

# REDUCING YOUR SCC CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

Knocking down somatic cell counts can earn bonuses for many dairymen and with the new regulations starting in July could be trouble for some. Don't let quality premiums slip away by ignoring little things. You can improve your cash flow by harvesting the quality premiums.

On the Pennsylvania DHIA report, cows are ranked from highest to lowest. Any cow showing up on the top of the list could be milk last. That way you don't take any risk of infections down the line to other cows.

If you do have high cows there are follow up procedures to specifically identify the problem.

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Efforts to keep the SCC low can start before you DHIA sample are taken and the cows are milked. By making sure your cows aren't dirty. Environmental practices can also help to eliminate problems before they get started such as clean cows, clean dry bedding. Proper disposal of manure instead of letting it accumulate.

With cows in a clean, dry environment and also the most importantly the milking time sanitation. Cows should be washed with disinfectant and water with one disposable pa-

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#### WHẤT CAN YOU SAVE BY REDUCING YOUR SCC?? reduced by 1/2 reduced by 1/4

No. of Cows	lb milk/day	lb milk day
10	15	30
20	30	60
30	45	90
40	60	120
50	75	150
60	90	180
70	105	210
80	120	240
90	135	270
100	150	300

## YOUR HERD X 1.5 X 365 X S → 100 = 5

+ 100 = 5milk price/cwt

### Average Production by SCC Code (raw data, PA DHIA, 1985)

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	avg test	% cows	
code	day milk	involved	
0	60.8	4.6	
1	57.5	11.0	
2	54.6	18.0	
3	51.2	21.0	

47.2 11.0 47.5 7.6 47.3 4.4 78 45.4 2.0 40.1 0.6 SCC milk less/day SCC range mi code per cow per day (thousands) N no sample 0 0-17 1 18-35 36-70 1.5 lb 3 71-141 3.0 lb 142-282 5 4.5 lb 283-565 6.0 lb 566-1130 7.5 lb 1131-2261 8 9.0 lb 2262-4523 10.5 lb over 4523

48.2

17.0

\*Trends of SCC codes for each cow and for the herd can be monitored through use of ARIS services, or summary sheets available through your DHIA supervisor or the state extension dairyman.

\*The SCC on the DHIA report does not indicate which quarters are infected. Usually only one or two quarters are involved. Infected quarters should be identified by the California Mastitis Test.

\*For every cow with an SCC score of 7, it takes 16 or more cows with a score of 3 to lower the herd average cell count to score 4.

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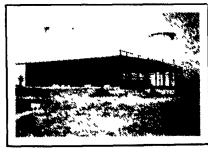
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