DHI-Provo Develops

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The feeding program for the milking herd may have to be revised.

The udder health portion of the report indicates that there is no serious problem with the somatic cell count level in the herd. The percent of cows in the low somatic cell count group is higher than the state or regional average.

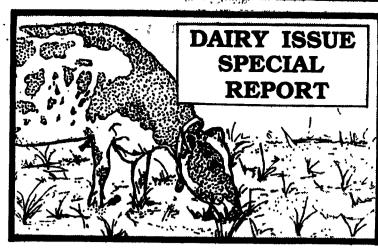
In evaluating the reproductive performance, it appears the cows are being bred early, however, the percent first service pregnancy reate is low and the service per conception is higher than the state and regional average.

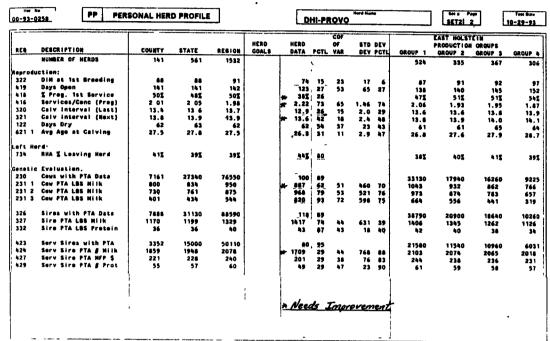
Also, the last calving interval was 12.9 months for all cows in the herd and the next calving interval for all pregnant cows in the herd is projected to be 13.6 months. Therefore, it appears that a breeding problem has occured in the herd and some changes may be necessary to correct the situation.

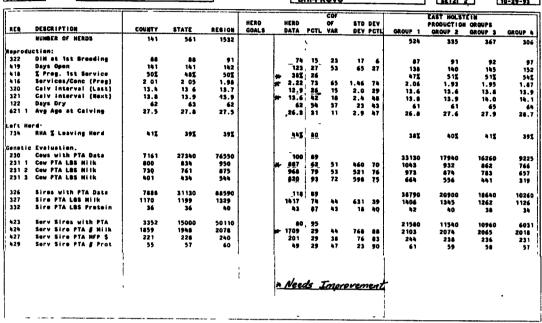
The genetic information for the herd shows that the Predicted Transmitting Ability (PTA) for pounds of milk is low in the first lactation cows when compared to the state and regional average. The PTA for milk for the sires of the cows appears to be satistfactory. The service sires that are being selected appear to be below the state and regional average.

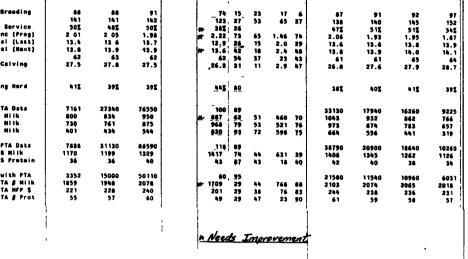
Since there is reasonably priced semen from high quality bulls for production and phsical type traits, this average could easily be raised.

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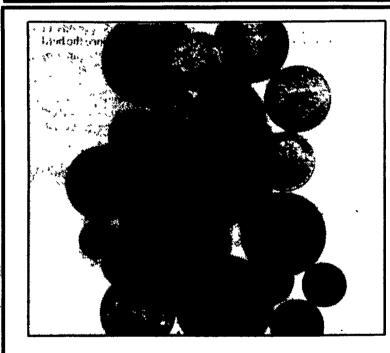
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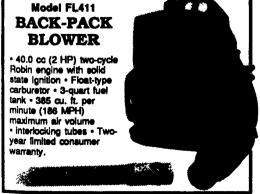
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