CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. -- Few things make the growing Martin family happier than working together with Jersey cattle and seeing those cows on green grass.

Spread over rolling hills against the Broad Mountain backdrop outside of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, 700 acres of grazing, hay ground, and forage crops feed 350 registered Jersey milk cows, plus dry cows, and replacements at Pleasant Valley Jerseys, LLC.

When the hoop barn and double-24 swing parlor were built in 2017, the former partnership became an LLC with Doug and Julie Martin and their son Grant Martin and daughter Jill Wisner as members. On July 1, 2023, Grant's wife Kim and Jill's husband Josh became LLC members too. Doug and Julie's oldest daughter, Amy Coblentz, husband Philip and three daughters farm with his family outside of Middletown, Maryland.

The PVJ operation is owned and operated today by the third and fourth generations, with the fifth generation accompanying parents and grandparents, who do all of the daily work, without full-time hired help.

A typical morning finds Doug, Julie, Grant, Josh and Jill in the milking center.

"Mom helps with prepping and dipping until she goes to feed the calves. Dad comes in to look at the cows and scrape the barn. Josh and I milk, and Kim likes coming in to milk in the afternoons," Jill explains.

Julie is the main calf feeder and book-keeper. Josh and Jill share herd managing duties and work with Doug on the genetics as well.

"Grant does the crops, feeding and fixing, and he stops into the parlor in the morning to chat and help milk for a little. That's when

we hash things out, during milking, and lay out the plan for the day of who is doing what, when and where," says Jill.

This high component herd had a 305-day ME of 14,092M 5.7F 3.33P on test May 13th. Nearly 30 years ago, they were among the first herds in the Northeast to be paid for protein pounds before it was part of the federal order formula.

"We have always bred for butterfat. Even though we hear it said to focus on protein and volume, we do have a butterfat focus," says Doug about their components-driven breeding philosophy.

He discovered early-on that while butterfat genetics tend to bring protein along, a

pure protein and volume focus doesn't give them the butterfat they want to see. Their aim is to market components, not volume, and butterfat is paying the bills right now at \$3.33/lb vs. protein at \$0.83/lb.

Their milk is marketed through DFA and goes primarily to make cream cheese or butter.

The shift to grazing was started in 1993, but even before that, Doug was interested in New Zealand genetics because that market has always been component-driven.

He also liked what he saw in New Zealand cows. He's been there four times and has picked out bulls to breed to his favorite cows, then picks sons to put on the rest of the herd from the 25 to 30 bulls raised at Pleasant Valley Jerseys (PVJ) each year.

They keep some, sell some, and occasionally collect one. They are sold out of bulls for the season after the big demand this spring, all by word of mouth, with repeat customers

From left, at the 2023 Shippensburg Fair last summer, Pleasant Valley Shelton Rosel, max-scored EX-94, was grand champion with Josh Wisner at the halter; Pleasant Valley Austin NS Dream VG-87 was second-place junior-two with Scott Walton; and Pleasant Valley Landy EE Brenda EX-95 was first-placed aged cow and HM grand with Doug Martin.

Photo provided

Among favorites at Pleasant Valley Jerseys is the oldest cow on the farm, Hillacres Verb Shanell EX-95 in her working clothes. She was purchased from the Arrowsmiths as a heifer and has 140,000 pounds lifetime. She has six natural daughters in the herd, and they've used two of her sons.

Photo provided

that have been buying PVJ bulls for 10 to 15 years.

They've also sold female dairy replacements and project calves this way, marketing an estimated 1000 head of breeding stock off the farm in the last 20 years, usually in groups of 40 to 60, in addition to the bulls.

Choosing herd bulls brings a bit of friendly competition, that is really more rooted in curiosity.

"When it comes to breeding the heifers, Dad, Josh and I will compare notes and pick which bulls we like and want to use, and if we can't all agree, we'll each pick one or two, put them out with the heifers, and see which ones breed better," Jill explains. They use DNA testing to line up parentage and see who performed best. "It's fun getting the information back and finding out the results."

How do they make mating decisions on their AI-bred cows?

Josh picks, I pick, and Dad picks," says Jill. "Dad writes down what he thinks, and Josh and I write down what we think. Then we compare notes and decide together who we'll use."

"We'll look at genomics too for components and somatic cell count and to check haplotypes and A2," Doug explains.

"We'll use a little bit of the type bulls if we like the cow family," Josh relates.

Doug agrees: "Cow families are most important. Longevity is what we look for," and that covers a lot of other things.

The PVJ herd has 12 cows now completing seven or more lactations with over 100,000 pounds of lifetime milk. Their highest has 140,000 lifetime. Of the 347 milking today, 53 have more than five lactations.

Nearly one-quarter of the herd, 76 cows, are scored EX, with eight at 95 points and a herd average score of 87.6.

Of course, there are some 'favorites.'

One is the 140,000-pound lifetime Hillacres Verb Shanell (EX-95). She is the oldest cow on the farm, with six natural daughters in the herd, and they've used two of her sons.

"At milking time, she's first to the parlor," says Jill. Her dad bought Shanell as a heifer, and she has done really well for their herd.

The best 'show cow' bred here is Pleasant turn to page 13



Doug and Julie Martin are flanked on the left by son Grant and his wife Kim and three daughters Connie, Esther and

Hope and on the right daughter Jill and husband Josh Wisner and their son Jude.

