

ALABAMA DAIRY NEWSLETTER

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This issue of the Alabama Dairy Newsletter contains ADHIA summary information for April 2009. Enclosed are several dates of importance and Boyd's Bullets. The Dairy Field Day on April 28, 2009 at the E.V. Smith Dairy Unit in Shorter, AL was a huge success with 25 different dairy farms represented. *The program had outstanding speakers and thank you to all that attended. We especially would like to thank our sponsors, they are list in this newsletter.*

2009 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 27th and Return Thursday Oct 1st.
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 8th
November 3, 2009: Dairy Judging Louisville KY - Leave Saturday Nov 8 & Return Monday,
Nov 10th Contest Is Sunday, Nov 9th

For More Info: www.ag.auburn.edu/~bbrady

Respectfully,

Boyd Brady, Extension Dairy Specialist

ALABAMA'S TEN HIGH HERDS FOR MILK,FAT & PROTEIN IN **APRIL 2009**
 OFFICIAL 305 DAY DHIA HERDS PROCESSED BETWEEN 4-1-09 AND 4-30-09

All Cows

Name	City	Breed	No. Cows	%in Milk	Ave. Daily Milk	Fat	Protein
						MILK	
						**	
E V SMITH DAIRY	SHORTER	H	86	94	71.6	2.55	2.13
BENNEY JOE BROWN	SOUTHSIDE	H	73	95	67.1	1.82	1.95
MIKE RYAN	COTTONDALE	H	134	94	65.3	1.82	1.91
CHARLES EICHER	NEWBERN	H	79	96	63.3	2.09	1.79
MIDDLETON BROS	MOBILE	H	248	95	60.3	2.00	1.90
RONNIE SMITH	CULLMAN	H	147	87	58.3	2.16	1.77
DAVID/WILL GILMER	SULLIGENT	H	234	91	57.1	1.73	1.62
PAUL JENNINGS	CENTRE	H	43	100	56.7	1.59	1.68
BOBBY SPENCER	VERNON	J	64	100	53.9	2.43	1.91
PAYTON FARMS	COLLINSVILLE	H	93	92	53.8	1.60	1.53
Average of Ten High Herds This Month						60.7	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Month						60.9	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month						65.4	

FAT

						**	
E V SMITH DAIRY	SHORTER	H	86	94	71.6	2.55	2.13
BOBBY SPENCER	VERNON	J	64	100	53.9	2.43	1.91
E V SMITH DAIRY	SHORTER	J	65	97	45.5	2.26	1.60
RONNIE SMITH	CULLMAN	H	147	87	58.3	2.16	1.77
J BOYD SIGAFOOSE	CENTURY	B	89	85	53.5	2.10	1.77
CHARLES EICHER	NEWBERN	H	79	96	63.3	2.09	1.79
WADE HEATHERLY	BAILEYTON	X	70	87	45.9	2.06	1.41
MIDDLETON BROS	MOBILE	H	248	95	60.3	2.00	1.90
DAVID WRIGHT	ALEXANDRIA	X	89	72	47.4	1.94	1.51
SOUTHWIND DAIRY	ANDALUSIA	H	343	89	47.4	1.84	1.52
Average of Ten High Herds This Month						2.14	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Month						2.13	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month						2.17	

PROTEIN

						**	
E V SMITH DAIRY	SHORTER	H	86	94	71.6	2.55	2.13
BENNEY JOE BROWN	SOUTHSIDE	H	73	95	67.1	1.82	1.95
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Average of Ten High Herds This Month						1.84	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Month						1.88	
Average of Ten High Herds Last Year This Month						1.97	

Boyd's Bullets May 2009

Info derived from Dairy Alert

*CWT to remove more than 100,000 cows

The dairy industry's self-help program, Cooperatives Working Together (CWT), announced today that it has tentatively accepted 388 bids representing 102,898 cows and 2 billion pounds of milk production capacity. CWT officials will now begin the task of culling or "retiring" that many cows from the nation's dairy herd. (

<http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10d60,2ycc,74kj,3xqo,634b,837b>) Full story.

* Handcuffs: Another sad reminder of low milk prices

Some dairy producers are going out of business; others are experiencing stress and even depression. Now, a Vermont producer has been handcuffed and cited for allegedly bouncing checks.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10cfa,2ycc,ggcq,4bla,g3uw,9920> }

* Water crisis threatens dairy feed supply

The water crisis in California that has left thousands unemployed is having a direct impact on the dairy industry. Feed availability could be nonexistent by this fall.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10cfa,2ycc,6s2u,lja8,g3uw,9920> }

* Animal ID will cost a pretty penny

New report says it will cost the livestock industry millions for ID tags under a full implementation of a National Animal ID System. It could cost a 400-cow dairy a little more than \$4 per cow per year (if the farm is currently not tagging). But failure to adopt NAIS may cost the industry billions in lost export market access.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10cfa,2ycc,ej4q,c4b,g3uw,9920> }

* Large milk processor sold

A large milk-processing company, National Dairy, has been sold to a Mexican firm.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10cfa,2ycc,1z29,fy6m,g3uw,9920> }

* Cheese prices hit a sour note

Cheese prices are singing the blues again. Prices are at or below support.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,10cfa,2ycc,4jaj,d16j,g3uw,9920> }

* Use this cheese instead of bread

People who eat a gluten-free diet because they suffer from celiac disease may find a new friend in this cheese.

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

* Production actually drops

Milk output dropped 0.2 percent last month the first drop in almost five years in the month of March.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,100fu,2ycc,kabt,2mgv,634b,837b> }

* Milk with attitude

Two new functional milk drinks will have consumers thinking milk is hip.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,100fu,2ycc,5z72,hgj,634b,837b> }

* Class I grasps at \$11

The May Class I price is just 3 cents shy of \$11.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,100fu,2ycc,4ml6,kwv0,634b,837b> }

* Knee-jerk reaction against rbST?

A new report suggests that the processors who opted for recombinant bovine somatotropin (rbST)-free milk did so more on emotion than a clear analytical assessment.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,100fu,2ycc,4fii,ln3z,634b,837b> }

* China's dairy industry seeks bailout

The Chinese dairy industry, still reeling from the melamine scandal that broke last September, is seeking a government bailout.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,zxeu,2ycc,1tzc,bjwg,g3uw,9920> }

* Drink more milk

February fluid-milk sales fell 2.5 percent shy of year-ago levels.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,zxeu,2ycc,kq69,jul2,g3uw,9920> }

* Processors bullish long-term

A recent survey of Wisconsin milk processors indicates that four out of five will expand in the next five years.

Full story { <http://www.elabs3.com/ct.html?rtr=on&s=ikv,zxeu,2ycc,cm9j,ks1y,g3uw,9920> }

ALABAMA DAIRY FIELD DAY 2009

EV Smith Dairy Unit, Shorter, AL

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Alabama Farmers Federation, Laird Cole/Guy Hall, 334-612-5181

Dairy Farmers of America, Jerry Adams:334-657-6350;

Rodney Ervin:985-839-4481

Southern Silage Company, Jim Waite, 334-222-7957

Silver: Sponsorship of \$200.00 - \$299.99

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