Lowest SCC Crawford DHIA Herds For February

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

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TANK	TOWN	BRD	SCC	COWS
GERALD R DONOVAN	TITUSVILLE	H	91	36
EVERETT BRADLEY	CENTERVILLE	H	99	30
RANDY WEITMAN	COCHRAUTON	H	136	96
SHANNON BRENDA IRWIN	CRMTERVILLE	H	140	50
ALBERT BREWNER	SPARTANSBURG	H	143	97
RONAJANET TROYER	CENTERVILLE	H	145	79
REMNETH & JUDY MOOK	SAEGERTONE	R	150	15
BRYAN R MC CURDY	COCHRANTON	R	155	31
DONALD I BATOM	ADAMSVILLE	E	155	53
GARRY WAGNER	COCHRANTON	H	161	36
GARYKAREN PREYERMUTE	COCHRANTON	H	164	34
DENNIS B HALFAST	CENTERVILLE	Ħ	167	47
STANHOPE FARMS	ESPYVILLE	H	168	48

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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-

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 Darvin 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 favmily 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.

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 custom-

"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.

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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 Watsontown 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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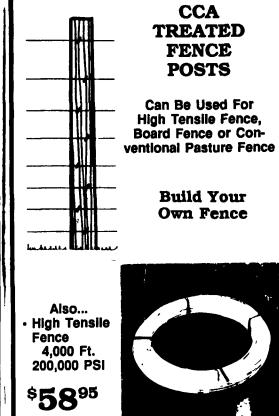
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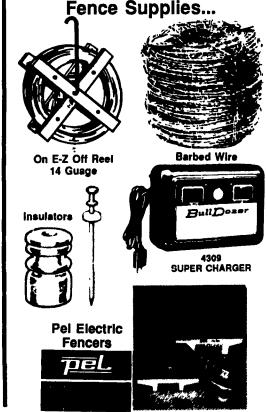
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