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***MILK QUALITY AWARDS SHINE  
AT DISTRICT MEETINGS***



# At 2011 District Meetings **IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOU!**

*by Don Boelens*

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The 2011 co-op district meetings are now history and I am pleased to say that the turnouts were excellent! While I imagine that the mild weather during December had something to do with this good showing of members, I like to think that the Board's redistricting efforts and changing up some of the meeting locations may have contributed to this success also. Indeed, there were several new faces at the 10 meetings mixed in with the familiar ones. It was great to hear so many questions and comments from attendees.

I am particularly happy that so many of our members were there to hear my report on Swiss Valley's journey during the past fiscal year. While it was a good year for agriculture in general and our mailbox milk price was strong, it was indeed a rocky year for producing and selling cheese. As most of you already know, Swiss Valley Farms sustained a record loss during this past fiscal year. But the really good news is that your co-op's balance sheet is strong and our debt-to-equity ratio is excellent. Swiss Valley is in a strong financial position as we continue to pay you a competitive milk price and above average milk premiums. In fact, we had another record payout in milk premiums, making it a record year for returning money to the co-op members.

Your Board and Management Team is already hip deep in this current fiscal year. We are looking at many new opportunities for our Blue cheese and Swiss cheese markets.



**CEO Don Boelens**

These are two highly valued specialty cheeses that take skill to produce and whose popularity is rising every year. We are also looking at some wonderful export opportunities for all our cheeses, especially our cream cheese, which is well known for its quality and great taste.

The bottom line is always that we take your milk and turn it into a value-added product that returns a strong milk price back to you, our members.

This continues to be Swiss Valley's goal at the end of every day. It always will be.

Procedures in place to meet SCC requirements

# EU Certification Mandates 400,000

by *Tim Genthe, Lab & Safety Manager*

Effective January 1, 2012, the U.S. dairy industry must begin the transition to the farm level milk sampling program to verify somatic cell count (SCC) and standard plate count (SPC) compliance with EU regulations. AMS, Dairy Grading Branch will continue to accept Certificates of Conformance based on farm truck samples taken at the plant and processed prior to April 1, 2012.

After March 31, 2012, all shipments of dairy products requiring an EU health certificate must comply with the updated certification program and must be accompanied by an updated Certificate of Conformance. The program only applies to companies that are manufacturing products for export to the EU and the producers whose milk they are receiving. Dairy farmers, milk processors and other manufacturers that do not export or facilitate in marketing of products to the EU are not impacted by this change.

The program instructions provide for a level of flexibility (derogation) for farms that exceed EU SCC or SPC requirements, but work toward compliance to ensure that US dairy farmers are not negatively harmed. All farms will be given three months to establish an initial rolling three-month means for SCC of <400,000. Non-Grade A farms will be given two months to establish an initial rolling two-month means for SPC of 100,000.

Swiss Valley Farms has always been looking for and will continue to look for markets that will increase the profitability for our farms. Some of these markets, including our own plants, export product and/or dairy by-products to markets that require European Union Health Certificates.

## What does this mean to you as member/owners of Swiss Valley Farms?

Most of our members will not be affected, since Swiss Valley's SCC co-op average is well below 400,000. However, if a member farm's rolling mean for the somatic cell count exceeds the maximum EU requirements of 400,000 OR the bacterial standard plate count exceeds the maximum EU requirements of 100,000, Swiss Valley Farms must notify AMS Dairy Programs and take appropriate measures to bring the farm into compliance.

