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Take a Closer Look at your Lactation Report (312)

Useful Comparison Tool:

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

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

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

USDA set to distribute millions of RFID tags

The USDA plans to purchase up to eight million low-frequency radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags to help increase overall animal disease traceability in cattle and bison.

"USDA continues its commitment to protecting our Nation's animal agriculture by increasing traceability in the cattle and bison sectors, in this case by providing free RFID tags to interested producers," said Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Greg Ibach. "This will not only help offset the costs of switching to RFID tags, but also help us more quickly respond to potential disease events."

In Minnesota, these RFID tags can be [ordered on the Board of Animal Health website](#) for use in replacement breeding cattle and bison at no cost to the producer.

USDA continues to receive comments and evaluate next steps on its proposed RFID transition timeline. The [proposal](#) is available for review and public comment through October 5, 2020.

Contracts for the RFID tags were awarded to three American tag companies, all compliant with the Buy American Act—Allflex (Dallas, TX), Datamars (Temple, TX), and Y-Tex (Cody, WY). Producers can also purchase RFID tags for their animals by contacting any of the companies approved to manufacture official identification RFID tags.



Quick Tips: Preventing Accidents on the Farm

- Develop—then follow—a comprehensive and effective farm safety program.
- Prevent or avoid accidental injuries through positive actions, such as planning, preparing, reducing hazards, using protective equipment, training your help, and working and driving in ways that minimize the chance of mishap.
- Constantly be on the lookout for possible accident situations.
- Keep your mind on the job at hand.
- Take safety breaks throughout the work day to help you stay more alert and safer.

Source: Indiana Rural Safety and Health Council

Wonderful article on page 534 of the Sept 10 issue of Hoard's Dairyman talks about the importance of having DHIA SCC data.

August Milk Quality Leaders, ranked by SCC, then Log SCC

Name	SCC	COWS	Name	SCC	COWS
*LESTER DONNA BANSE	36	149	JOHNSON DARREN+LYNN	86	224
*BRANDON + JILL MARSHIK	38	89	*TREVOR DICKE	86	98
*MAREN & JEREMY HOLST	40	125	*BILL & ALAN MILLER	87	276
RKB DAIRY	43	126	GREGORY DAIRY LLC	88	98
*DARRICK HEITMAN	43	3	*PETER+DAVID BURFEIND	89	347
JOHNSON DAIRY	45	96	HILKE-ERIC	89	129
HARMONY HILLS DAIRY	46	60	GRAZIN ACRES	90	83
SELKE FARMS	47	236	TA LEONARD REG HOLSTEINS	92	51
*RYAN KNISLEY	48	57	HAPPKE HOLSTEIN FARM	95	113
*DEVOINE KRUSE	52	232	*MIKE HULSTEIN	95	552
RYBERG REG HOLSTEIN	55	37	VOGT DAIRY LLC	95	314
*JERRY & BEV POHLMANN	57	68	CASEY O'REILLY DAIRY	95	77
*MATT BERKTOLD	59	193	*ANDREW INGVALSON	96	188
SCHEFFLER DAIRY	59	145	SASS FARMS	97	262
GEHL ACRES FARM	62	140	*RON & RENEE HORNBERG	99	59
BOETTCHER DAIRY	65	150	*ROBERT AND ANDREW- WINTER	99	63
*DENNIS AND WAYNE WOLTERS	65	150	*TRAVIS LEHNERTZ	100	148
LEISEN FARMS INC.	66	69	HIDDEN HILL DAIRY LLC	100	347
CANC	67	59	*GARY LEHNERTZ	101	207
RIVER VALLEY DAIRY LLC	68	97	*DARRELL LUHMANN	101	149
TWIN SPRUCE	68	86	*JOHN SAUBER	101	54
*MARK KLEHR	69	57	*DON AND SALLY WEISENBECK	102	434
WOLF CREEK DAIRY	70	459	GROOTERS DAIRY	102	63
HOEFS' DAIRY	70	290	BLUE VIEW DAIRY FARM	103	285
*CHARLES & MARY SCHORNACK	70	48	MID LANE DAIRY	103	24
*MITCH MEHRWERTH	70	63	*STACI SEXTON	104	54
BIRCH POINT FARMS PESHON	71	322	*MARK BROSIG	105	247
HOFFMAN NORTH-CREEK	71	464	*MARK RUEGEMER	105	73
RADERMACHER DAIRY LLC	71	226	*RODNEY RAY	106	55
*BRIAN LIBBESMEIER	71	74	PRIGGE FAMILY FARM	106	283
RUSSELL J WIRT + FAMILY	72	562	BROOKSIDE DAIRY	106	499
*JEFF PETERMEIER	75	54	THOMPSON FAMILY DAIRY	106	299
MARSHLAND FARMS	75	119	FLOWER-BROOK REG.HOL.	106	112
*JAMES & BETH OLSON	76	78	SCHROEDER BROTHERS	107	172
MARSHALL KORN	76	56	*TIM&SARAH AHO	107	190
BURKE DAIRY INC	77	175	CRAIG ABERS	107	13
BREEZY WILLOWS FARM	79	43	*BRUCE & JODI HEIM	108	396
DAN KREKELBERG	79	63	ZAHBULLS HOLSTEINS LLC	109	388
*STACY & JULIE MILLER	79	91	*TODD SORUM	109	137
METOGGA LAKE DAIRY LLC	80	446	DOUG & SANDRA DEROUSSEAU	109	79
KIMM'S DAIRY	80	82	KLINDWORTH LAND & CATTLE	110	152
BEAVER OAK DAIRY	81	140	*NATHAN & BRIDGET GIBBS	111	202
SCHEFERS BROTHERS	81	76	GLEN & BECKY CHRISTEN	111	38
DELBERT BECHTOLD	81	50	*AARON & TIFFANY RUTHER	113	163
SCHOENBAUER DAIRY	81	183	*GREG AND KRISTIN MAHONEY	114	13
*ROB & AMIE RUTHER	81	131	IRISH RIDGE DAIRY LLC	114	82
SUNNY SIDE DAIRY	84	124	VIRCHOW DAIRY	114	38
SCHULTE FARMS	84	280	KUGATH FARMS	114	39
HEMMESCH DAIRY INC.	84	121	SUNSHINE ACRES	115	217
*JOHN LARSEN	85	36	AUSPICIOUS OYSTER GRANGE	115	183
MERDAN DAIRY INC	85	80	*JIM AND GERI WIEBUSCH	115	29