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## 'Jerseys for Profit' from page 12

Valley Prime Heather (EX-96). The late Michael Heath had taken an interest in her and purchased her with Spring Valley Farm. Her most famous son was SV Jade Hired Gun at ABS St. Jacobs, and her picture adorns two spots on the wall in the office at Pleasant Valley.

The Martin family shows each year at the District II Jersey Show during the Shippensburg Fair. Last summer, they had the grand champion, Pleasant Valley Shelton Rosel, max-scored at EX-94. In 2015, they had grand champion with Pleasant Valley Kasper Cookie.

Pleasant Valley Landy EE Brenda (EX-95) vies for a spot as another favorite, affectionately known as "pretty girl." She is very 'Jersey' in her looks, her sire being the first New Zealand bull Doug purchased, which has so influenced the PVJ herd: Beledene Dukes Landy.

Doug was the one to transition the farm from Holsteins to Jerseys. The first Jersey he bought was Top-O-Hill Milestone Faithful in 1979. Her family includes one of their 95-point cows today, Pleasant Valley Vaden Faithful, now in her 10th lactation with over 120,000 pounds lifetime.

"This great Jersey community is huge," says Doug, recalling the World Conference he and Julie attended more than 30 years ago in England. They met Queen Elizabeth and saw her Jersey herd and the Royal family's personal creamery at Windsor Castle.

"We were the youngest couple in the group. The Queen came through and approached us and spoke to us. We learned she was using a New Zealand bull," Doug recalls, noting that he had been looking at a bull from Malcom Revell that had come up for sale. He went in with an Ohio breeder to buy the bull.

"Landy, was the first New Zealand bull I bought, and here the Queen of England was using his brother Beledene Dukes Lord."

Most generations in the PVJ herd today have some Landy in them.

As they shifted to grazing, New Zealand genetics continued to be a fit, and the Martins adopted seasonal calving to match milk production to the patterns of weather and the land.

In January and February, they milk 190, peaking in May at around 320, and again in the fall at 350. Spring calving is March and April, and as grass growth peaks at the end of May and beginning of June, those cows are being bred.

Fall calvers are dried-off in June ahead of August and September calving as grass growth again peaks with fall rains in October.

"We'll milk 300 then until the end of the year and start drying off for January and February," Jill explains.

The calving months can be long with so many fresh cows and parlor training fresh heifers, but the double-24 swing parlor makes all the difference compared with the double-10 at Doug and Julie's home-place previously. At peak, they can milk in about three and a half hours, taking less than two hours in the down months.

Likewise, the intensive rotational grazing begins in April, and by mid-month, it starts ramping up. The permanent

perimeter fencing with some permanent interior fence is then paddock-sized using temporary polywire, set throughout the season by how much pasture growth and how many animals are in a group.

"One acre per 100 cows for 12 hours is our general rule of thumb," says Grant.

"Flexibility is the key," says Doug.

"Growth has been better this year; our first cuttings of baleage last year were half the yield," says Grant. He took time on a sunny May morning for part of this interview anxious to get back to hay-in-a-day.

In spring, the cows get one-quarter of their feed from the bunk. Grant mixes just enough to get the pellet to them. Temperature and weather fluctuations affect this, and he judges the bunk.

"The baleage really works well to not have a big trench face open to invite nuisance bird activity," notes Doug.

The barn is more for winter, and it's where they come into the feedbunk. They have another barn for prefresh and fresh cows in the months when they are calving. The barns are versatile and can be set up in a variety of ways to be used efficiently, depending on the season of the year.

Dedicated hay ground is a grass, clover, alfalfa mix. They also grow small grains, followed by forage sorghum-sudan. They feed the ground up baleage mix with the one-shot pellet from Martin's Elevator to supplement grazing. In dry years, they buy alfalfa and wet hay as needed.

Pastures are orchard grass and clover with ryegrass and forbes (the fancy word for weeds). Soils are sampled in the fall, and they use an Einbock air seeder to smooth the fields and take out old thatch, doing a second time to overseed with orchard grass and clover, if lacking.

Josh notes that grazing is a much more versatile way to feed dairy cows.

"I love it," he says.

"He didn't know what grass was until he came here," Jill laughs. "Now he has found his passion."

He has taken to attending grazing meetings, pasture walks and reading books, generating continuing discussions.

Of all the conferences he's been to, Doug says the Lancaster County Graziers' Southeast Pennsylvania Grazing Conference with Roman Stoltzfoos, is the best, and it's where Josh picked up the book -- 'Kick the Hay Habit' -- to glean ideas for maximizing grazing year-round. He sees one or two things they may want to try in spots with dry cows and older heifers.

This wasn't always a grazing herd. It was during that World Jersey Conference in England, when they toured the Isle of Jersey, and Doug had been looking at New Zealand genetics, that the thoughts on developing this grazing idea emerged.

**"This farm and land did not lend itself to growing corn. Going to grass has been good for the environment and the cows and the milk and the people," he says.**

For the first 20 years after buying the farm where they are milking today, they grew feed and hauled it off to the milking herd at the original home farm.

"The soil was not strong," Doug observes. "But in the last

five to six years of grazing, with all the cattle here, the soil has changed for the good."

Doug observes the soil microbial life has especially improved through the cycle of cattle and plants, and no chemicals.

