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By DIETER KRIEG
Farmshine Editor

In the dairy world, his name is as universally known as the name “Elvis” is in the history of music. True of both, there was only one.

Horace Backus, passed away on Tuesday, October 22. Born on December 26, 1927, he was in his 97th year of life on Earth. Now, he is with his Saviour and beloved family members who preceded him in the ultimate journey.

The last time I visited with Horace was on June 17, 2023, from 2:37 to 4:57 p.m. at the Legacy at Grande Vie rest home in Penfield, N.Y. The obligatory visitor’s tag that I placed on my shirt became part of my notes. The 140 minutes I spent with him were soul-touchingly priceless.

Horace was alone in his room, sitting in front of a small TV that was about six feet directly in front of him. But whatever program was on, it no longer held his attention. His head was bowed. He was asleep.

The attendant at the rest home who granted me access through the locked door gently awakened him. “Mr. Backus, you have company.”

Horace opened his eyes and immediately recognized me. A welcoming, happy smile accompanied his greeting: “Dieter, it’s so good to see you!” His very distinct baritone voice hadn’t changed a bit. I smiled and was immensely grateful to see him in such good shape. After all, he was already in his 96th year. He asked me to take a chair and then we talked and talked.

Despite the depressing surroundings of an “old folks home,” the time I spent with Horace that afternoon ranks among the most memorable of my 50 years as a farm reporter/editor. I can’t think of a more profound interview, visit or event. I felt very privileged and thankful.

However, a “close second” to the gratitude that I felt had occurred a few years prior; on October 6, 2016, to be exact.

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Farmers be warned:
U.S. treasury law targets ownership

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Time is running out for thousands of farmers who may face steep fines and possible jail time for failing to file their businesses with the federal government. So warns the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF).

Jan. 1, 2025, is the deadline to file Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) with the U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). New analysis in a Market Intel by American Farm Bureau Federation economists shows more than 230,000 farms are required to file, but government data indicates less than 11% of all eligible businesses nationwide have done so.

The Corporate Transparency Act of 2021 required businesses to register any "beneficial owner" of a company in an effort to combat money laundering. Many farms are structured as either a c-corporation, s-corporation or limited liability company (LLC), which are now required to be registered if they employ fewer than 20 employees or receive under \$5 million in cash receipts – which covers the vast majority of farms.

"The use of LLCs is an important tool for many farms to keep personal and business assets separated, but small businesses often lack the staff to track and stay in compliance with changing rules and regulations," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "It's clear that many farmers aren't aware of the new filing requirement. Unclear guidance and lack of public outreach are now putting thousands of America's farmers at risk of violating federal law."

Businesses that fail to file, or do not update records when needed, could face criminal fines up to \$10,000 and additional civil penalties of up to \$591 per day. Failure to file could also lead to felony charges and up to two years in prison.

"The greater farm economy will also be impacted by CTA requirements," AFBF economists write. "Many feed and supply stores, crop marketers like grain elevators and the greater rural business community are also likely required to file their BOI and subject to penalties if they do not comply. The regulatory burdens and potential enforcement crackdowns could have ripple effects throughout the entire food, fiber and fuel supply chains."

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While the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) met Oct. 21-22, the first-ever Change the Dietary Guidelines protest drew hun-

dreds of people to Washington to tell the Administration to "STOP FEEDING US LIES." Photo provided by Nutrition Coalition

Implementation to include food supply leverage

Dietary Guidelines Committee slices dairy some more

By SHERRY BUNTING
Special for Farmshine

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week is National School Lunch Week, and on Oct. 22 while USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack kicked off the so-called “largest federal-led summit in support of healthy school meals” in Las Vegas, the 2025-30 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) met publicly by zoom to gamble away the nutrients children need for the development of their brains, bodies and long-term health.

This was the seventh and final meeting of the DGAC after 22 months of subcommittee meetings and periodic full committee meet-

ings, yielding a draft “scientific report” that is increasingly vegetarian.

Its recommendations to USDA and HHS are to develop 2025-30 Guidelines that significantly decrease the role of nutrient dense animal foods, even though they spent the first hour of the 12-hour, two-day virtual meeting puzzling over how to solve the nutrient deficiencies in their analysis.

The recommendations merge the three current DGA patterns (Vegetarian, Mediterranean and Healthy U.S.) into one dietary pattern with a draft name of “Healthy Flex U.S. Diet.” The flexibility part, according to the DGAC discussion, is the ‘how much’ and ‘how to’, which relies on ‘food pattern mod-

eling’ and more specific strategies on how to replace animal based foods with plant based foods.

The DGAC aims to improve its poor performance on the under-consumed nutrients by “including more nutrient-dense plant-based meal and dietary recommendation options” in its advice for 2025-30 Dietary Guidelines.

The draft advice aims to continue to “emphasize consumption of low-fat or non-fat dairy and unsaturated fats; limit consumption of red or processed meats and foods high in saturated fat; and limit foods like sweetened beverages.”

Some committee members raised the con-

cern that further addressing one problem (fat, salt, and sugar) leads to other problems in other areas (under-consumption of key nutrients, over-consumption of carbohydrates, and impacts on metabolic health).

In fact, while the DGAC was meeting, the first ever Change the Dietary Guidelines protest drew hundreds of people to the nation's capitol – under the leadership of Nina Teicholz, author of *The Big Fat Surprise*, and others – to proclaim a metabolic revolution and tell the Administration to “STOP FEEDING US LIES.”

Meanwhile, in the meeting, at least one DGAC member at the end of the first day

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The choice between two Americas

By FRANKLIN GRAHAM
Originally written for AMAC Magazine

For over 50 years, it has been my privilege to personally know every president of the United States of America. Six of them have been Republicans; four of them have been Democrats. I am registered to vote as an independent, and I write this as a private citizen who is concerned about the direction of our country.

Being an independent does not mean that I don't have strong convictions about the critical issues facing our nation and world. For me, it means that I don't blindly vote for any party or person.

Following the example of those who signed our founding Declaration of Independence, I support candidates and positions consistent with the purpose of our Creator, by whom we "are endowed . . . with certain unalienable Rights," including "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

I don't know of a time in my life when these rights have been in greater jeopardy than they are in this election. Not only the rhetoric but, more importantly, the track records of those campaigning for our votes could not offer a starker contrast for our future.

Headlines in the mainstream media declare that the current national Democratic ticket is the most radically progressive in our history. In my estimation, however, it represents nothing other than anti-God socialism that will fleece American citizens of even more of our hard-won freedoms and hard-earned dollars. And most Democratic candidates in state and local races are supporting the same positions.



Franklin Graham

Republican positions at the national, state and local levels—while not perfect—reflect a greater commitment to those founding ideals of life and liberty. They defend religious freedom, including for followers of the Lord Jesus Christ; protect the unborn; support our military and law enforcement; stand by the nation of Israel without hedging or wavering; guard our borders and national security; favor a conservative judiciary; and promote fiscal responsibility.

In short, they more clearly respect and promote the aspiration expressed by President Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address, "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom" with "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

These few days before this year's election are a time for us to prayerfully evaluate what kind of country we will leave to our children and grandchildren.

Will it be an America that is sound, solid, safe, and unashamed of its founding Christian principles? An America that the world looks to as a leader and a standard-setter? Will we choose an America where religious liberty, freedom of speech, and rights of conscience are celebrated and not cancelled?

Or will it be an America that is weak and decaying from within, throwing common sense and decency to the wind? Will we forfeit our future to an even bigger government that schemes to seize more control from our citizens?

If we choose the latter, we shouldn't be surprised when parental rights are taken away by the state, businesses are shut down by government decree, and speech is policed, with individuals penalized merely for using what some

consider to be incorrect pronouns.

My ultimate hope does not lie in any politician or political party; my confidence is in Almighty God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. I want to be able to freely share the truth of the Bible and the Good News of His love and salvation both now and in the future. But, make no mistake, how we vote in this election will have implications for my freedom and yours.

Evil is on the march like we have never seen before in our generation. I encourage everyone to pray for our nation, our leaders, and the upcoming election and I strongly urge those who love this nation to vote for a future that renews rather than abandons all that, by the grace of God, has made us great.