If a farm's SCC mean or SPC mean exceeds the EU requirements for three consecutive months after the above notification to AMS Dairy Programs, as demonstrated in **Chart A**, Swiss Valley Farms will request on behalf of the producer a derogation from AMS for any milk that is not eligible for export markets. The cost of this derogation will be charged back to the producer. A derogation will be granted provided that during processing the milk or milk products are (i) pasteurized or (ii) made into raw milk cheese that will be aged at least

Determining Compliance Eligibility for Export of Product to European Union Effective January 1, 2012			
Month	Monthly data used for rolling three-month mean for SCC	If result of rolling three-month mean for SCC	Actions
April, 2012	Jan, Feb, March	>400,000	Milk ok for export in April, Notify AMS
May	Feb, March, April	>400,000	Milk ok for export in May 1 <sup>st</sup> Month
June	March, April, May	>400,000	Milk ok for export in June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Month
July	April, May, June	>400,000	Milk ok for export in July 3 <sup>rd</sup> Month
August	May, June, July	>400,000	<u>Milk NOT ok for export in August, Milk supplier must suspend, segregate, discontinue certification or request a derogation from AMS to be eligible.</u>

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Chart A

# 2011 Milk Quality Awards Presented

Every winter, Swiss Valley Farms honors its many Blue Ribbon Quality Milk Award winners at its district meetings. This year marked the program's 38th year. Co-op members work hard year round to meet Swiss Valley Farms quality milk standards. The end result of all of this effort is millions of pounds of high quality milk that the cooperative turns into delicious dairy products.

The list of Quality Award winners begins here and will continue next month as well. Swiss Valley Farms applauds everyone who received awards this year. Good luck in the coming year with your quality milk production.

## DISTRICT 1

### 1 YEAR AWARD

DANZ, JAMES A.  
LIVINGSTON, WI  
KIRSCHBAUM, ALAN  
BLOOMINGTON, WI  
KIRSCHBAUM, LYNN  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
MUELLER, JAMES J.  
CUBA CITY, WI  
MUMM, ROY & DAWNE  
CASSVILLE, WI  
PLUEMER, KENNY J.  
& KAREN  
PLATTEVILLE, WI  
WIEDERHOLT, JAMES  
& NANCY  
CUBA CITY, WI

### 2 YEAR AWARD

BUDDEN, KEVIN  
& JANET  
CUBA CITY, WI  
IHM, DOUGLAS G.  
CASSVILLE, WI  
MOHLMANN, LOUIS R.  
PLATTEVILLE, WI  
ROUNDS, JAMES V.

& ROXANNE  
BOSCOBEL, WI  
ROUNDS, JEREMY J.  
& COURTNEY S.  
BOSCOBEL, WI  
SCHROEDER, PAT  
-DBA S & S FARMS  
LANCASTER, WI  
SCHULER, DUANE  
PLATTEVILLE, WI

### 3 YEAR AWARD

ADRIAN, STEVEN J.  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
BOHEMIAN GAIT  
ACHERS LLC  
FENNIMORE, WI  
GILDERSLEEVE,  
KRISTINE MARTIN  
LANCASTER, WI  
LEIBFRIED DAIRY  
FARMS LLP  
CUBA CITY, WI  
LEIBFRIED, KENNETH A.  
CUBA CITY, WI  
MARTIN, LINDA  
& ROGER  
LANCASTER, WI

MEIER, BRIAN  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
TOLLE, RICHARD L.  
BLOOMINGTON, WI

### 4 YEAR AWARD

BRANT, GERALD  
BRANT, JILL M.  
CUBA CITY, WI  
BURR OAK FARMS  
STITZER, WI  
DIETZEL RIDGE ACRES  
CUBA CITY, WI  
FISCHER, TODD W.  
& JULIE  
BAGLEY, WI

### 5 YEAR AWARD

KOHOUT, KENNETH J.  
& ANITA K.  
MONTFORT, WI  
MILLER, ELLEN J.  
EAST DUBUQUE, IL  
MILLER, ROBERT M.  
HAZEL GREEN, WI  
MILLER, ROBERT P.  
EAST DUBUQUE, IL  
MILLER, SHELLY M.  
HAZEL GREEN, WI

MILLER, THOMAS A.  
HAZEL GREEN, WI  
VEECH, RICHARD  
& KIM  
LANCASTER, WI

### 6 YEAR AWARD

JOHNSON, R. ALLEN  
JOHNSON, RICHARD  
PLATTEVILLE, WI  
MARTIN, ALBERT  
& ARLENE  
FENNIMORE, WI  
MEIER, CHERYL  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
RAISBECK, JULIE  
& CHARLES  
BLOOMINGTON, WI

### 8 YEAR AWARD

BUSCH, JAMES D.  
CUBA CITY, WI

### 9 YEAR AWARD

BREN MAR FARMS INC  
LANCASTER, WI  
LAZY M FARM LLC  
STITZER, WI

### 10 YEAR AWARD

FISCHER, TODD W.



