Northeast DHIA Recognizes Quality Award Winners

ITHACA, N.Y. — Each year through the Somatic Cell Program, Northeast DHIA recognizes members who have achieved an

average somatic cell count or 175,000 cells or less with the Outstanding Quality Milk Award. Somatic cells are white blood

mally found in milk. However, the healthier your herd's udders are, the lower you count will be. When the somatic cell count is high. it usually means infection is being fought in the udder. Infection gets in the udder through the teat end.

Achieving and maintaining a low somatic cell count is the result

cells and milk secreting cells nor-

of excellent cow management, careful milking procedures, and good milking equipment maintenance. Out of the approximate 4,200 members that Northeast DHIA serves, 496 were honored with this award. Not only are these winners producing healthy herds, and increasing their milk production, but they are setting a stand-

ard for the entire dairy industry. Milk with a lower somatic cell count has a longer shelf life, and results in higher yields of cultured products.

The 496 winners of this distinguished award have overcome some great hurdles, and are striving for excellence in what can sometimes seem like a thankless job. Northeast DHIA applauds them, their commitment and their success.

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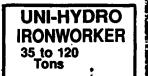
EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) --- PennAg Industries Association has announced that its annual grain meeting will be held Monday, June 19 at the Eden Resort in Lancaster.

Featured speaker at this dinner meeting will be Dr. Ron Hanson. Hanson is professor of farm management and ag finance in the Department of Ag Economics and director of the agribusiness program for the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska. The University of Nebraska board of regents recently appointed Hanson to an endowed chair as the Harlan distinguished professor of agribusiness for the College of Agriculture.

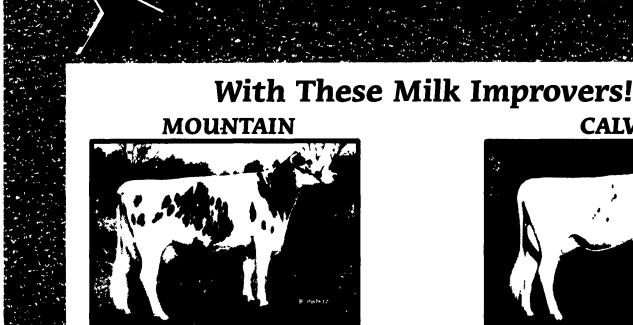
Raised on a grain and livestock family farm in northwestern Illinois, he earned his bachelor's degree in ag economics from Western Illinois University. Hanson then completed his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois.

Hanson's presentation is entitled "Avoiding the Common Mistakes That Often Cause Family Busines Conflicts." He will share several ideas on what to do and what not to do to help family members better understand and work with each other. Ideas for strategies on how to avoid the common mistakes of a stressful family situation and how to resolve potential conflicts in family working relationships will also be discussed.

Cost for this meeting is \$30 for PennAg members and \$50 for nonmembers.



For more information, call PennAg at (717) 733-2238.



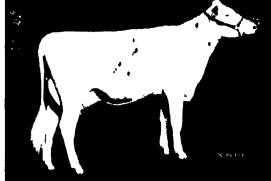
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