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About the author: Franklin Graham has devoted his life to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and helping suffering people around the world. He writes this guest column as a concerned, private citizen, and not on behalf of the two Christian organizations that he leads— Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



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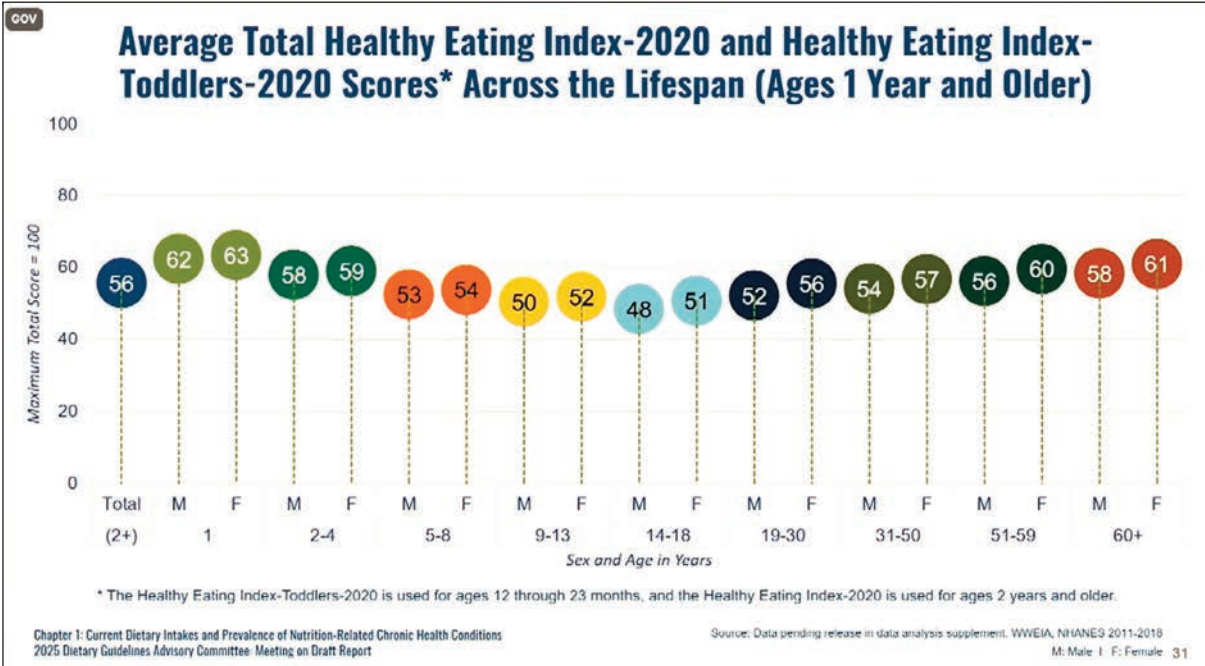
noted how animal foods, specifically mentioning dairy, have all of these essential nutrients and that the bioavailability of the nutrients is important.

This didn't make much difference. Food replacement strategies, cultural diet pathways, and diet simulators were instead used to show how to get more nutrient density from plants. Pre-packaged and pre-portioned implementation strategies and plated combinations of plants were given as examples on how to get the nutrients without the fats.

The high-level academic exercise means very little to everyday Americans making choices about food, but it could fundamentally change what is available to choose from – if the “systems science, implementation science, and behavioral science” the DGAC is also recommending pushes diets even more toward highly processed, pre-packaged, pre-portioned options designed by global food giants.

Bottomline: the DGAC will recommend to the USDA and HHS to further reduce animal-based protein consumption and to further increase plant-sourced consumption in the 2025-30 Guidelines, while continuing to limit dairy to non-fat and low-fat options.

For dairy, the DGAC is also recommending that USDA update the nutrition composition database to reflect what they say are ‘improved’ plant-milks, and to use the ‘diet simulators’ to show Americans how to be more ‘flexible’ in replacing animal foods with plant foods.



The DGAC could not understand why the healthy eating index showed such poor performance in the under-consumption of key nutrients for health, especially among the lifestage of children ages 5 to 19, and that it was uniformly bad across all socio-economic, racial and ethnic parameters. (Simple. It's because of the DGAs that are enforced at school meals twice a day, five days a week, most of the year for 5 to 19 year olds!)

Oct. 21 screenshot from 2025-30 DGAC virtual meeting

The DGAC also changed the wording of its 2025-30 mission to “reduce the focus on chronic disease risk reduction, to instead focus more on promoting growth and development and improving the healthspan.”

These are key takeaways despite the Committee spending the first hour of the first day stupefied by the analysis showing — uniformly across all socio-economic and ethnic cultures — children ages 5-19 had the nutritionally poorest diets in terms of under-consuming key nutrients at this most critical lifestage.

Even when they picked up their Health Equity Lens to look at the data, it was uniformly bad.

Their interpretation? I will paraphrase: Parents need help understanding how to feed their children.

My interpretation? The Dietary Guidelines are, themselves, the problem because they are used rigidly to formulate the meals that the age 5 to 19 lifestage (kids) are presented with twice a day, five days a week, nine to 12 months of the year — at school! The body will keep snacking until it gets the nutrients it seeks.

At the end of the two days, the DGAC chose the path of giving USDA and HHS the advice to double-down on saturated fat restrictions that have prevailed as Americans become less healthy, more obese, with more chronic disease, at ever younger ages.

Four impacts of the DGAC draft report:

1) Dairy’s ‘place’ in the diet remains somewhat intact, but the committee wants USDA

to update nutrient composition studies to reflect the current state of nutrition art in “plant-milks” and to use diet simulators to show Americans how to be more flexible in replacing animal-based with plant-based.

2) Nonfat and low-fat dairy will continue to be the recommendation, although they mentioned that there was not enough evidence to make this a strong conclusion for ages 2 through 5. Perhaps this leaves a door open for daycares and WIC to expand to 2% and whole fat milk up to age 5 instead of the current age 2, but schoolchildren are still out of luck.

3) The Protein category has been flipped on its lid. The DGAC moved beans, peas and lentils from the vegetable category to the protein category and increased the daily quantities for beans, peas, lentils, seeds, soy, nuts,

and fish, while reducing the allowance for meat, poultry and eggs. In fact, they will represent this visually by listing first in the protein category the plant sources, followed by fish, then eggs, then poultry, and lastly, red meat.

4) Stricter guidelines for added sugar and salt also have implications for flavored milk and dairy products as well as in the cheese-making process.

This draft report ends the DGAC’s work. In the coming days, it will be edited to reflect the discussion for submission as final recommendations to USDA and HHS.

A joint team of staff from both Departments will prepare this DGAC Scientific Report for posting at DietaryGuidelines.gov, turn to page 14

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OCTOBER 30, 10 a.m. Triple-Hil Sires fall meeting, Country View Creamery, 1290 Watts Road, Trenton, Ky. Free lunch provided.

NOVEMBER 6-7, Penn State's Dairy Nutrition Workshop, Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey.

NOVEMBER 7-8, Organic Farming Conference, Mount Hope Event Center, 8076 State Route 241, Mount Hope, Ohio.

NOVEMBER 7-11, North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), Kentucky Expo-

sition Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, Ky.

NOVEMBER 12, 9 a.m. Penn State workshop: "Management Essentials for Dairy Success" at the Blair County Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, Pa.

NOVEMBER 13, Triple-Hil Sires fall meeting, The Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall, 2001 East Main Street, Falconer, N.Y. (near Jamestown).

NOVEMBER 19, 9 a.m. Women in Dairy Conference, Holiday Inn, Grantville, Pa.

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OCT. 28, Normal Monday Sale, Monthly Organic Day & Conventional Herd Dispersal, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

OCT. 30, 10:30 a.m. Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

NOV. 1, 10 a.m. CDT, Van Dell Farms Reg. Jersey Dairy Cattle Retirement Auction, Sharon WI. Managed by Steffes Auctioneers.

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NOV. 21, 10 a.m. Special Thanksgiving Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Brubaker's Quality Dairy Sales.

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Penn State slates nutrition workshop

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Penn State's Dairy Nutrition Workshop will be held Nov. 6-7 at the Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey. The two-day event is designed to provide applied dairy nutrition information to nutritionists and dairy feed industry professionals. The primary emphasis of the main session are milk fat depression, milk and commodity market pricing, and updates to the new Cornell nutrition model.

Nearly two dozen break-out sessions over the two days allow attendees to tailor topics of interest to them, including many presentations by the Penn State Extension Dairy Team. The Team's emphasis will be on two themes: forage topics and using precision livestock farming data to better understand the nutritional status of dairy cows. Special presentations will be given by Afi-Milk (Afi sensor), Merck (Cowsense/SCR), and Select Sires (Cow Manager). Other topics range from communicating effectively with other professionals and employees to understanding specific health issues in

a herd. Selection may be made at registration.

The pre-conference, sponsored by Kemin, will focus on amino acid formulation and the effects on dairy cow rations. The post-conference, sponsored by Vetagro, will present information on fatty acid in the diet and effects on cow health. Both are included as part of registration.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with over two dozen trade show exhibitors, including at an ice cream social on Wednesday sponsored by Merck. There is also time to visit with exhibitors each day, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of registration is \$200, with no charge for Penn State students, \$90 for non-Penn State students. Dinner is \$10; breakfast on November 7 is \$8. Two lunches are included as are breaks, one sponsored by Vetagro and one sponsored by Kemin.

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Dairy award nominations invited; due by Nov. 18

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Nominations are now open for the annual Pennsylvania Dairy Industry Award program. All nominations must be received by November 18 to be considered for this year's awards.

Each year, the awards recognize dairy producers and industry professionals who excel in leadership, service and innovation. The program includes three awards and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association, the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania, and the Center for Dairy Excellence.

"Most dairy producers and individuals who serve the Pennsylvania dairy industry are never looking for recognition, so the Dairy Industry

Awards continue to be a meaningful way we can shine a light on the individuals who are making a difference within the state's dairy industry," said Emily Barge, communications and marketing manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "As 2024 comes to a close, this is a positive way to recognize the dairy leaders you know who are providing outstanding leadership, service and innovation to our industry."

The industry awards are offered annually to Pennsylvania residents, and recipients will be recognized at the Pennsylvania Dairy Summit in February 2025.

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

- The **Pennsylvania Distinguished Dairy Producer Award** recognizes individual dairy producers or farm enterprises that have demonstrated superior management capabilities within their own dairy business and provide outstanding leadership and service to the dairy industry.
- The **Pennsylvania Dairy Service Award** recognizes an individual who has distinguished him or herself in serving the greater interest of Pennsylvania's dairy industry and dairy farms.
- The **Pennsylvania Dairy Innovator Award** recognizes an individual or business entity that has provided tremendous innovation to progress Pennsylvania's dairy in-

dustry toward a brighter future, either by advancing the marketplace or creating new opportunities for innovation on the farm.