District 1: 5-Year Award: **RICHARD VEECH**, Lancaster, Wis.



District 1: 5-Year Award: **ROBERT MILLER**, Hazel Green, Wis.



District 1: 9-Year Award: **LAZY M FARM, LAURA RICHTER & HERMAN MAIER**, Stitzer, Wis.



District 1: 11-Year Award: **JERRY KUHL**, Hazel Green, Wis.



District 1: 23-Year Award: **DAN TRANEL**, Cuba City, Wis.



District 1: 15-Year Award: **PAUL & LORRIE ADAMS & DOUG ADAMS**, Lancaster, Wis.



District 1: 23-Year Award: **GERALD & JUDY BREITSPRECKER**, Lancaster, Wis.



District 1: 25-Year Award: **TOM KUNKEL**, Cuba City, Wis.



District 1: 27-Year Award: **BERNARD CLIFF**, Bloomington, Wis.

& JULIE  
BAGLEY, WI  
LATHAM DAIRY LLP  
BOSCOBEL, WI  
**11 YEAR AWARD**  
BIERMAN, MICHAEL  
& CAROLYN  
BLOOMINGTON, WI  
J & M FARM  
HAZEL GREEN, WI  
**12 YEAR AWARD**  
PLACKE FARMS INC  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**13 YEAR AWARD**  
NIES, ROBERT  
& LOREE  
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI  
**15 YEAR AWARD**  
ADAMS, DOUGLAS R.  
LANCASTER, WI  
ADAMS, PAUL J.  
& LORRIE  
LANCASTER, WI  
**17 YEAR AWARD**  
PLUEMER FARMS LLC

LIVINGSTON, WI  
**18 YEAR AWARD**  
JON DEE ACRES LLC  
LIVINGSTON, WI  
SCHIER, BILL  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
SCHWANTES, JAMES  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
SCHWANTES, TERRY L.  
BLOOMINGTON, WI  
SCHWANTES, WILLIAM  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
WHITE'S PLEASANT  
VALLEY FARM  
MOUNT HOPE, WI  
**19 YEAR AWARD**  
BUDDEN, GARY  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**23 YEAR AWARD**  
BREITSPRECKER,  
GERALD E. & JUDY  
LANCASTER, WI  
TRANEL, DAN J.  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**25 YEAR AWARD**

KUNKEL FARMS  
PARTNERSHIP  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**27 YEAR AWARD**  
CLIFF, BERNARD  
& LINDA  
BLOOMINGTON, WI  
**28 YEAR AWARD**  
HAMILTON, JOHN W.  
& EVIE  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**33 YEAR AWARD**  
RUNDE PLEASANT  
VIEW DAIRY FARMS  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**34 YEAR AWARD**  
MEIER, MIKE  
GLEN HAVEN, WI  
**35 YEAR AWARD**  
SCHIER, REGGIE  
& MARY LEE  
GLEN HAVEN, WI

**DISTRICT 2**  
**1 YEAR AWARD**

ENDLESS HORIZONS INC  
CUBA CITY, WI  
HIDDEN VALLEY  
FARMS INC  
BELMONT, WI  
LEARY, STEPHEN E.  
OREGON, IL  
MC COMISH,  
JOSEPH T.  
SHULLSBURG, WI  
MC COMISH, TIM G.  
SHULLSBURG, WI  
OLTMANN'S BROS  
% RON & KEN  
STERLING, IL  
SCHOLLMMEYER, AELRED  
SCHOLLMMEYER, DAVID  
SCHOLLMMEYER, WILLIAM  
SHULLSBURG, WI  
TIMMERMAN, SAM  
& JEAN  
CUBA CITY, WI  
WEIGEL, RODNEY  
PLATTEVILLE, WI  
**2 YEAR AWARD**



District 1: 28-Year Award: **EVIE HAMILTON & CHARLIE**, Cuba City, Wis.



