

USDA Top Dairy Bull Evaluations, Ranked By Net Merit

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HOUEU000000253642	011HO08046	RAMOS	601	75	1197	59	0.07	48	0.05	79	2.63	1.6	3.8	113	129
HOUSA000018040136	029HO09558	WINDSOR-MANOR MACHOMAN ET	598	86	2136	67	-0.04	60	-0.01	89	3.09	1.1	3.0	57	93
HOUSA000017139417	001HO02282	CARTERS CORNER DEFENSE 1W	593	87	2319	59	-0.10	72	0.01	90	3.05	0.0	2.6	141	160
HOUSA000017192679	001HO06248	MR SHIPS HOLL CLENWOOD ET	592	84	2186	60	-0.07	64	0.00	86	3.05	0.6	2.1	50	62
HOUSA000121110325	001HO06362	CLOVER VALLEY DUSTY IVAN	592	80	1577	40	-0.07	48	0.00	83	2.85	1.2	4.0	45	55
HOUSA000017058140	014HO02958	SILDAHL BW DUTCH BOY ET	590	88	2214	75	-0.02	69	0.01	91	2.88	-0.7	0.9	78	104
HONLD000193285101	097HO00099	VAH WONDERBOY	590	80	1031	86	0.20	50	0.08	85	2.80	-0.8	1.9	158	173
HOUSA000017215087	044HO00288	COYNE-FARMS ZEBO ECY-ET	588	73	1859	61	-0.02	67	0.05	76	3.02	-0.3	1.6	22	28
HOUSA000121592356	011HO05863	HC-GEN UTAH-ETS	585	83	2416	90	0.01	81	0.04	88	3.39	-0.6	0.0	55	104
HOUSA000002294563	001HO06020	ANDACRES HUNTER ORION	585	82	1192	90	0.19	55	0.08	85	3.02	-0.5	2.0	44	52
HOUSA000124796151	014HO03392	PARADISE-D MAN GILBERT-ET	580	70	1952	49	-0.08	65	0.03	74	3.27	0.0	2.8	31	39
HOUSA000122358256	001HO05579	O-BEE MANFRED JUSTIN-ET	578	82	1865	79	0.04	70	0.06	85	3.23	0.4	1.3	60	76
HOUSA000120566918	029HO09545	HOSKING RUDOLPH LEVI-ET	574	88	2455	69	-0.08	78	0.02	91	3.18	1.4	2.0	60	126
HOUSA000017367125	007HO06025	DE-MATT RUDOLPH TEAMSTER-ET	572	86	1907	57	-0.05	63	0.03	89	3.18	1.6	2.9	62	99
HOUSA000120780521	011HO05570	OPSAL FINLEY-ET	569	86	2225	46	-0.14	58	-0.03	89	2.94	0.1	2.5	67	106
HOUSA000121289180	036HO00253	WA-DEL FORMAT. ON JACKSON-ET	568	77	2837	83	-0.08	72	-0.05	80	3.07	-0.7	0.2	32	49
HOUSA000017131025	001HO06149	WELCOME GARTER-ET	566	86	2522	82	-0.03	73	-0.01	88	3.38	-1.0	0.4	60	79
HOITA000908017670	210HO00006	OLMO PRELUDE TUGOLO	562	93	792	105	0.32	39	0.06	97	2.89	1.0	2.3	3879	11973
HOFR005994022699	182HO00129	JESTHER-ET	559	80	2023	50	-0.09	68	0.03	84	3.00	0.2	1.5	163	298

Farmers Can Help In The West Nile Fight

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania farmers have been called on many times to do their part to help protect our environment. The latest call involves agriculture's role in the battle against the West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is a mosquito borne disease that affects people, birds, horses, livestock, and pets. Most people who develop the disease will get only mild, flu-like symptoms, although a few will

develop West Nile encephalitis, which can cause swelling of the brain and require hospitalization.

Last year, 62 Pennsylvanians developed the more serious symptoms, and nine died. The disease can also be fatal to horses. However, a vaccine is now available for horses through veterinarians.

Like all property owners, farmers should eliminate as much standing water as possible. This includes dumping water in buckets, flowerpots, birdbaths, tarps, and cleaning rain

spouting. However, there are places unique to farms which prove especially conducive for mosquito breeding: manure pits are one such example. The nutrient rich mixture in manure pits represents an ideal habitat for mosquitoes to breed.

Officials can easily conduct surveillance and treatment once areas with large concentrations of mosquito larvae such as manure lagoons are located. Surveillance determines the number of mosquito larvae, and the species, which is important since about half the mosquito species in

Pennsylvania carry the West Nile virus. Treatment kills the larvae.

Contact your local extension agent or county West Nile coordinator to find out who can perform West Nile surveillance in your area.

Information is also available online at www.state.pa.us PA Keyword "DEP West Nile".

Treatment in places like manure storage pits usually lasts 30 to 40 days, resulting in the need for approximately three treatments per West Nile season. While costs vary, treatments will typically cost \$100 to \$200. If

water troughs cannot be emptied every few days, treatment is also recommended for them.

Trench and ground silos are also excellent breeding grounds for the mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus.

In these areas, tires are commonly used to weigh down the plastic wrap covering the silage. Tires are notorious for gathering small, shallow pools of water and providing sheltered breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Cutting the sidewalls out of the tires is an excellent way to avoid this problem. Some tire recyclers already

do this.

Your county West Nile coordinator may have information on businesses performing this service.

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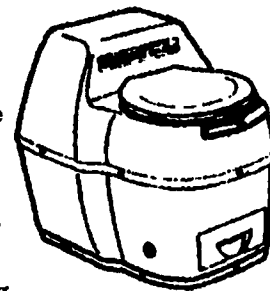
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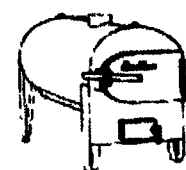
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