All nominations must be received by November 18th. Nominations must include the completed application form and one letter of support outlining why the candidate is qualified to receive the award. Please visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/awards to submit a nomination.

Individuals who are nominated will be notified electronically in late November with a request for information due in December. Selected award recipients will be notified by January 2025.

Dairy innovation grants available; apply by November 1

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Center for Dairy Excellence is now accepting pre-applications for Dairy Innovation Grants.

This is a competitive grant program, and dairy producers must apply by November 1 to give the Center enough time to submit its application to the Pennsylvania Dairy Innovation Fund.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture introduced the Pennsylvania Ag Innovation Fund to support investments that embrace technology to improve efficiency and data analytics on dairy operations; enhance production; and increase energy efficiency on the farm or in ag processing.

Projects could involve technology within the milking parlor, feeding system, activity monitoring, ventilation, and cow cooling aspects of the operation.

"Investing in new technology on Pennsylvania dairy farms is exciting and can really boost efficiency and production. But it can be a huge expense for most dairy farm families," said Melissa Anderson, programs and operations manager at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "If our application is accepted, these Dairy Innovation Grants could help ease up-front costs and make it possible for dairy producers to pursue innovative technology that can drive their operations forward."

If funded, the Dairy Innovation Grant Program would award matching grants to the farms selected into the program of up to \$25,000 in matching funds or up to a 50 percent match in total cost of up to \$50,000. These funds are provided to reimburse farmers once the dollars are spent, so the total funding received will depend on the total cost of the project.

Farm operations within Pennsylvania with anticipated annual sales of more than \$2000 and more than 35 mature dairy cows or 70 mature dairy goats are eligible to apply, if they meet the following requirements:

- Must have a conservation plan, manure management plan, and knowledge of financials
- Must be participating in National FARM turn to page 16



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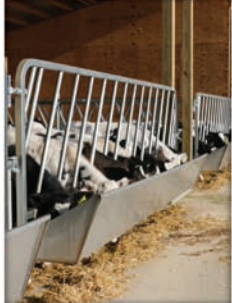


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PUTNAM FARMS, INC.	62 XX	21044	1070	770
MACGLAFLIN FARM LLC.	62 XX	20222	1138	707
LUTHER, JOHN W.	30 HO	21395	825	705
MACGLAFLIN FARM LLC.	74 JE	18521	1055	677

CLARK, GREGORY & MARCIA	33 HO	20054	782	626
CLARK, GREGORY & MARCIA	42 MS	19169	704	596
LUTHER, JOHN W.	15 JE	15539	776	573
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
CLARK, GREGORY & MARCIA		HO	96	33
PUTNAM FARMS, INC.		XX	104	62
LUTHER, JOHN W.		HO	113	30
MACGLAFLIN FARM LLC.		XX	134	62
MACGLAFLIN FARM LLC.		JE	155	74
MACGLAFLIN FARM LLC.		HO	157	385
CLARK, GREGORY & MARCIA		MS	181	42
PUTNAM FARMS, INC.		HO	184	421

Addison

B. DANYOW FARM LLC.	1055 HO	30038	1320	983
VORSTVEDT FARM	1502 HO	28318	1232	949
HOWLETT, TIM & JEWELL	750 HO	28719	1169	944
DEGRAAF, HAROLD & ANJE	17 XX	28780	1122	928
KORCA, JONATHAN	340 HO	26662	1178	875
LOUREIA, ANTHONY & BARB	407 HO	25274	1102	871
DEGRAAF, HAROLD & ANJE	179 HO	26483	1079	865
TUDHOPE, MILES & CHERYL	61 HO	25618	1126	849
NANDY NOLAN	328 HO	24589	1060	824
BRISSON, MARC & NORRIS	1097 XX	24989	1085	822
B. DANYOW FARM LLC.	64 XX	22585	1066	791
TUDHOPE, MILES & CHERYL	58 BS	22150	1007	773
WIFFIELD, JEFF	128 HO	24239	983	771
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
TUDHOPE, MILES & CHERYL		BS	69	58
TUDHOPE, MILES & CHERYL		HO	84	61
B. DANYOW FARM LLC.		XX	90	64
B. DANYOW FARM LLC.		HO	95	1055

LUCAS, JONATHAN	HO	96	340
CORREIA, ANTHONY & BARBARA	HO	115	407
DEGRAAF, HAROLD & ANJE	HO	124	179
NOLAN, ANDY	HO	128	328
BRISSEN, MARC & NORRIS	XX	174	1097
HOWLETT, TIM & JULIE	HO	180	750
VORSTEVELD FARM	HO	182	1502

WAYSIDE MEADOW FARM	388 HO	29926	1297 1025
DOON-SIM FARM	115 HO	27273	1105 89
FREMONT & ETHAN NELSON	229 HO	24604	1049 792
LUCKY HILL FARM	179 JE	18630	1012 729
CRACKERMONT DAIRY	68 HO	21774	876 693
FREMONT & ETHAN NELSON	30 XX	19098	873 650
AGGIS BROS.	502 JE	17655	926 656
WILLSON, DOROTHY & A.	85 XX	17019	830 636

RIAN NICHOLS	106 XX	17179	830	629
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
REMON T & ETHAN NELSON	XX	85	30	
CKERMANN DAIRY	HO	107	68	
ON-SIM FARM	HO	118	115	
LUCKY HILL FARM	JE	118	179	
WAYSIDE MEADOW FARM LLC.	HO	126	388	
REMON T & ETHAN NELSON	HO	140	229	
RIAN NICHOLS	XX	151	106	
AGGIES BROS.	JE	181	502	
JEAN, ERIC	JE	196	39	

REAM	67 HO	28335	1151	910
AFT, BRUCE & MARY	317 JE	18769	1074	719
HELBURNE FARMS	122 BS	17232	752	578
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
HELBURNE FARMS	BS	99	122	

LOUTHIER & SONS, INC.	344 HO	25524	1125	845
RUSSO, STEPHEN & CARLA	18 HO	20024	855	650
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
RUSSO, STEPHEN & CARLA		HO	41	18
LOUTHIER & SONS, INC.		HO	110	344

OWRIGAN HOME FARM	299 HO	29603	1165	953
OWRIGAN, H.J. & A. & LAW	374 HO	27687	1127	906
OWRIGAN H-9 DAIRY	384 HO	27569	1092	889
OWRIGAN, HAROLD J. & SO	375 HO	25440	1087	848
MIKE BENJAMIN	544 HO	26231	1011	838
ICGARRY DAIRY LLC.	128 HO	25284	1063	815
EPAPATIE, JAMES & JESSICA	374 HO	24810	964	773
BRIGHT FARM	200 HO	22117	1000	745
PARPSDALE FARMS LTD.	77 HO	22919	930	742
MALESTEAD FARM & MAPLE	91 HO	22385	943	712
AUL-LIN DAIRY LLC.	27 JE	15865	744	579
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MIKE BENJAMIN	HO	87	544	
ICGARRY DAIRY LLC.	HO	109	128	
OWRIGAN, HAROLD J. & SONS	HO	115	375	
PARPSDALE FARMS LTD.	HO	120	77	
AUL-LIN DAIRY LLC.	JE	124	27	
OWRIGAN, H.J. & A. & LAWRENCE	HO	130	374	
OWRIGAN HOME FARM	HO	152	299	
EPAPATIE, JAMES & JESSICA	HO	175	374	
REG BOUCHARD	XX	193	136	
MALESTEAD FARM & MAPLE LLC.	HO	197	91	

& M. LADD FAMILIES FARM	73 XX	19075	704	581
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
& M. LADD FAMILIES FARM		XX	112	73

EEWAYDIN FARM	95 JE	17670	922	673
MORRILL, ARTHUR & LARRY	31 HO	19818	897	644
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MORRILL, ARTHUR & LARRY		HO	63	31
EEWAYDIN FARM		JE	88	95

LADSTONE, WALTER & MA	2550 HO	32747	12821085
LADSTONE, WALTER & MA	52 XX	24329	1265 939
ARKDALE FARM, INC.	63 HO	25027	1082 835
ARKDALE FARM, INC.	121 JE	17761	976 685
LENNVILLE FARM	83 HO	22207	881 663
WHITE ROCK FARM	141 JE	18248	960 662
WILLOW FARMS	67 HO	20640	838 653
ROBERT J. HOWE	27 HO	21612	833 648
RAY, KIM	24 JE	15135	750 584
WRIGHT, ANDREW	49 XX	15944	721 559
EIBOLD, KYLE	33 JE	15493	695 531
ROBERT J. HOWE	15 JE	14252	678 504
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200, 000			
ARKDALE FARM, INC.			99 121
LADSTONE, WALTER & MARGARE	HO	1022550	
LADSTONE, WALTER & MARGARE	XX	103 52	
EIBOLD, KYLE	JE	109 33	
RAY, KIM	HO	119 24	
LENNVILLE FARM	JE	124 83	
ONANT, DEAN & TERRI	AY	128 46	
WILLOW FARMS	HO	138 67	
UGHTA-BE-FARM LLP.	XX	141 55	
OYT, AMBER & SCOTT	AY	149 39	
ARKDALE FARM, INC.	HO	156 63	
WHITE ROCK FARM	JE	159 141	
WRIGHT, ANDREW	XX	168 49	
OYT, AMBER & SCOTT	JE	169 16	
MALL, STEVEN & ETHAN	JE	195 45	

