

# Lowest SCC Crawford DHIA Herds For February

The lowest rolling SCC herds in Crawford DHIA as of the month of February are as follows:

NAME	TOWN	BRD	RHA SCC	NO. COWS
GERALD R DONOVAN	TITUSVILLE	H	91	36
EVERETT BRADLEY	CENTREVILLE	H	99	30
RANDY WHITMAN	COCHRANTON	H	136	96
SHANNON BRENDA IRWIN	CENTREVILLE	H	140	50
ALBERT BRENNER	SPARTANSBURG	H	143	97
RON&JANET TROYER	CENTREVILLE	H	145	79
KENNETH & JUDY MOOK	SARGERTOWN	H	150	15
BRYAN R MC CURDY	COCHRANTON	H	155	31
DONALD I BAYON	ADAMSVILLE	H	155	53
GARRY WAGNER	COCHRANTON	H	161	36
GARYKAREN FREYERMUTH	COCHRANTON	H	164	34
DENNIS B HALFAST	CENTREVILLE	H	167	47
STANHOPE FARMS	ESPTVILLE	H	168	48

DAN A YODER
D J OPEN ACRES
RICHARD G PUGAN
JAMES + JANET HUNTER
LESTER R MAST
ALAN TRAVIS
BLY VALLEY FARMS
WILLIAM GINGERICH
DANA H MARTIN
DEAN HORNE
RICHARD+CINDY PORTER
MARSHALL LIVINGSTON
RAYMOND A HOLABAUGH
NICKERSON FARM 2
ANDY GINGERICH
LAST STOP FARM
EARL & LISA HAMILTON
RONALD KALINOWSKI
RYND HOME FARMS

COCHRANTON	H	176	49
LINESVILLE	H	180	59
COCHRANTON	H	181	38
MEADVILLE	H	183	75
JANESTOWN	H	188	30
TITUSVILLE	H	195	87
TITUSVILLE	H	197	24
GUY'S MILLS	H	200	27
SPARTANSBURG	H	202	44
ATLANTIC	J	203	30
MEADVILLE	H	204	31
JANESTOWN	X	204	16
MEADVILLE	H	207	58
CORRY	H	210	361
COCHRANTON	H	211	39
LINESVILLE	H	211	20
SPRINGBORO	H	213	62
COCHRANTON	H	216	50
COCHRANTON	H	220	104

NOAH WENGERD JR
EVERETT & GAIL REYNOLDS
WIL-AIRE FARM
MATTHEW PETERSHEIM
DOUG & DEBRA FIBLY
QUEENS MANOR HOLST
MARK + CHRIS CORNELL
RICHARD L BLACK
STANLEY BRADSHAW
ALLEN FARMS
DAVID YARNELL
SELDOWNEST F FARM
SPRUCE ROW FARMS
ROGER & KIM EVANS
BRUCE DYBERT
BYLER BROTHERS FARM
TOM & LIBBY WILSON
JAMES R DAVIS

MEADVILLE	H	220	40
PITTSFIELD	H	220	70
SARGERTOWN	H	230	69
TOWNVILLE	H	230	42
SPRINGBORO	H	235	26
JANESTOWN	H	237	14
CENTREVILLE	H	240	35
SARGERTOWN	H	242	71
MEADVILLE	H	242	54
CONNAUT LAKE	X	244	118
COCHRANTON	H	245	36
GUY'S MILLS	X	251	51
MEADVILLE	J	252	130
SARGERTOWN	H	255	22
ATLANTIC	H	257	25
SPARTANSBURG	H	258	121
SARGERTOWN	H	260	92
SPARTANSBURG	H	261	45

## Manage The Unpredictable By Managing Risk

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Since no one can predict the weather, industry experts advise farmers not to depend on one hybrid to cover the unexpected during the growing season.

Instead, farmers should manage their risk by selecting the best

package of hybrids with a diverse set of genetics for their operation.

Ray Riley, northcentral Corn Belt research director for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., said growers need to analyze multiyear and regional information before selecting a package of corn hy-

brids.

"For example, since 1995 conditions varied greatly, farmers will want to look at several years' worth of data on the top hybrids to see how they perform over a wide range of environments in various conditions," Riley said.

Each hybrid has its strengths and weaknesses. Farmers need to consider soil-types, disease, or insect problems and other conditions specific for each field.

"Disease and pest pressures differ from one field to the next," said Dr. Bill Dolezal, a plant pathologist with Pioneer. "That's why Pioneer recommends planting a package of hybrids. It's critical to plant a hybrid that has the traits that fit the agronomic pressures specific to that field. Very rarely will growing stresses and field conditions be the same for all of a grower's acreage."

Walker Kirby, a University of Illinois Cooperative Extension pathologist, said farmers should not toss out a hybrid for next year just because they had problems with it this season.

"Growing conditions were so unusual in 1995 and had such a huge effect on yields. I doubt whether growers will see similar

results next year with these same hybrids."

Choosing a perfect mix of hybrids is made easier with the volumes of information now available about each hybrid. Each year Pioneer conducts thousands of side-by-side comparisons to provide more information for customers.

"We know the expected performance of a hybrid across a range of environments and over a series

of years because of our extensive on-farm testing," said Riley.

The company's information management system enables performance data to quickly be translated into data farmers and seed professionals can use for decision making. Farmers can work with their seed sales representative to examine a hybrid's performance over time and across geographic locations to see if it is a good match for their farms.

## Mifflin County Holstein Club Meets

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Mifflin County Holstein Club on its successful summer sale.

In other action, Michael Ammon, club president was in charge of the meeting while Darwin Yoder presented the minutes of the 1995 meeting and gave the treasurer's report.

Also speaking was county Dairy Princess Diane Yoder.

Guest speaker Jones gave an informative talk and presented a glimpse of the ups and downs of managing a 600-cow dairy operation, run by a family corporation that includes Sean, two brothers and their parents. Ten months prior the family had moved their 400-cow herd from New Jersey to Maryland, expanding in the process.

"We set goals for the various parts of the operation," he said. "Our cows are milking 77 pounds now. Our goal is 80. Right now our max cell count is 200,000. Our goal is 150,000. Our herd average of 250,000 on 400 head has dropped since the expansion."

Jones also said their goal for number of cows is 1,200. Jones' father, a milking equipment dealer, designed the double-12 parlor for one-man milking. The operation milks three times per day at a rate of 80 cows per hour.

He also covered herd health, manure management, reproduction, and the use of a computerized identification system. He also said their farm has more cows than their town has people.

## Tractor, Machinery Certification Course Set

COAL TOWNSHIP (Northumberland Co.) — Any boy or girl 14 or 15 years of age who is planning to work off their family-owned farm must successfully complete a tractor certification course to legally work for someone other than on their own family farm. Thirteen-year-olds may take the course and test but will not receive a certificate until they reach 14.

A certification course is planned for the multicounty area (including Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Un-

ion) to begin at 6 p.m. on March 19 at Deerfield Ag and Turf just off the Watsonstown Exit of I-180. The course will continue for seven or eight weeks.

Videos, hands on, and practical driving experiences will be featured. Vernon Brose, retired Northumberland extension agent, will teach the course.

Please call your local Penn State cooperative extension office to register as soon as possible (there may be a \$5 fee for course materials).

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