

# ALABAMA DAIRY NEWSLETTER

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This issue of the Alabama Dairy Newsletter contains ADHIA summary information for May 2009. Enclosed are several dates of importance and Boyd's Bullets.

## 2009 & 2010 Dates to Remember

- June 12, 2009: Efficiency Award Applications Due to Boyd
- June 15, 2009: Winning County Posters for Senior & Juniors Due In
- September 27, 2009: 4-H National Dairy Conference, Madison, Wisconsin - Leave Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> and Return Thursday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
- October 1, 2009: Lease Forms For Animals To Be Shown At The Alabama National Fair
- October 1, 2009: Entry Forms For The Alabama National Fair Show
- October 10, 2009: Fayette District Dairy Show-Fayette, AL
- October 11, 2009: Montgomery District Dairy Show – Montgomery, AL
- October 11-13, 2009: Alabama National Fair Dairy Show- Montgomery, AL
- November 2, 2009: Quiz Bowl Louisville KY - Leave Friday Nov 7 & Return Sunday Nov. 9, The Contest Is Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>
- November 3, 2009: Dairy Judging Louisville KY - Leave Saturday Nov 8 & Return Monday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Contest Is Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>
- March 6, 2010: State Dairy Judging Workshop – Wedowee, AL
- March 17, 2010: Entry Forms From State Judging Teams
- March 20, 2010: State Dairy Judging Contest – Shorter, AL
- March 20, 2010: State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest – Shorter, AL

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Respectfully,

Boyd Brady, Extension Dairy Specialist

ALABAMA'S TEN HIGH HERDS FOR MILK,FAT & PROTEIN IN **MAY 2009**  
 OFFICIAL 305 DAY DHIA HERDS PROCESSED BETWEEN 5-1-09 AND 5-31-09

All Cows

| Name   | City         | Breed | No. Cows | %in Milk | Ave. Daily Milk | Fat  | Protein |
|--|--------------|-------|----------|----------|-----------------|------|---------|
|  |              |       |          |          | <b>**</b>       |      |         |
| <b>MILK</b>                                    |              |       |          |          |                 |      |         |
| E V SMITH CENTER                               | SHORTER      | H     | 85       | 95       | 66.9            | 2.12 | 1.92    |
| WHITT DAIRY                                    | ARDMORE      | H     | 116      | 89       | 63.3            | 1.98 | 1.88    |
| CHARLES EICHER                                 | NEWBERN      | H     | 75       | 96       | 62.1            | 1.96 | 1.64    |
| BENNEY JOE BROWN                               | SOUTHSIDE    | H     | 73       | 95       | 59.4            | 1.74 | 1.71    |
| PAYTON FARMS                                   | COLLINSVILLE | H     | 93       | 92       | 57.1            | 1.59 | 1.67    |
| RONNIE SMITH                                   | CULLMAN      | H     | 145      | 90       | 56.5            | 2.17 | 1.71    |
| TRAYLOR DAIRY                                  | WEDOWEE      | X     | 216      | 86       | 52.5            | 1.20 | 1.58    |
| DAVID/WILL GILMER                              | SULLIGENT    | H     | 233      | 90       | 51.8            | 1.67 | 1.47    |
| BOBBY SPENCER                                  | VERNON       | J     | 54       | 100      | 50.5            | 2.60 | 1.78    |
| J BOYD SIGAFOOSE                               | CENTURY      | B     | 87       | 87       | 49.3            | 1.95 | 1.62    |
| Average of Ten High Herds This Month           |              |       |          |          |                 |      |         |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Month           |              |       |          |          | 60.7            |      |         |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month |              |       |          |          | 53.6            |      |         |