NDY & SARAH BIRCH	42 HO	26746	1169	893
HEENA BROWN	49 HO	24625	1023	784
ADEAU, AARON & CHANT	153 HO	24445	1038	768
ROE, JOHN & DEANNA	25 XX	23288	959	764
WEBSTER, DANIEL	80 HO	21426	905	730
ROE, JOHN & DEANNA	56 XX	20416	923	720
NDY & SARAH BIRCH	12 XX	20557	980	718
OSH PAUL	284 JE	18768	989	706
SAI, PAUL	63 XX	19627	960	619
ADDLEBRIDGE HOLSTEINS	61 HO	20355	786	615
TRAVERSE, SEBASTIAN	58 HO	19343	793	603
ANDALL FAMILY FARM	119 HO	18929	767	601
ATEAUENAU, KATE BRACE, DU	194 XX	18245	706	573
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ROE, JOHN & DEANNA	XX	68	25	
SAI, PAUL	XX	75	63	
NDREWS, ANDY	XX	94	116	
HEENA BROWN	HO	114	49	
NDY & SARAH BIRCH	HO	121	42	
ATEAUENAU, KATE BRACE, DUST	XX	128	194	
TRAVERSE, SEBASTIAN	HO	144	58	
ROE, JOHN & DEANNA	XX	147	56	
EMAIN, DAN	XX	159	41	



New England, New Jersey, New York



Lancaster
DHIA

JOSH POULIN	JE	159	284
PADDLEBRIDGE HOLSTEINS	HO	161	61
RANDALL FAMILY FARM	HO	172	119
NADEAU, AARON & CHANTALE	HO	182	153

Rutland

WOOD LAWN FARMS, INC.	124 HO	25969	1173	827
MEDALLION JERSEY LLC.	101 JE	17580	903	682
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WOOD LAWN FARMS, INC.	HO	126	124	
MEDALLION JERSEY LLC.	JE	130	101	

Washington

FAIRMONT FARM	1652 HO	29329	1258	975
SETH GARDNER	309 HO	20515	815	642
MOLLY BROOK FARM LLC.	74 JE	15686	745	584
FRANK, MARILYN & KIRT JOHN	64 HO	18382	656	551
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MOLLY BROOK FARM LLC.	JE	111	74	
FAIRMONT FARM	HO	142	1652	
FRANK, MARILYN & KIRT JOHN	HO	143	64	
SETH GARDNER	HO	165	309	
VONTNAPP FARMSTEAD	XX	178	61	

Windham

MARK, SUE, SAM, KELTSEY RU	33 HO	25570	1057	836
VERN-MONT FARM LLC.	568 HO	25315	1118	804
MILLER, PETER	269 HO	26076	1074	798
MARK, SUE, SAM, KELTSEY RU	22 JE	17226	931	652
HAMILTON, JAKE	46 HO	18793	814	606
MALCOLM SUMNER	42 JE	14573	768	511
LILAC RIDGE FARM	39 HO	16337	684	500
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
MILLER, PETER	HO	125	269	
THE CORSE FARM	XX	161	53	
MARK, SUE, SAM, KELTSEY RUSHTO	HO	163	33	
HAMILTON, JAKE	HO	172	46	
VERN-MONT FARM LLC.	HO	172	568	
THE PUTNEY SCHOOL	XX	192	31	

Windsor

LEMAX FARM	102 HO	23957	973	770
RICHARDSON FAMILY FARM	63 JE	17190	972	677
JEFFREY & DAVID TOWNSEN	212 HO	18761	758	592
SPRING BROOK FARM	53 JE	14464	671	511
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
RICHARDSON FAMILY FARM	JE	46	63	
BILLINGS FARM MUSEUM	JE	82	47	
SPRING BROOK FARM	JE	157	53	
JEFFREY & DAVID TOWNSEND	HO	169	212	

MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin

CLESSONS DAIRY	59 HO	26616	1094	830
GUNN, STEVE	50 HO	23914	985	777
DAR-RIDGE FARM	32 HO	23854	1020	765
PURINGTON, ROBERT	34 XX	22325	955	744
HUNT FARM	164 HO	22779	794	698
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
GUNN, STEVE	HO	125	50	
HUNT FARM	HO	150	164	
PURINGTON, ROBERT	XX	159	34	
CLESSONS DAIRY	HO	165	59	

Middlesex

TULLY FARMS, INC.	128 HO	21675	922	699
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HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

TULLY FARMS, INC.	HO	177	128
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Worcester

CATLIN FARMSTEAD	178 HO	25143	1030	812
KARL HEINS	26 HO	17885	743	573
KARL HEINS	61 XX	14904	695	515
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
KARL HEINS	XX	120	61	

RHODE ISLAND

Providence

WRIGHT'S DAIRY FARM	112 HO	29001	1242	975
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WRIGHT'S DAIRY FARM	HO	142	112	

CONNECTICUT

New London

JAKE AUBIN	104 HO	25757	1056	803
VALLEY VIEW DAIRY	126 HO	24507	1043	802
CLARK WOODMANSEE III.	135 HO	24568	1232	793
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
CLARK WOODMANSEE III.	HO	144	135	
VALLEY VIEW DAIRY	HO	185	126	

Windham

SELBUORT VALLEY FARM	71 XX	14914	700	502
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NEW YORK

Allegany

HESS, LESTER E.	64 HO	26438	1081	820
PLOETZ, GARY & PAT	42 HO	24920	978	769
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
PLOETZ, GARY & PAT	HO	130	42	

Broome

WINSOR ACRES	2135 HO	28270	1136	856
SCOTT GLEZEN	2237 HO	25965	1065	832
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
WINSOR ACRES	HO	89	2135	

Cayuga

LEROY & CYNTHIA HORST	123 HO	26502	1031	802
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LEROY & CYNTHIA HORST	HO	52	123	
GLEN MATTHEW HORST	HO	92	60	
MARK & TORI STAUDERMAN	XX	179	32	

Chautauqua

COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	697 HO	27172	1194	903
COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	28 XX	25521	1169	861
FINN STAR FARMS	30 HO	22812	948	711
COUNTRY AYRE FARMS LLC.	67 JE	18624	999	694
PHILIP BECKERINK	71 HO	21230	858	686
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
FINN STAR FARMS	HO	90	30	
PHILIP BECKERINK	HO	124	71	

Chemung

LE-DENN FARM	97 HO	23450	858	732
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
LE-DENN FARM	HO	111	97	

Herkimer

SAMUEL S. KING	72 HO	26809	1012	842
JOHN SAUDER	56 HO	25625	1024	797
JONATHON SHIRK	43 HO	23883	1096	749
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SAMUEL S. KING	HO	191	72	

Montgomery

PETERSHEIM, IVAN & ESTHER	75 HO	22076	876	691
DANIEL B. STOLTZFUS	60 HO	19987	866	629
DELLAVALLE FARM	19 HO	18824	798	611
ABRAM MILLER	47 HO	20528	789	611
DREAMROAD JERSEYS LLC.	70 JE	16567	770	603
SAMUEL L. STOLTZFUS	71 XX	16531	716	538
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
SAMUEL L. STOLTZFUS	XX	167	71	
PETERSHEIM, IVAN & ESTHER	HO	179	75	
DREAMROAD JERSEYS LLC.	JE	193	70	
SAMUEL KING	HO	195	66	

Ontario

LAKE COUNTRY HOLSTEINS	72 HO	32067	1232	1025
NEVIN SENSENIG	61 HO	29135	1232	947
NELSON SENSENIG	52 HO	29655	1176	941
RUEBEN WEAVER	48 HO	27273	1240	911
HARVEY SENSENIG	58 HO	27698	1113	897
LEON NEWSWANGER	57 HO	28211	1137	896
DAVID BURKHOLDER	46 HO	28188	1202	894
STARLIGHT DAIRY	88 HO	25102	1181	851
ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN	166 HO	25069	824	785
CLEARVIEW FARM	63 HO	24274	1003	743
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
HARVEY SENSENIG	HO	56	58	
NEVIN SENSENIG	HO	71	61	
DAVID BURKHOLDER	HO	73	46	
CLEARVIEW FARM	HO	84	63	
STARLIGHT DAIRY	HO	92	88	
LAKE COUNTRY HOLSTEINS	HO	127	72	

ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN	HO	146	166	
RUEBEN WEAVER	HO	172	48	
LEON NEWSWANGER	HO	192	57	
NELSON SENSENIG	HO	193	52	

Otsego

EVAN M. CHARLES	69 HO	25335	1019	825
MARVIN FISHER	59 XX	23709	898	719
MATHEW FISHER	62 HO	22754	989	699
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
NICKOL ORGANIC, E. & J.	XX	93	29	
EVAN M. CHARLES	HO	143	69	

Schoharie

ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	26 HO	24610	888	775
SLATEHILL FARM	115 HO	22508	929	723
ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	10 XX	16401	748	567
ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	33 AY	17542	653	540
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	AY	141	33	
ERIC & TAYLOR BOGARDUS	XX	166	10	
SLATEHILL FARM	HO	181	115	

Schuyler

JAMES HOOVER	59 XX	23022	943	748
MARLIN HOOVER	42 HO	23655	940	738
BROOK'S EDGE DAIRY	76 HO	21368	906	689

Seneca

WINDY HOLLOW FARM	176 HO	25346	1051	799
CLAIR ZIMMERMAN	90 HO	24318	942	734
KEITH MARTIN	72 HO	22413	898	720
DELMAR & DAWN MARTIN	92 HO	22558	903	696
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
DELMAR & DAWN MARTIN	HO	136	92	
CLAIR ZIMMERMAN	HO	157	90	