"We try to be regenerative in everything we do," adds Josh. "We want to make what we have better."

They've also gone to multi-species plantings in their crop ground. The wheat-rye-crimson-clover mix makes great feed, and each crop in the mix adapts differently for more overall coverage and yield.

"This allows the land to express itself a little more," Josh shares.

As for the forage sorghum that follows, Doug finds the sugars are better and the stalks, to make better forage than the corn silage in years past.

"Now, this is their gig. These guys have been around this from his age on up," Doug points to one-year-old grandson Jude. "They would ride along and learn, and now they are managing with their own little kids coming along to learn."

Jill took on herd management interests and responsibility from a young age, while her brother Grant always enjoyed working with equipment and the land.

"I like a new challenge, things to figure out," he says, and his mother affirms that he was born tinkering.

As the farm transitions, Doug and Julie credit their respective fathers for setting the example of loosening the reins, to let the next generation pick them up.

Doug's parents, Lester and Ruth, had brought him and Julie into the partnership within a year of marriage by 1987. The former Holstein herd transitioned to purebred Jerseys from 1979 to 1988 and grew from 70 to 150 to 350 milking (at seasonal peak).

Drawing from Doug's experience with his parents, he says it's important to give the next generation a piece of the action with responsibility. This creates a more permanent bond. Doug and Julie started their next generation with a small buy-in for a percentage of ownership.

"They increase their ownership as we work ours down. They use their sweat-equity to pay for the increases in ownership," Julie explains. "All of this requires a lot of trust from both sides. They are working, trusting that we will do what we say; we are trusting that they are going to be here to cover the work."

Jill notes that trust was placed in her and Grant in 2017 when they became members of the LLC. She had just gradu-

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Guernsey production awards in the adult division were dominated by Warwick-Manor, represented by Karli and Kevin Stoltzfus and Rutter Brothers, represented by Cindy Johnson, right.

## Pa. Guernseys \_\_\_\_\_ from page 11

**Lifetime Production Award:** Warwick Manor Chris Carly, Karli Stoltzfus.

### Adult Production Awards:

**3-year old:** Warwick Manor Latimer Smokin, Kolby Stoltzfus 27,385M 6.0% 1654F 3.0% 827P,

**4-year old:** Dix Lee Alymo Desire-ET, Kolby Stoltzfus 21,911M 7.0% 1535F 3.5% 769P,

**5-year old:** Rutter Bros. Top Notch Cami-ETV, Kelly Johnson 21,793M 4.3% 1384F 3.4% 858P,

### Aged cow:

- Willow Brook Latimer Twist, 24,866M, Adam Ballard;
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Driving down the farm lane, the grazing and forage focus is evident at Pleasant Valley Jerseys in the rolling hills near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. New hoop barns and a double-24 swing parlor were built on this second farm in 2017. The soil has been dramatically improved after just six years having the milking herd here grazing the former crop ground. Photo by Sherry Bunting

## 'Jerseys for Profit'

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ated from homeschooling the year before. They are both graduates of Farm Credit University, a 2-year business program. They were part of the planning process for the new facilities.

"People said we shouldn't do this at their young ages of 18 and 20," Julie recalls. "But we all knew the goals of our family. We were the younger generation once also, and we can relate back to how we felt."

"I knew from an early age that this is what I wanted to be doing," says Jill.

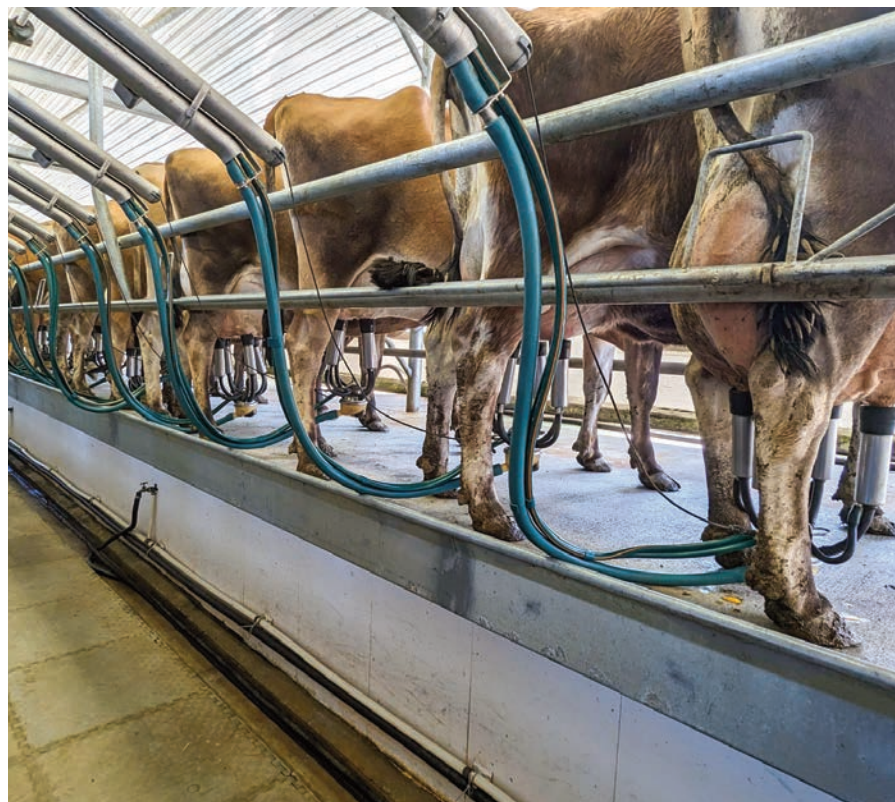
"Fast forward, and we have a setup that can be run without hired help," Doug observes.