**FAT**

|  |           |   |     |     |           |      |      |
|--|-----------|---|-----|-----|-----------|------|------|
|  |           |   |     |     | <b>**</b> |      |      |
| BOBBY SPENCER                                  | VERNON    | J | 54  | 100 | 50.5      | 2.60 | 1.78 |
| RONNIE SMITH                                   | CULLMAN   | H | 145 | 90  | 56.5      | 2.17 | 1.71 |
| E V SMITH CENTER                               | SHORTER   | J | 63  | 100 | 45.6      | 2.14 | 1.57 |
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| CEDARCREST NO. 2                               | FAUNSDALE | J | 507 | 81  | 39.7      | 1.71 | 1.46 |
| CEDARCREST NO. 1                               | FAUNSDALE | J | 692 | 82  | 35.3      | 1.68 | 1.30 |
| Average of Ten High Herds This Month           |           |   |     |     | 2.00      |      |      |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Month           |           |   |     |     | 2.14      |      |      |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month |           |   |     |     | 1.92      |      |      |

**PROTEIN**

|  |              |   |     |     |           |      |      |
|--|--------------|---|-----|-----|-----------|------|------|
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| Average of Ten High Herds This Month           |              |   |     |     | 1.71      |      |      |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Month           |              |   |     |     | 1.84      |      |      |
| Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month |              |   |     |     | 1.65      |      |      |

## ***Boyd's Bullets June 2009***

Info derived from Dairy Alert

### **\* Milk Prices Protested by Dairy Producers**

MANCHESTER - About 150 people, most of them dairy producers, gathered Saturday at the Manchester Livestock Auction building to protest current milk prices, which has declined 45 percent over the past five months.

On hand were area and regional dairy producers and suppliers, as well as producers from New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Illinois, and representatives of national and state agriculture organizations.

Event organizer Jerry Harvey, of Russell, in Lucas County, said he is not a politically oriented person. "I am a frustrated farmer, like most of the other guys out here," he said. Harvey said that most independent dairymen have been borrowing \$4,000 to \$5,000 monthly to cover operating costs.

"We did that just until this thing turns around," he said. "But it's not turning around. It keeps going on. All of us have cut back on feed, which lowers our production, and we've culled our low producers. We are told to keep cutting production, but that's hard to do when your income

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10o4x,2ycc,fsm5,heru,g3uw,9920> }

### **\* Class I Reverses Course**

Dairy producers can expect a Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) payment for eligible milk produced in June. On Friday, the USDA announced the Class I base price for June will be \$10.08 — a loss of 89 cents from May.

The June Class I price also is down nearly 45 percent from a year ago when it was \$18.18.

The low June Class I price triggers a MILC payment of about \$1.62, before any feed-cost adjustment by the USDA.

*Source: USDA*

### **\*Most of This Year's Corn Crop is in the Ground**

According to today's "Crop Progress" report, 97 percent of the corn crop across the 18 states monitored by the USDA had been planted as of Sunday.

The eastern Corn Belt, which has lagged behind, made more progress this past week.

In Illinois, 93 percent of the corn crop was sown as of Sunday, which is progress compared to the previous week when 82 percent of the crop had been planted. However, it is still down from the previous five-year average of 99 percent.

In Indiana, 90 percent of the corn crop had been planted, which is up from 78 percent the previous week.

Of the corn fields planted across the top 18 corn-growing states, 69 percent are rated in "good" to "excellent" condition, according to the report.

Meanwhile, soybean planting is sluggish compared to the previous five-year average across many of the top 18 soybean-growing states. Less than a handful of states are ahead of average so far. As of Sunday, 99 percent of the crop was in the ground in Nebraska. That compares to the five-year average of 93 percent. In South Dakota, 88 percent of soybeans were planted, compared to the previous five-year average of 84 percent.

*Source: USDA*

### **Dairy-cow Slaughter Pulled Back Substantially in April**

According to today's "Livestock Slaughter" report from the USDA, 215,000 dairy cows went to slaughter in April. That is down 4,000 head, or 1.8 percent, versus a year ago.

In comparison, year-over-year slaughter activity was up 23,000 head in March, 29,000 head in February and 45,000 head in January.

On a month-to-month basis, April slaughter was down 23,000 head versus March.

This slowdown could reverse shortly as nearly 103,000 cows are poised to move out through the latest Cooperatives Working Together herd-retirement initiative.

*Source: USDA*