Steuben

PAUL & KATHIE WHITE	120 HO	27971	1235	880
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HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000

PAUL & KATHIE WHITE	HO	123	120
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Tioga

LAWTON JERSEY FARM	100 JE	21074	1027	751
SHIPMAN, DAVID	228 HO	17953	734	581
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ROGER FORD	XX	161	40	
SHIPMAN, DAVID	HO	197	228	

Tompkins

HOUSTON, MARLIN, JR.	143 HO	20279	790	627
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Wayne

ANTHONY HIGH	136 HO	27523	1173	890
RICHARD HORNING	140 HO	26483	1110	873
DWIGHT SENSENIG	78 HO	24641	964	785
LARRY MARTIN	104 HO	24533	991	759
HERDS WITH A RHA SCC LESS THAN 200,000				
ANTHONY HIGH	HO	91	136	
DWIGHT SENSENIG	HO	141	78	
LARRY MARTIN	HO	162	104	
RICHARD HORNING	HO	165	140	

Yates

NATHANAEAL MARTIN	45 HO	27772	1105	906
MATTHEW ZEISET	60 HO	28958	1190	888
CLARENCE GARMAN	56 HO	27289	1103	887
DAVID MARTIN	50 HO	27177	1100	861
WARREN MARTIN	73 HO	28015	1162	858
MERVIN LEE ZEISET	45 HO	26726	1110	853
DANIEL K. MARTIN	63 HO	27330	1105	851
DAVID HORST	47 HO	26190	1143	847
AMMON REIFF	62 HO	24084	1017	809
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NEIL WEAVER	35 HO	25376	941	774
TOWNRIDGE FARMS LLC.	156 HO	24583	937	770
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LEON WEAVER	58 HO	23011	937	754
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MARTIN FOX	44 XX	16325	745	573
WILMER HORNING	40 HO	18008	694	562
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JOHN BURKHOLDER	HO	84	42	
ROLLEN N'S DAIRY	HO	86	69	
CLEASON MARTIN	XX	89	35	
MATTHEW ZEISET	HO	90	60	
WARREN MARTIN	HO	92	73	
PHILIP MARTIN	HO	106	24	
RICHARD NOLT	JE	109	42	
AMMON REIFF	HO	115	62	
DELMAR BURKHOLDER	HO	119	61	
CLARENCE GARMAN	HO	126	56	
SCENIC RISE DAIRY	HO	127	51	
LEON WEAVER	HO	127	58	
BRANDON HOOVER	HO	127	50	
DUANE MARTIN	HO	138	43	
DAVID HORST	HO	146	47	
NEIL WEAVER	HO	175	35	
ANDREW Z. LEID	HO	186	51	
AARON H. KILMER	HO	199	36	



Lexi Anderson was all smiles and business in the ring at World Dairy Expo, but her mother says their bags are packed in the car awaiting the call for the heart transplant this 12-year-old will need to survive her rare diagnosis. A special yearling will be sold at the All-American Jersey Sale in Louisville on Nov. 9th to benefit the Love for Lexi heart transplant fund.
Photo by Sherry Bunting



Lexi Anderson sits third from left in this photo taken at the Barron County Fair in Rice Lake, Wisconsin on July 19th. With her, seated left to right, are: Darice, Kaity and Tani Riebe, Alleah Anderson and Roger Riebe holding Levi Riebe. Standing, left to right: Mike and Jaime Riebe, Jordyn and Jamie Anderson, Mark and Tanya Riebe and Tamala Anderson.
Photo by Danielle Nauman, Dairy Star

Special yearling in All-American Sale to raise funds

12-year old Jersey enthusiast awaits heart transplant

EDITOR'S NOTE: Two months after last year's shows in Madison and Louisville, Lexi Anderson was diagnosed with a rare condition which requires a heart transplant. Moved by her story, Eric Silva of Sunset Canyon Jerseys, Oregon, has donated a yearling daughter of Sunset Canyon Laspada Karen to the All-American Jersey Sale in Louisville on Nov. 9th. Syndicate

shares are available with all funds donated to the Love for Lexi heart transplant fund. To be part it, contact Eric Silva at sunsetcanyonjerseys@gmail.com or Kristin Paul, AJCA area representative, at (209) 402-5679. For more information on the benefit account set up by friends and family through Cumberland Federal Bank, visit www.loveforlexi.com

By DANIELLE NAUMAN
Updated from Dairy Star

CUMBERLAND, Wis. — Lexi Anderson is a 12-year-old with a heart for cattle and community. Hers is a heart that needs saving. Imagine that one minute, you are sitting in the stands, cheering on your daughter's

basketball team. The next, you are in a doctor's office hearing the unthinkable — your daughter requires a heart transplant. That is the nightmare that Jamie and Tamala Anderson and their daughter, Lexi, are living. Tamala's parents, Roger and Darice Riebe, operate Meadow-Ridge Jerseys near Cumber-

land, Wisconsin, where they milk 100 Registered Jerseys with their sons, Mike and Mark. Although Tamala and Jamie are not directly involved with the day-to-day operations of the farm, they have raised their daughters as a part of the family farm. Lexi has grown up showing Jerseys alongside her sisters and her cousins.

"It started last fall," Tamala said. "I honestly thought she didn't want to play. She would run halfway up the court and stop like she was out of breath. I told her if she didn't want to play, that was fine — just tell me. She told me that she couldn't see, which was why she was stopping."

Thinking that what Lexi was experiencing was perhaps dehydration, the Andersons spoke to her coach and devised a plan for Lexi to leave the game if needed.

"During a game last November, she almost passed out," Anderson said. "We realized something was not right and scheduled an appointment with our primary care physician."

At that appointment, an electrocardiogram showed what was described as a discrepancy between the top and bottom halves of Lexi's heart. An appointment was scheduled for Dec. 15, 2023, with a specialist at Marshfield Medical Center. There the Andersons received the unthinkable news.

"After doing blood work and an echo, the doctor came back in and asked to speak to us privately," Anderson said. "He told us that he didn't even know how to break it to us that Lexi had restrictive cardiomyopathy."

The specialist explained to the Andersons that essentially the muscles in her heart were hardening and, eventually, it would become a solid

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Weed control is timely and effective in the fall

By TOSH RUNG MAZZONE

Franklin County Field and Forage Crops Educator

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. — Forage producers should take advantage of plant life cycles this Fall to most effectively control many types of weeds. A final, timely herbicide application can be very effective as temperatures cool, and days run shorter.

In the Fall, foliar, systemic herbicides are especially effective on perennial and biennial weeds, as herbicides move more readily to plant root systems. This occurs as sugar and carbohydrates are transported down into root systems as plants prepare for winter.

Winter annual weeds such as chickweed, henbit, mare's tail and mustard species are germinating now that soil temperature, day length, angle of the sun and air temperatures are falling. Winter annuals will "bolt" in the Spring and produce a seedhead before dying.

At this time of year these species are easiest to control as plants are physically smaller. If plants are not controlled now, these species will slow photosynthesis and respiration until they ultimately become dormant. Unfortunately, once plants go dormant, herbicide activity, translocation within plants and ultimately control will be reduced or ineffective.

When targeting Winter annual weeds in the Fall, ensure that foliar herbicide applications are targeting plants that are green and actively growing. Applications should be delayed until air temperature is above 40 degrees and soil surface temperatures are above freezing.

Biennial species such as poison hemlock, wild carrot, common teasel and common burdock have a life cycle that occurs over two years, where the seedlings form a rosette in Summer or Fall, overwinter, then flower and produce seed the following year. Biennials are most easily controlled newly emerged or at the rosette stage in the Fall, when root systems are smaller, and plants have less accumulated reserves. Similar to winter annual weeds, target herbicide application to biennial species when air and soil temperatures are above freezing.

Cool-season herbaceous perennial weeds like Canada thistle, buttercup species, quackgrass, wild garlic and dandelion flourish during cool Fall temperatures, remaining in active growth throughout several light frost events. While these species will eventually die back to root systems over Winter, they resprout from root systems the following Spring. The adaptation of these species to tolerate several frost events and continue growth adds several more weeks into the Fall to consider an herbicide application.

On the other hand, some perennial species grow more as warm-season herbaceous perennials — jimsonweed, hemp dogbane, common milkweed, horsenettle and common pokeweed. Generally, warm-season herbaceous perennials may be treated with a systemic herbicide up until a frost occurs provided there is some green leaf tissue remaining. Once nighttime temperatures move towards freezing, these species start to senesce or die back to root systems for the year. You can visually observe this change as leaves die back, turn yellow

or drop to the ground. Certainly, once a frost kills the top growth of these plants back to a root system, foliar herbicide application to warm-season herbaceous perennials will be ineffective.

Woody perennials, such as bush honeysuckle, privet, autumn-olive, multiflora rose and Eastern redcedar may be effectively treated in the fall, provided that plants are actively growing. One advantage to control at this time is that woody perennial shrubs such as bush honeysuckle often retain green leaves longer than other native species, which makes identification easier.