For Josh, it's been a learning curve, having grown up milking grade Holsteins in his family's former tie-stall set up to Jerseys in a grazing setup.

Likewise, Kim came from a 150-cow Holstein farm with a parlor, and she had changes to adapt to after she and Grant married in 2019. Now, she and the girls enjoy going out and moving polywire.

Josh and Jill went to the century-old Graham School for Cattlemen and Cattlewomen in Kansas in 2019, a year into their marriage. Doug attended years ago and recommended it.

"It's mostly beef guys, people from all over the U.S. The one-week course covers every-



During peak numbers of 320 to 350 in this spring and fall calving herd, milking takes nearly three and a half hours in the double-24 New Zealand style swing parlor, and takes less than two hours when numbers are down around 190 mid-summer and winter.

Photo by Jill Wisser

thing from husbandry to breeding to pregnancy checking, even ultrasound," Jill reflects.

They came back excited and eager to work together putting into practice what they had learned.

Looking at how things are going, the family admits – like in any family – there will be those fleeting times of frustration, but the overall freedom, trust, and teamwork they develop, along with friendly competition, instills confidence to succeed.

"These guys are dabbling in embryo transfer now, and that's exciting," says Doug about Jill and Josh, adding that his friends remark that Josh knows the genetics of the herd so well in such a short time.

"Grant is doing great things. He is using a new soil amendment of gypsum, sulfur and boron that I'm just tickled with because it is actually feeding the soil microbes," he continues.

"They all have areas they are working on." PVJ's chosen verse is Psalm 16:6 (KJV) "The lines are fallen unto me in PLEASANT places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

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## Ayrshire breeders re-affirm commitment

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania Ayrshire breeders enjoyed a dinner, show, and sale last month at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds. The occasion was their annual convention, including a meeting which was presided over by President Tom Smith of Denver, Pa.

“We are united in our faith in Ayrshires and devoted to the breed,” noted Gay Rodgers of Belleville, Pa. who sits on the U.S. Ayrshire Board of Directors.

Also shared with the attendees at the meeting was that by-law changes have been proposed and mailed to the membership; Becky Payne has resigned as manager of the national association and two new people have been hired to take her place; and the classification of Ayrshires through

Holstein USA is going well. “Overall comments are positive,” shared Nathan Baumgardner of Dillsburg, who also sits on the national Board. He noted that members must register in order to get on the classification schedule.

Improvements are in order, the leadership team of the state association agreed. “We need a website presence,” suggested Sharon Nolan of Chester County who gave the youth report. Also, “there are lots and lots of files at the national office in Columbus, Ohio, which need attention by the membership,” reported Gay Rodgers.

Concluding the meeting was an election of officers with Tom Smith president, Dale Maulfair vice president and Lori Baumgardner secretary-treasurer.

## Apply by June 1

## Maryland State Fair offering scholarships

TIMONIUM — The Maryland State Fair is seeking 4-year college, post-secondary college, and trade school applicants for the F. Grove Miller Maryland State Fair Honorary and the Marlin K. Hoff Memorial Scholarship programs.

Completed applications and supplemental information must be electronically submitted, no later than midnight on June 1, 2024. Recipients of the scholarships will be recognized at special ceremonies during the 2024 Maryland State Fair. Scholarship rules and applications may be obtained at [marylandstatefair.com/scholarships/](http://marylandstatefair.com/scholarships/)

“Since its inception in 1879, agriculture education has been one of the Maryland State Fair’s top priorities,” said Maryland State Fair General Manager Andy Cashman. “Our competitive scholarships highlight and reward the accomplishments of youth, help them with their educational pursuits, and promote the importance of agriculture to our state and our world.”

The F. Grove Miller Maryland State Fair Honorary \$2000 Scholarships recognize the importance of education and participation in the Maryland State Fair. Applicants must be permanent residents of Maryland who have participated in the previous Maryland State

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The Marlin K. Hoff Memorial \$2000 Scholarship will be awarded to one Maryland youth who has carried a 4-H, FFA or breed organization dairy project, has participated in the previous Maryland State Fair, and is enrolled and entering their freshman through senior year, in a 4-year college, post-secondary college or trade school. The recipient will be selected on the basis of involvement in the dairy industry, academic performance, leadership qualities, future goals and financial need. The Scholarship will be awarded during the Maryland Holstein Futurity at the 2024 Maryland State Fair.

For additional information, please visit [marylandstatefair.com/scholarships/](http://marylandstatefair.com/scholarships/)

## 16-year olds qualify for this award

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The All-American Dairy Foundation is welcoming nominations for the Robert D. Heilman Youth Achievement Award which will be presented at the 2024 Premier National Junior Show to be held on September 16.

This award recognizes an outstanding youth passionate about the dairy industry who works hard, helps others, and maintains a positive attitude regardless of the circumstances.