Effective application techniques for woody perennials include foliar systemic herbicide application to green foliage when air temperatures are above freezing. Other application techniques include cut stump



Common pokeweed finds opportunity to thrive in fence lines. Photo by Tosh Rung Mazzone

and basal-bark treatment, which may be utilized throughout the dormant season. However, keep in mind that herbicides begin to break down immediately once applied, so control may be reduced during the dormant season as plant growth, herbicide absorption and translocation is limited during this time.

Pasture owners and forage producers can consult their local Extension office for help in identifying weeds. Refer to the Penn State Agronomy Guide for more information on forage weed control.

When considering pesticide usage, always consult a current herbicide label for safety, use recommendations and restrictions. General pasture and hay management recommendations may be found on the Penn State Extension Website.

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The facial expressions of Ken Raney, long-time executive director of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and his wife, Beth, reveal their admiration for "The Dean of Pedigrees".



In 2013, at the National Holstein Convention in Indianapolis, Horace received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Holstein Association, USA. Pictured with him are, Worden, John Meyer and Glen Brown.

Horace from page 1

It was the evening of the National Dairy Shrine dinner during which Horace was honored as a Pioneer.

I had received a call from Horace about two or three weeks prior to the banquet. "I want to invite you to sit at my table," he said.

Knowing that the typical, round banquet table can accommodate only eight people, I felt very honored by his call. And even more so when the big evening in Madison, Wisconsin, arrived. My one regret is that I failed to videotape him at the podium, humbly accepting the recognition while also delivering some words to live by. His message was comparatively short ... but strong, honest, sincere, and inspiring. Could anyone have ex-

pected anything else from the highly esteemed gentleman from Mexico, N.Y.? I think not.

Horace was a role model for anyone who ever got to shake his hand, heard him speak or observed his class. First class, only and always. Indeed, he was iconic in his own time.

While I do not have a video of him at the NDS dinner in 2016, I do have his entire presentation recorded when he spoke at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's 100th anniversary banquet on March 1, 2013 at the Pittsburgh-Marriott-North in Cranberry Township. But unlike me having a vantage point close to the head table on that evening, I sat in a far corner of the room (because I had walked in late) and got an appreciative crowd on camera too.

Horace had a tremendous following because he was a man

of highest integrity and had an unmatched knowledge of Holstein history, performance and pedigrees. That's how he acquired his well-deserved nicknames: "Mr. Holstein" and "Dean of Pedigrees."

To me personally, and perhaps to many others as well, Horace was also a bit of an entertainer. I had to chuckle every time I heard him shout at a sale: "You're stealing that heifer!" More often than not, the amusing comment nudged another bid or two from the crowd. Horace had style. A very unique and highly respected style.

Horace conducted his last sale in Pennsylvania on October 20, 2016; the Pen-Col Sale, where the picture appearing on page 1 was taken. Note the penetrating warmth and kindness of his eyes and the dignity of his overall appearance which in themselves always carried an inspiring message. Dignity defined the



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from left: Chuck



Horace Backus found a worthy successor in Daniel Brandt of Lebanon County, Pa.

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man wherever he went.

One of Horace's sayings that I can personally identify with is: "They say you are truly blessed if your work is your hobby and your hobby is your work. I have been truly blessed." That is so true!

After his more than 80 years of involvement in the pedigree / sale business, Horace retired after his final sale ... the Cornell University Dairy Science Club's Holstein Harvest Sale held in Ithaca on October 29, 2016.

Both of the above-mentioned sales had countless people approaching the legendary man in the box with catalogs in hand. They all thanked him for his dedication, integrity, kindness and friendship. They wished him well and asked that he sign their sale catalog. Horace always obliged.

Fortunately, Horace left quite a bit behind to remember him by. Aside from signed sale catalogs, he wrote nine books about famous Registered Holstein herds and the people behind them. Indeed, he himself had an unmeasurable influence on the breeding and care of Registered Holsteins. He was a gracious and kind expert in the field like none other.

Calling hours are from 2 - 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 at the Harter Funeral Home in Mexico, N.Y. The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 4361 Church Street, Mexico, NY 13114. Family has asked that in lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Horace Backus Scholarship Fund at Holstein USA. Please note on check for this specific fund.



Bill Peck of Schuylerville, N.Y. stood tall in the Holstein business in his own right, as did so many others of Horace's long list of friends.



Gordon Wood of Mansfield, Pennsylvania is pictured with "Mr. Holstein", as he was introduced on numerous occasions.

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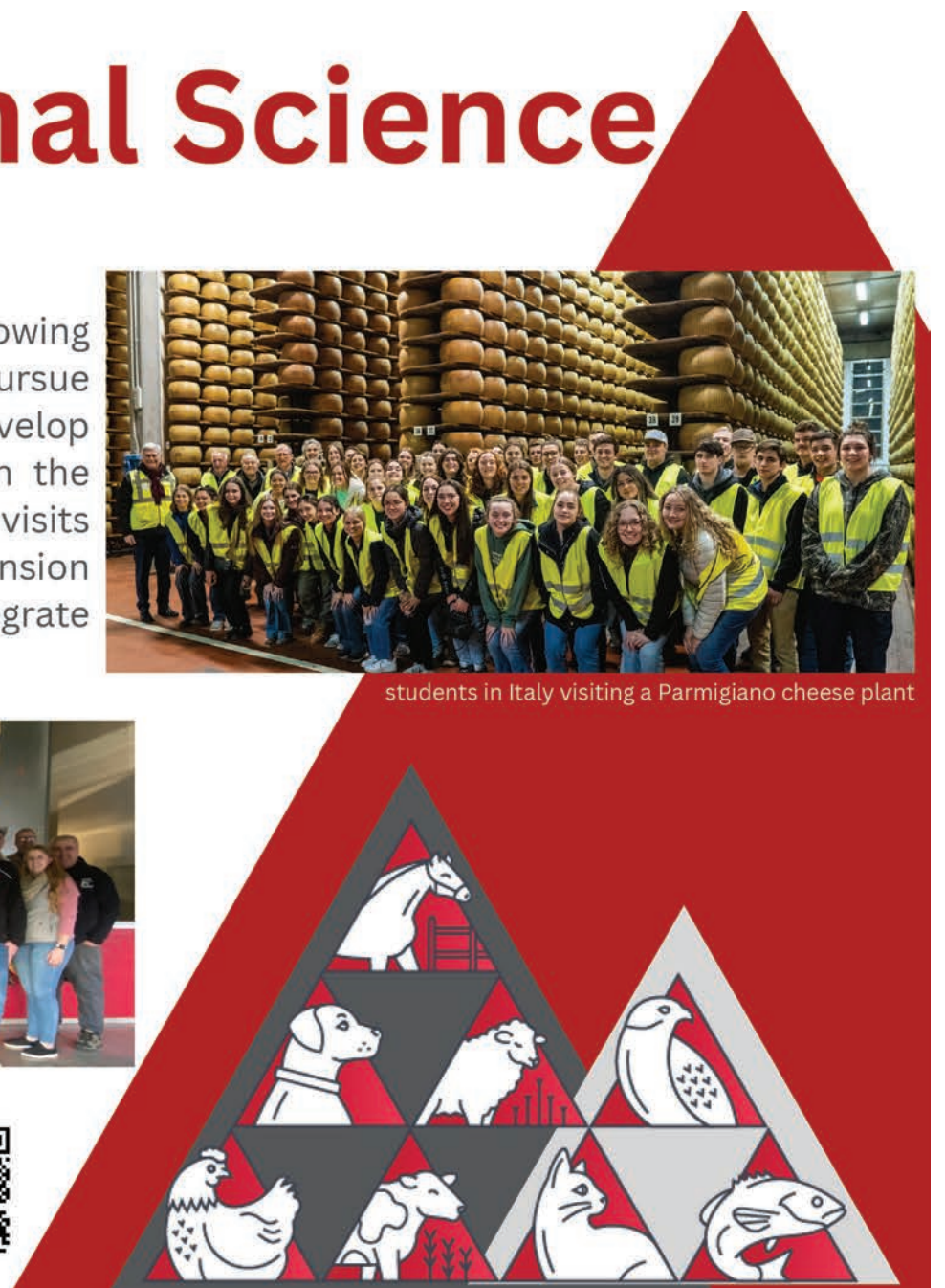
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CoBank predicts top prices

DENVER, Colo. — According to a new quarterly report from CoBank’s Knowledge Exchange, dairy farmers could experience some of the best margins in a decade given the combination of higher milk prices and falling grain costs. In July, milk production margins climbed to \$12.33 per cwt., the highest level since May 2022. Forecasts for the remainder of the year expect margins to improve to nearly \$16 per cwt. Cheese and butter prices have moved higher due to tighter milk supplies.

Meanwhile, fertilizer prices have moderated and ag retailers are anticipating strong farmer spending on inputs this fall. Final 2024 expenses for fertilizer, pesticide, fuel and oil are expected to decline nearly 10% from 2023, mostly due to price reductions. While lower, input costs have not dropped in tandem with crop prices and remain above pre-pandemic levels. Many ag retailers are bolstering their input financing programs as a result.

Despite rising prices, beef demand re-

mained robust throughout the grilling season. Retail prices continued climbing through August, topping more than \$8.60/lb. Price-sensitive consumers found relief in ample retail hamburger promotions. The composition of beef coming to market in 2024 has been more fed cattle, with more steers entering the feedlot than last year. Falling feed prices, a changing mix of cattle and tighter availability is contributing to higher cattle weights.