The Foundation desires to recognize a youth whom people may not always notice, who does not always win big awards, but



Robert D. Heilman

takes in the whole experience and is always learning and improving. To be eligible, nominees must be 16 years old and must have participated in youth activities in at least three prior All-American Dairy Shows. The award recipient will receive a check for \$500 and a plaque.

Anyone is welcome to nominate a deserving youth and the award recipient will be chosen by the All-American Dairy Foundation Board of Directors. Nomination forms can be found here: <https://www.allamericandairyfoundation.com/robert-d-heilman-youth-achievement-award.html>

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The slowest dance on Capitol Hill, the writing of a new Farm Bill, gained tempo May 1 when both the House and Senate Ag committees released versions of their bills.

The House bill was a broadly worded, 5-page “outline;” the Senate’s, a detailed 94-page report. Noting the differences in both heft and direction, veteran Senate Ag boss Debbie Stabenow told reporters that “We have a bill. They have a framework.” Ouch.

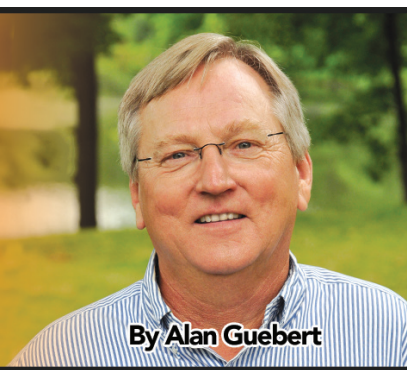
In fact, both bills are simply a starting point for the committees to cobble together the estimated \$1.5-trillion, 5-year law. Despite his brevity, House Ag Committee Chairman Glenn Thompson says his bill is done and has set May 23 for its “mark up,” or full committee meeting to push the stalled process forward.

It sounds silly to argue — especially after almost a year’s delay — that Thompson is hustling his bill through the Republican-dominated committee, but he is.

The House bill contains classic GOP priorities: a \$28-billion cut in SNAP food aid, rule changes to make the Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) climate change billions available for conservation projects unrelated to climate change, and a huge boost to reference prices — shorthand to substantially increase federal subsidies — for crop insurance.

The Senate’s Farm Bill doesn’t feature any cuts to food assistance, leaves USDA’s

# Farm & Food File



By Alan Guebert

## The ‘Farm Bill Dance’ step-by-step

“Climate Smart” initiatives untouched, and raises crop insurance reference prices a modest few percent.

The differences between the two are no surprise; Thompson and Stabenow have been waltzing around each other’s priorities for months. Thompson, however, is at an institutional disadvantage. His party’s paper-thin House majority means he must advance a bill attractive to both GOP and Dem moderates to increase its odds of success.

And while Michigander Stabenow must work around a similarly slim Dem majority in the Senate, she has the advantage of experience. Stabenow shepherded the past two Farm Bills through Congress from her Senate perch after House ag leaders dug in on never-going-to-happen changes. They lost.

All of this, of course, presumes some House/Senate deal that marries the com-

peting bills before this year’s extension expires Sept. 30.

Lost in loud talk and likely compromise is a question few in Congress — or, in fact, in farm and commodity groups — dare confront: Is this the best legislation to ensure the food and fiber future of America given what the next five years might bring?

What, for example, in these two bills addresses our rapidly evolving climate, foreign challenges to America’s role as a leading ag exporter, ethanol’s fading market, looming trade wars with China and Mexico, and the likelihood of more political dysfunction at every level of government?

If the past is prologue, the answer is very little because today’s farmers, ranchers, and ag legislators are wedded to 40 years of ethanol production, 30 years of “decoupled” farm programs, 20 years of no conservation cross compliance, and over 10 years of increasing reliance on crop insurance.

Moreover, powerful new interests now promote wildly expensive, highly dubious variants — subsidized carbon pipelines, subsidized sustainable aviation fuel, subsidized solar farms, and even more subsidized crop insurance — as solutions to problems caused by these aging, taxpayer-dependent predecessors.

In the meantime, rural America continues its downward slide. By almost any social measure — increased poverty rates, the rising reliance on public sector in-

come support, poor water quality, fewer rural hospitals, the loss of senior care and child care, the lack of food options — rural America is worse off now than in 1990.

Indeed, our increasingly popular, increasingly expensive federal farm programs have delivered far fewer, far bigger farms and an abundance of cheap ag commodities. But these same farm policies have also squeezed the lifeblood out of our small farms and ranches and nearly every rural community.

And nothing in either the House or Senate legislative proposals addresses that.

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# CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

All prices — MAY 22, 2024 — except where noted

**U.S. milk production down again:** Total milk production in the US was down again in April, falling 0.4% from a year ago to 19.135 billion pounds, the lowest U.S. production level in April since 2020. On the positive side, production per cow was up 9 pounds to 2,049 pounds per cow. The number of milk cows in the U.S. fell 74,000 head below year ago at 9.34 million head, down 8,000 head from last month. The nation's dairy herd is now at its smallest since September 2019. Milk production across the top 24 milk producing states was mixed, with South Dakota and Florida posting the biggest gains, at 12.3 and 11.4% increases, respectively.

Of the top 8 dairy producing states, California's milk production was fairly flat, increasing 0.2% with 15 pounds more milk per cow but 9,000 fewer cows in the Golden State. Wisconsin's milk production was up 2.5%, with 45 pounds more milk per cow and 4,000 more cows. Idaho down 0.1% with flat milk production per cow and 1,000 fewer cows. Slipping to 4th spot, Texas was down 3.3% with 55 pounds less milk per cow and 5,000 fewer cows. Michigan was up 0.5% in total milk production, while Minnesota's production fell by 0.2%. Pennsylvania's milk production was down 0.5%, with milk production per cow flat and 1,000 fewer cows than a year ago.

With milk supply continuing to tighten, milk margins are looking more positive for producers. Earlier this month, USDA released its World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, increasing the All-Milk price for 2024 to \$21.20 per cwt., up 30 cents from the previous estimate and nearly \$1 above 2023 levels. Class III milk prices continue to strengthen as well, with CME Class III milk futures for the next four months up about \$2 from where they were in April. Class IV prices remain fairly strong, averaging between \$20 and \$22 per cwt for the remainder of the year.

The nation's dairy herd continues to decline in size, even though dairy cow slaughter is down. In the latest USDA Livestock Slaughter report, dairy cow slaughter fell 61,600 head, or 20.2%, from a year ago to 244,600 head in March. Year to date, dairy cow slaughter is about 123,000 below last year's levels. Those who are culling cows are experi-

encing record high prices right now, with the average price per hundredweight at \$110 - \$120. Dairy heifer inventories across the nation were last reported in January and were at their lowest level since 2004.

In early May, USDA released a new rule requiring the use of electronic identification ear tags as official identification in cattle and bison. The new rule pertains to cattle engaged in interstate travel that fall within certain sectors of the livestock industry. All female dairy cattle of any age and male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013, are included within this new ruling. USDA estimates that about 11% of the nation's livestock herd will be affected by this new rule, since many cattle never cross state lines.

On this week's Dairy Industry and HPAI call, Nick Jennings, who works in animal disease traceability with the Bureau of Animal Health at Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, provided a summary of the new rule, which will take effect late this fall.

To listen to the call and hear Nick's review, go to [centerfordairyexcellence.org/HPAI-dairy-industry-calls/](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/HPAI-dairy-industry-calls/). Nick shared that electronic identification tags are being made available to producers at no cost through Dairy Herd Improvement organizations and veterinarians. Anyone who would like to request EID tags for their animals can email the department directly at [ra-premise-id@pa.gov](mailto:ra-premise-id@pa.gov). You can also call Nick Jennings to learn more at 717-884-1613. Tags can also be ordered online at [www.pada.pa.gov/PremisesRegistration/Rfid/](http://www.pada.pa.gov/PremisesRegistration/Rfid/).

The Center for Dairy Excellence will be transitioning its weekly HPAI in Dairy conference calls to a monthly HPAI in Dairy call, which will be held on the second Wednesday of every month. The next call will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 1 p.m.

More information on that call will be provided in future weeks. In the meantime, producers can continue to request biosecurity resource kits to enhance biosecurity protocols on their dairy by calling 717-346-849 or by emailing [info@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:info@centerfordairyexcellence.org).

Prices change daily. This market information is an example for educational purposes. The market data below are compiled weekly by Farmshine, via CME & USDA reports.

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<b>CLASS III MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. wk ago:</b> <i>May24 down \$0.15; Jun24 down \$0.90; Jul-Nov24 down \$0.10-0.40; Dec24-Apr25 up \$0.10-0.30. 12-Month Avg. 19.07</i> ↓↓	18.46	19.90	19.90	19.67	19.54	19.38	19.22	18.86	18.40	18.40	18.58	18.55	MIXED											
<b>CLASS IV MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. wk ago:</b> <i>May24 up \$0.05, Jun-Dec24 up \$0.50-0.70; Jan-Apr25 up \$0.15-0.35. 12-Month Avg. 21.45</i> ↑↑	20.41	21.34	21.71	22.11	22.22	22.42	22.40	21.61	20.90	20.81	20.85	20.63	↑↑											
<b>MILK BASIS (MAILBOX minus CLASS 3 \$/CWT) 2018-23 AVG FOR NORTHEAST &amp; MIDEAST STATES OF PA, NY, NEW ENGL., OH vs. NAT'L AVERAGE - YOUR INDIVIDUAL BASIS WILL VARY</b>																								
Mailbox	18.52	18.15	18.68	18.38	18.65	18.35	18.62	18.41	19.27	18.75	20.20	19.76	20.58	20.17	20.25	19.64	19.22	18.75	18.82	18.25	18.96	18.48	18.64	18.27
Class III	17.33	17.33	18.16	18.16	18.16	18.16	17.59	17.59	17.60	17.60	18.72	18.72	19.07	19.07	17.30	17.30	16.81	16.81	16.03	16.03	16.98	16.98	17.31	17.31
BASIS	1.19	0.82	0.52	0.22	0.49	0.19	1.03	0.82	1.67	1.15	1.48	1.04	1.51	1.10	2.95	2.34	2.41	1.94	2.79	2.22	1.98	1.50	1.33	0.96

	JUL-24	SEP-24	DEC-24	MAR-25	MAY-25	JUL-25	SEP-25	DEC-25	MAR-26	MAY-26	JUL-26	SEP-26	TREND
<b>CORN FUTURES (\$/BU)</b>	4.674	4.780	4.910	5.030	5.104	5.156	4.956	4.970	5.066	5.132	5.176	4.896	↑↑
WEEK AGO													
	4.674	4.780	4.910	5.030	5.104	5.156	4.956	4.970	5.066	5.132	5.176	4.896	