Food & beverages

National food and beverage brands continue to struggle with lower volume sales. Value is still top of mind for consumers, who are continuing cost-cutting behaviors set during the height of inflation. Grocery price increases have slowed, but a variety of segments are still well ahead of pre-pandemic levels. Retailers’ early start to the holiday shopping season is likely to keep budgets top of mind for consumers. Value menus have led to an uptick in restaurant traffic, but not enough to surpass grocery traffic growth.

ADANE needs director nominations

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — American Dairy Association North East continues to seek independent dairy farmer nominees for its board of directors for 2025. Applications are due by October 31.

To be considered for a board seat, nominees must be an active dairy farmer in the ADA North East service region which includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware or the counties of Loudoun, Fairfax, Arlington and Prince William in Virginia.

“Dairy checkoff is farmer-funded and farmer-directed, and this is an opportunity

for more dairy farmers to provide input on how their investment is being used to sell more milk and build trust in dairy,” said ADA North East CEO John Chrisman.

In accordance with the bylaws of ADA North East, three seats on the board of directors are open to independent producers for 2025. Independent producers are defined as dairy farmers who do not market their milk through a dairy marketing cooperative.

If you wish to be considered for one of these board seats, please complete the online application by visiting AmericanDairy.com > About Us > Board of Directors.

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Draft Advice to the Departments

- Emphasize consumption of vegetables, fruits, legumes (beans, peas, lentils), whole grains, nuts, and fish/seafood.
- Continue to emphasize consumption of low-fat or non-fat dairy and unsaturated fats.
- Limit consumption of red or processed meats, refined grains, foods high in saturated fat, and salty/savory snacks.
- Continue to limit foods high in added sugars, including sweetened beverages and foods.

Chapter 2: Dietary Patterns
2025 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Meeting on Draft Report

One slide of the many related to DGAC recommendations for the 2025-30 Dietary Guidelines. It continues the emphasis consumption of non-fat and low-fat dairy and unsaturated fats and uses diet simulators to help show how to increase nutrient density with more plant-based meal options.

Oct. 21 screenshot from from 2025-30 DGAC virtual meeting

Dietary Guidelines

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along with data analysis, food pattern modeling and other supplemental documents.

USDA and HHS will then open a new public comment period.

In 2025, the secretaries of USDA and HHS (whoever they end up being), along with their joint team, will review the DGAC scientific report and the public comments to develop the actual 2025-30 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Expect these DGAs to continue most negatively impacting America’s schoolchildren and elderly in senior centers where meals must follow them.

However, it will have some impact on all of us if the Departments use the DGAC recommendation to implement food system science at the food supply level. We can already

see what happens to choices for consumers and markets for farmers when the middlemen decide what can be put on grocery store shelves or in the dairy or meat case.

Not only did we not see a serious effort to address the need for more nutrient dense foods in the dietary pattern, the new pattern will double down against saturated fat, along with salt and added sugar, while continuing to search for the missing nutrition profile of its increasingly vegetarian recommendations.

None of this passes the smell test, and likely not the taste test. Kids eat food not data. Nutrients must pass the tongue to reach the belly. Look for more on that in terms of action next week from the Grassroots Pennsylvania Dairy Advisory Committee and 97 Milk.

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SUNY Cobleskill’s dairy judging teams are national calibre

MADISON, Wis. – SUNY Cobleskill, a perennial contender for placing at or very near the top in dairy cattle judging contests, has done it again. They came up short of first place by seven points. Team members were Elizabeth Schieferstine, Allison Gabel, Libby Sutton and Luke Enyart; coached by Carrie Edsall.

Edging the team out of the top spot was the team from Modesto Junior College in California, whose record of victories over the years is impressive to say the least. Their dis-

tinctions this year included top Overall Team, Overall Reasons Team, High Individual, and High Individual Reasons honors. The team consisted of Logan Silveria, Lauryn Young, Jon Chapman, and Teresa Sousa; coached by Nicole Morris.

Top Five Teams – Overall:

1. Modesto Junior College, 2296 points.
2. SUNY Cobleskill, 2289 points.

3. Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI), 2274 points. Team members: Lauren Homan, Christian Martig, Bradley Gotto, Emma Givens; coached by Royce Thornton
4. Michigan State Ag Tech, 2234 points. Team members: Bette Eggnik, Lydia Deters, Lane McDonald; coached by Joe Domecq, Sarah Black and Lynn Olthof.
5. SUNY Morrisville, 2054 points. Team members: Emma Weisbrodt, Charissa Gelser, Matthew Wilson and Chloe Pushlar; coached by Jessica Kennedy

8. Bradley Gotto, Ohio State ATI, 207
9. Lane McDonald, MSU Ag Tech, 206
10. Libby Sutton, SUNY Cobleskill, 206

Top Five Teams – Practical Contest:

1. Ohio State ATI, 605
2. Iowa State University, 587
3. Kansas State University, 578
4. Southwest Technical College No. 2, 552
5. SUNY Cobleskill, 549

Top Five Teams – Linear Contest:

1. Southwest Technical College, 375
2. Modesto Junior College, 360
3. SUNY Cobleskill, 345
4. Ohio State ATI, 335
5. Iowa State University, 305

Top Five Teams – Corrective Mating:

1. Ohio State ATI, 197
2. Iowa State University, 188
3. Kansas State University, 186
4. SUNY Cobleskill, 158
5. Modesto Junior College, 154

Top Five Teams – Grade Class:

1. Ohio State ATI, 100
2. Iowa State University, 100
3. Kansas State University, 100
4. Southwest Technical College #2, 100
5. Modesto Junior College, 100

Top Five Teams – Registered Class:

1. Kansas State University, 200
2. Iowa State University, 197
3. Ohio State ATI, 196
4. SUNY Cobleskill, 191
5. Southwest Technical College, #2, 181

SDSU dairy program has long history

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Enrollment in dairy science at South Dakota State University has more than doubled since 1967 and the Department’s faculty, teaching and research programs have become nationally recognized.

When Dakota Agricultural College was founded in the early 1880s, every farm had a milk cow or two. A farmer could expect about a gallon of milk per day from each cow, and there was usually plenty of milk in the spring but very little during the winter. Fresh milk had to be used within a few hours. Cream skimmed from the top was usually kept in a cave or placed in a bucket and lowered into the farm well to keep it cool. Ice cream was a rare treat, and cheese making was mostly an individual art.

The Dairy Science Department was officially formed in 1907 as the Dairy Husbandry Department. However, instruction and research in dairying were part of the activities of the South Dakota Agricultural College for several years before a Dairy Department was organized. The first dairy courses were taught in 1890, nine years after the territorial legislature passed an act to establish the College and one year after South Dakota became a state. Dairy research became part of the

Agricultural Experiment Station in 1901.

The Dairy Husbandry Department’s name was changed to the Dairy Science Department in 1964. The Department has always maintained research and teaching programs in both dairy foods and dairy production areas. The Department led the United States in research on mechanical milkers while they were in the experimental stage.

The creamery short courses were quite prominent until the early 1950’s. In 1984, the State Dairy Laboratory was moved from Vermillion to Brookings and is housed in the Alfred Dairy Science Hall.

The SDSU Dairy Science Department has been deeply involved in all that has happened in the South Dakota and national dairy industry for decades and many changes, in fact, were initiated by the Department.

In 2015 food science was added as a new major to the Department at the undergraduate and graduate levels and the Department’s name was changed in 2016 to Dairy and Food Science Department. In 2018, the position of department head was endowed through the generous contribution from alumnus, David A. Thompson.



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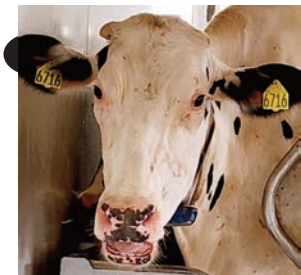
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Potential projects cannot be started prior to January 1, 2025 and have up to two years to be completed. Projects could include technology investments to automate ventilation and cooling systems in housing areas such as temperature-controlled fans, misters, and curtains. Other ideas of projects include activity monitoring system for improved herd health and reproduction; automation in feeding systems to monitor ration ingredients, intakes, and/or inventories; and automation in milking parlor/systems to capture data analytics and improve efficiency. Construction of facilities is not an eligible expense.

Successful farms would be notified of their acceptance into the pre-application period in November but would not know whether the funding is awarded until January 2025 upon announcement of the Pennsylvania Ag Innovation Grant Awardees.

To learn more and submit a pre-application by November 1, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-innovation-grants. Contact Melissa Anderson at 717-788-0296 or manderson@centerfordairyexcellence.org with questions about the program.

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August fluid milk sales up 1.6%

Fluid milk sales were up again for August vs. year ago, according to USDA's Estimated Fluid Milk Product Sales Report, released Oct. 17. Estimated sales at 3.6 billion pounds were up 1.6% year-on-year (YOY). This follows the July YOY increase of 4.3%.

This marks the second consecutive month of YOY gains on a national basis, but even more significant, eight of the past 12 months have recorded fluid milk gains YOY.

The year-to-date (YTD) trend is now 1.2% above year ago as sales of all fluid milk products for the first eight months of 2024 were pegged at 28.3 billion pounds. When adjusted for the extra Leap Year day in February, the YTD sales of fluid milk products are up 0.8% YOY on a rolling daily basis.

The Northeast, which includes eastern Pennsylvania, was up 0.3% YOY in August and up 0.4% YTD Leap Year adjusted.

The Mideast Order, which includes western Pennsylvania, saw YOY increases of 9.8% in August and 12.8% in July, with YTD sales up 3.3% (adjusted for Leap Year)!

YTD gains are also seen in the Florida, Central, Southwest and Arizona Orders, while the Upper Midwest saw a 2.3% YTD decline, and other Orders about broke even with year ago for the first eight months of 2024.

Breaking down the August report, total conventional fluid milk sales gained 1.3% YOY, with organic up 5.5%.

Conventional unflavored whole milk sales were up 1.5% YOY in August, while organic whole milk sales were up 11.1%.

Flavored whole milk sales were down 11.4% for conventional and down 19.7% for organic. It is important to note that these sales rely upon what processors are willing to produce and offer on store shelves, not necessarily reflecting what consumers want to buy. When fewer packages of whole flavored milk are offered, full potential is restrained.

In the 'other fluid milk products' category, August sales were up 54.8% for conventional and 21.4% for organic. Examples of 'other fluid milk products' include value added and ultrafiltered products like fairlife and Lactaid.

Nov. Class I mover slips \$0.64 to \$22.53

The November advance Class I base price mover was announced at \$22.53 on Wed., Oct. 23rd for a loss of 64 cents per hundredweight below October's Class I mover, but up \$2.78 per cwt. above year ago. The cheese market plunged below previous month highs, causing the Class III price to diverge lower than Class IV as the downward price pressure from declining cheese prices was greater than for the lower-trending Class IV butter market. The average-plus-74 cents calculation for the Class I mover was 34 cents per cwt lower than if the previous higher-of method had been used, which would have yielded a Class I mover of \$22.87/cwt.



Milk futures mixed

Milk futures were mixed this week on both Class III and IV contracts, with the bottom line average for the next 12 months slightly lower on Class III and firm on Class IV. On Wed., Oct. 23, the Class III milk futures averaged \$20.05 per hundredweight for the next 12 months (Oct24-Sep25), down 9 cents from the 12-month average a week ago. Class IV futures averaged \$21.25 for the next 12 months, unchanged from the 12-month average a week ago.

Dairy product prices higher, except cheese

Cheddar cheese spot prices turned lower again this week in very light trade after showing signs of firming up last week. Meanwhile, butter, whey and nonfat dry milk (NFDm) prices all moved higher in moderate to brisk trade on the CME daily spot market this week.

On Wed., Oct. 23, the 40-lb block cheddar price traded at \$1.91/lb – down 3 cents from the prior Wednesday with 9 loads trading over 5 sessions. The weighted average for the week was at \$1.92/lb, and the USDA weekly National Dairy Product Sales Report for the week ending Oct. 19 was at \$2.12, with barrel cheese at \$2.16/lb.

Pegged at \$1.9075/lb, the 500-lb barrel cheese price on the CME daily spot market lost 2 pennies. Most of the loss came at midweek with the weighted average for the prior 5-day trading period higher vs. week ago at \$1.9325/lb; 7 loads traded.

Dry whey rallied on the CME spot market, pegged at \$0.6025/lb, up nearly a penny with 15 loads trading. Yet the NDPSR price, used in the pricing formulas sits at \$0.56/lb.

On the Class IV side, spot butter prices firmed up after last week's record trading volume. This week's load count stood at 81, compared with 189 last week, and the price was up 4 cents at \$2.6550/lb. The weekly NDPSR for week ending Oct. 19 was pegged at \$2.64. NFDm saw a big trading volume of 43 loads over 5 days with more than a penny per pound gained at \$1.36/lb and a weighted average for the week close to \$1.37/lb. The weekly NDPSR sat just short of \$1.35/lb.

More GRAS for fake dairy proteins

Fermify, an Austrian precision fermentation biotech company developing fake milk proteins, announced it has obtained self-affirmed Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) status for its precision-fermented casein after conducting a comprehensive safety study, as per FDA requirements, according to Cultivated-X. The company says it has also voluntarily notified the FDA

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of its GRAS conclusion and is now pending a "no questions" letter confirming the status. The GRAS status is for the company's casein generated as excrement of bioengineered microbes in fermentation vats, which is being introduced for animal-free dairy products to the U.S. market, collaborating with dairy processors to test the functionality and sensory properties in various dairy products, including cheese, creams, foams, and drinks, the company says, making sustainability claims vs. animal agriculture. In addition to Fermify of Austria with this casein, other biotech companies have achieved GRAS status for fake dairy proteins in the U.S., including Dermark's 21st. BIO (whey), California's New Culture (casein), Israel's Remilk (whey), and Perfect Day (whey). These companies work directly with the dairy processing sector in a Business to Business (B2B) model instead of Business to Consumer (B2C).

U.S. milk production basically flat in Sept.

September's U.S. milk production grew by virtually nil (0.07%) on a national basis, while the 24-State production was up 0.17% (slightly more than nil) compared with a year ago. The industry reacted to this flat pattern as "unexpected growth." It's interesting that the processing sector and trade publications warn dairy farmers that the beef on dairy trend will hurt their ability to grow into the new processing capacities being built, and yet, when milk production is up by a negligible 0.07% (less than one-tenth of 1%), the dairy product markets react with a decline. Do they want milk? Or don't they? To make more milk, farmers need to make and raise more heifers. Only so much can be done by increasing milk output per cow. In fact, that near zero milk growth nationwide for September is reported from 20,000 fewer milk cows than a year ago.

In the Northeast milkshed, Pennsylvania was up fractionally, New York up 1.2%, and Vermont down 2.5%. In the Southeast, Florida was unchanged, Georgia up 1.3% and Virginia down 5.3%. California is the hot spot for bird flu, which showed up Aug. 30 in the Golden State, so flat production last month is no surprise. Additionally, cow numbers are down 4000 head in the No. 1 dairy state. Meanwhile, many states were gainers in the West, including Colorado, up 1.4%, Idaho up 1.8%, Kansas up 3%, South Dakota up 7.9%, Texas up 4.9%, Utah up 2.4%. Meanwhile Midwestern states declined with Wisconsin down 0.5%, Minnesota down 2%, Iowa down 0.8%, Illinois down 4.4%, Michigan down 0.9%

California is current hotspot for H5N1

As of Oct. 23, 2024, there have been 102 H5N1 detections in dairy cows within the past 30 days, and 100 of them are in California. The other 2 are in Idaho. California saw its first case on Aug. 30th and the most recent detection was Oct. 17.



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block and stop pumping. Furthermore, he told the couple there are no drugs and no treatments for the disease outside of a heart transplant. The Andersons were referred to the hospital Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

"The specialist told us it is so rare, he has never seen a case in his career or treated it," Anderson said. "He said less than 2% - 5% of cardiomyopathy patients develop restrictive, and they are usually adults."

Lexi's cardiomyopathy has a genetic component, but doctors do not know how she developed restrictive.

"Normally restrictive comes from something like chemotherapy or having too much iron or protein build-up in the heart," Anderson said. "Lexi's tests show the right amount of protein and iron. We literally drew the short straw in the lottery with this."

The disease has progressed rapidly. Lexi must be within six hours of the Milwaukee hospital at all times, in the event a heart becomes available.

"She's been getting sick at nights; the weather has been hard on her," Anderson said. "She can't eat full meals because she gets sick, she has to eat lots of small meals. They are concerned about her weight dropping. That can mean the heart failure is progressing faster."

Despite the gravity of her situation, the Andersons are trying to figure out how to walk the thin line between protecting their daughter and allowing her to be a kid. She started 6th grade this fall.

"Not being able to play sports or take part in gym is driving her insane," Tamala said.

Lexi was able to take part in showing both dairy and sheep at the Barron County Fair over the summer. Her cousins were on standby to take over in the show ring if the exertion became too much. The Andersons hoped Lexi could show at World Dairy Expo, with the same precautions, and she did. In fact, she showed several heifers and cows in the International Jersey Show Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. She says one of her favorite parts of being in the ring was seeing her cousin's homebred winter yearling named junior champion of the Junior show.

Since her diagnosis last winter, Lexi and her family have felt the love of the local and now broader dairy community.

This summer at the Barron County Fair, when Lexi's market lamb failed to make the fair's livestock auction, fellow 4-H student Holly Hargrave stepped up, donating the proceeds from her lamb to her friend. The lamb had sold for more than \$27,000. To raise that amount, it was sold four times, first to J&A Northwest Construction who donated it back, and then to three others who did the same: local dairyman Bob Lentz, Two Rivers Accounting LLC and local veterinarian Dr. Don Peterson.

A similar special sale event is planned by Oregon Jersey breeder Eric Silva for the All-American Jersey Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville.

Meanwhile, Lexi is listed as 1B on the transplant list and will move to a 1A status when she is admitted to the hospital, which could be at any moment.

"She is O-positive, so it has to be an O blood-type heart, and, because of her size, it has to be a heart from a child aged 5-10," Anderson said. "One day she asked me who would just

give her their heart. We had to have the talk about how a heart would become available."

That talk hit close to home for both Lexi and her mother. Lexi's older sister, Emma, was killed in an all-terrain vehicle accident Aug. 27, 2020.

"She asked me if Emma's heart had been donated," Tamala said. "I told her we had allowed them to take whatever organs could be used to save another child."

While the Andersons have had to be strong in the face of

everything Lexi is up against, inside she is struggling, Tamala admitted. She was emotional as she talked about what she is facing.

"Honestly, I pray to God every day — you already needed to take one of my kids, please don't take another because I won't be able to handle that," she said. "I have to be strong right now, but if something happens ... I have to believe it won't. They said they are going to find something for Lexi. They never have not found anything."

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