	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	MAR-25	MAY-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	TREND
<b>SOYMEAL FUTURES (\$/TON)</b>	378.2	373.8	371.2	369.9	372.3	372.8	370.4	368.9	369.2	367.6	365.5	362.1	↓↓
WEEK AGO													
	373.3	371.8	371.2	370.8	373.1	373.8	372.3	371.9	373.1	371.8	369.9	366.6	

U.S. AVG PREMIUM ALFALFA & ALFALFA/GRASS HAY 20-22% CP - Source: USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report																	
	JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	*APR-24	
	266.60	297.25	277.00	290.00	292.86	244.27	254.92	243.50	238.50	217.82	240.41	231.70	254.85	224.50	205.02	*220.17	↑↑

DMC OFFICIAL GROSS MARGINS per cwt(USDA All-Milk, com, alfalfa & Ill. soybean, feed for ALL CLASSES of dairy cattle on farm) Updated with NEW prem. alfalfa feed cost																		
DMC	NOV-22	DEC-22	JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	*MAR-24	
	10.89	9.76	7.94	6.19	6.08	5.84	4.83	3.65	3.52	6.46	8.44	9.44	9.58	8.44	8.48	9.44	*9.65	↑↑
ALL MILK	25.60	24.70	23.10	21.60	21.10	20.70	19.30	17.90	17.40	19.70	21.00	21.60	21.70	20.60	20.10	20.60	20.70	
FEED \$	14.71	14.94	15.16	15.41	15.02	14.86	14.47	14.25	13.88	13.24	12.56	12.16	12.12	12.16	11.62	11.16	11.05	

DAIRY COMMODITIES - GLOBAL DAIRY TRADE BIWEEKLY INTERNET AUCTION 05/21/24*				U.S. CME CASH MARKET (\$/LB) 05/22/24*				USDA JAN-24 NEW*					
GDT QUOTES AVERAGE OF FORWARD CONTRACTS 1-6 mos. forward, per metric ton				CME QUOTES LAST DAILY SPOT BID, OFFER, SALE				ALL-MILK BF *MAILBOX					
ALL-PRODUCT INDEX	3861	↑↑ 3.3%	BUTTERMILK POWDER	N/A	N/A	GRADE A NFDM Mon-Wed Ids	14	1.1725	↑↑	*FL	\$24.60	3.97	\$23.35
WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP)	3408	↑↑ 2.9%	BUTTER	6931	↑↑ 5.1%	DRY WHEY Mon-Wed Ids	12	0.3950	↑↑	*SE	\$24.40	4.14	\$22.34
SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP)	2629	↑↑ 3.5%	CHEDDAR (BULK)	4239	NO CHANGE	BUTTER Mon-Wed Ids	5	3.1125	↑↑	*APP	\$24.50	4.23	\$21.64
ANHYDROUS MILKFAT (AMF)	7365	↑↑ 3.5%	MOZZARELLA (BULK)	4215	↑↑ 9.8%	CHEDDAR 40 LB BLOCKS 25 Ids	1.8400	↓↓	*ENGL	\$22.00	4.37	\$21.19	
			LACTOSE	795	↑↑ 8.1%	500 LB BARRELS 8 Ids	2.0300	↑↑	*PAST	\$21.30	4.24	\$20.57	
									*IN	\$21.60	4.23	\$20.46	
									*OH	\$21.10	4.21	\$20.44	
									*NY	\$21.60	4.32	\$20.24	
									*PAwestern PA only	\$20.02			
									*MO	N/A	N/A	\$19.96	
									*IL	\$19.90	4.36	\$19.51	
									*MI	\$20.40	4.26	\$19.27	
									*U.S.	\$20.10	4.35	\$19.14	
									*WAOR	\$21.90	4.49	\$18.99	
									*CA	\$20.00	4.28	\$18.52	
									*TX	\$20.50	4.51	\$18.38	
									*NEKS	\$19.40	4.51	\$18.35	
									*WI	\$18.00	4.29	\$18.00	
									*MN	\$18.80	4.80	\$17.98	
									*IA	\$18.30	4.50	\$17.88	
									*NM	\$19.00	4.22	\$17.67	

ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES (\$/CWT) NASS ALL-MILK																	
*CL I ADV	↑↑CL II	↑↑	CL III	↓↓	CL IV	↑↑	ALL-MILK-U.S.	ALL-MILK-PA									
*20.08	(JUN)	20.23	(APR)	15.50	(APR)	20.11	(APR)	20.70	(MAR)	↑↑	21.70	(MAR)	↓↓				
MONTH AGO																	
18.46		20.12		16.34		20.09		20.60	4.30F		21.90	4.19F					
YEAR AGO																	
18.01		19.20		18.52		17.95		21.10	4.19F		21.70	4.14F					

U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report																
JAN-23	FEB-23	MAR-23	APR-23	MAY-23	JUN-23	JUL-23	AUG-23	SEP-23	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	*APR-24	
1250	1352	1342	1330	1400	1559	1502	1540	1500	1741	2108	N/A	1635	N/A	N/A	N/A	
U.S. AVG. MILKING COWS per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report or Quarterly NASS Ag Prices																
1436	1487	1493	1544	1469	1792	1615	1634	1643	1830	1988	N/A	1792	N/A	N/A	*2120	↑↑

CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES(\$/HD) USDA Reports, little data available, Northeast, Southeast, Mideast, Midwest dispersal & auction report averages (4-week avg May 8)															
FRESH HEIFERS: Bred				Springing				Beef x Open: 300-600 lbs				Beef x 600-900 lbs			
2600				1950				2350				2400			
950				1075				N/A				N/A			
1550				1550				1300				1300			
YEAR AGO															
1720 (NASS)				1400				1650				1300			
PA Auction Markets May 16-21, 2024															
CULL MARKET COWS (\$/CWT LIVELINE)															
Premium White	Breakers	Boners	Lean												
	129.75	↑↑	120.10	↓↓	119.75	↑↑									
WEEK AGO															
N/A	129.10		121.35		118.85										
YEAR AGO															
N/A	103.85		98.85		93.10										

Price averages do not include lower-end common

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# Markets

## Livestock Auction

May 21, 2024

Orchard	3.50-4.00
Grass	1.00-6.25
Straw	3.50-5.50

## Middleburg Auction

May 14, 2024

Grass	105-185
Mixed hay	22.50-225
Straw	135
Ear corn	115-125
By the bale	35

## Morrison's Cove Auction

May 20, 2024

Grass	250-350
Round bales	260

## Wolgemuth Auction

May 20, 2024

Mixed hay	125-395
Timothy	95-320
Grass	25-250
Straw	155-230
Orchard	230-385
Corn fodder	150

## Dewart Auction

Dewart, Pa. May 20, 2024

Cattle: 174	
Slaughter cattle:	
Steers:	
HiCho & Prm	184-187
Choice	170-180
Holstein steers:	
Choice	150-158
Select	130
Slaughter cows:	
PrmWht 65-75% lean	122-134
Breakers 75-80% lean	117-122
Boners 80-85% lean	110-117
Lean 85-90% lean	94-113
Feeder cattle:	
Steers:	
M/L-1-2	155-220
Holstein steers:	
L-3	165-227
Heifers:	
M/L-1-2	240
Bulls:	
M/L-1-2	177-220
Calves: 402	
Feeder calves:	
#1 Hol bulls	530-750
#2 Hol bulls	475-590
#3 Hol bulls	310-400
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REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio—The judges have been selected for The 72nd All American Jersey Shows, sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The largest exhibition of Registered Jersey™ cattle in the world, the three shows of The All American, will be held November 8-11 in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Mike Berry, Powell Butte, Ore., will judge The All American Jersey Show on Sunday and Monday, November 10-11. This will be his second time to officiate the open show. He has also had two appearances as judge for the National Jersey Jug Futurity and once for the All American Junior Jersey Show. Mike has officiated the World Dairy Expo Jersey Show, World Dairy Expo Holstein Show, and the Royal Winter Fair Jersey Show. In addition, he has officiated for numerous state shows across the country.

Selected to place the oldest and richest class for dairy cattle in the world is Ron Mosser, Geneva, Ind. He will judge the 71st National Jersey Jug Futurity on November 10. This will be his debut as a judge in the Jersey ring at the All American events. Ron is no stranger to the green shavings as he has judged numerous other breeds in Louisville as well as World Dairy Expo and the Eastern States Exposition. In addition, he has judged internationally in Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala and Brazil. For the past 22 years, he has been a Type Traits Appraiser for the American Jersey Cattle Association.

There are 551 three-year-olds currently eligible for the 2024 National Jersey Jug Futurity. Last year, the show offered a grand total of \$10,885 in premiums, with the winner receiving a check for \$3005.

Judge for The All American Junior Jersey Show on Friday, November 8, will be Trent Kilgus, Fairbury, Ill. This will be Trent's first time as a judge for the All American Junior Show. In 2021, he served as associate judge for the All American Open Show. He has judged multiple breeds at the Illinois State Fair and many county fairs throughout the state. In addition, he was high individual in the National 4-H

judging contest in 2009 and judged at the Royal Highland Show in Scotland in 2010.

The first and second place winners in each class of these shows will become the 2024 All American and Reserve All American honorees of the American Jersey Cattle Association.

• **The schedule:**

The Jersey weekend will begin on Friday November 8, with the All American Junior Jersey Show, starting with junior showmanship at 7:30 a.m. The Jersey heifers will enter the ring at a.m. with the cow classes following at approximately 1:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the show, the supreme champions of

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On Saturday, November 9, the Jersey Youth Awards Ceremony will start at 9 a.m., and recognize approximately four dozen youth award winners. At 11:30 a.m. will be the "Give Your Best 60-second Intro" public speaking contest for youth. At 1 p.m. the Pot O'Gold Sale will begin, followed by the All American pre-sale social at 2:30 p.m. The All American Jersey Sale will begin at 3 p.m. in the West Wing.

The All American Jersey Show will be split over Sunday and Monday. The heifers will

show at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 10. The National Jersey Jug Futurity will follow the show at 2 p.m.

On Monday morning, November 11, the Jersey cows will take to the green shavings at 7:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the cow show, supreme champion of the NAILE Dairy shows will be chosen.

For information on show entry fees and deadlines, visit [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org).

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