District 1: 33-Year Award: **SIMON RUNDE**, Cuba City, Wis.



District 1: 34-Year Award: **MIKE & CHEYRL MEIER**, Glen Haven, Wis.



District 1: 35-Year Award: **REGGIE & MARY LEE SCHIER**, Glen Haven, Wis.

GETZ FARMS INC  
SAVANNA, IL  
SCHOLLMAYER, AELRED  
SCHOLLMAYER, DAVID  
SCHOLLMAYER, WILLIAM  
SHULLSBURG, WI  
THEILL, SCOTT  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**3 YEAR AWARD**  
DARLINGTON RIDGE  
FARMS LLC  
CHINO, CA  
MORHARDT, KEITH  
ELIZABETH, IL  
**4 YEAR AWARD**  
BERLAGE, DONALD  
& MERRI  
ELIZABETH, IL  
GORDER, RICHARD  
MINERAL POINT, WI  
HIGHWAY DAIRY  
FARMS LLC  
DARLINGTON, WI  
NICE, ELDON P.  
MORRISON, IL  
**5 YEAR AWARD**  
HESSENIUS, CRAIG  
FREEPORT, IL  
MILLER, ROCKIE  
BELMONT, WI  
WEIER, MARK D  
& SARAH  
DODGEVILLE, WI  
WESSELS, JIM R.  
MCCONNELL, IL  
**6 YEAR AWARD**  
SULLIVAN FARMS 4 LLC

MINERAL POINT, WI  
THEILL FARMS  
EAST DUBUQUE, IL  
**9 YEAR AWARD**  
MARCH, CONNIE & JIM  
DODGEVILLE, WI  
**10 YEAR AWARD**  
JAMES, DENNIS  
DODGEVILLE, WI  
JAMES, ROB  
DODGEVILLE, WI  
**11 YEAR AWARD**  
KAISER, TOM & JULIE  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**12 YEAR AWARD**  
LEAHY, MIKE JR  
GRATIOT, WI  
**13 YEAR AWARD**  
GROEZINGER, NORMAN  
STOCKTON, IL  
**15 YEAR AWARD**  
PEARCE, RICHARD J.  
ELIZABETH, IL  
**20 YEAR AWARD**  
THEILL, RANDY  
& LAURIE  
CUBA CITY, WI  
**26 YEAR AWARD**  
FLIKKEMA, HUBERT A.  
TRUST  
FULTON, IL  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**1 YEAR AWARD**  
ARMBRUSTER BROS INC  
MUSCODA, WI  
BECHTEL, HERB

& NONA  
RICHLAND CENTER, WI  
BRUNKEN, BENJAMIN E.  
REEDSBURG, WI  
ENESS, TY T.  
ONTARIO, WI  
FREIT, JAMES  
BANGOR, WI  
FREIT, ROBERT  
ROCKLAND, WI  
KANABLE, GREG & TINA  
SPRING GREEN, WI  
KAUFMAN, ROGER J.  
MELROSE, WI  
LISNEY, ALTON  
BLUE RIVER, WI  
LITTLE RIDGE DAIRY LLC  
ONTARIO, WI  
MURRAY, LOUIS C  
& JOHN R.  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
PETERSON, DEAN A.  
VIROQUA, WI  
PREM, JOSEPH  
LOGANVILLE, WI  
R & M DAIRY LLC  
HILLSBORO, WI  
REGO, JACOB B.  
ELROY, WI  
RICE, ANNELIESE  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
SCHWERT FARMS  
GAYS MILLS, WI  
WITT, ALLEN M.  
& JOYCE M.  
ONTARIO, WI  
WITT, LYLE O.  
ONTARIO, WI

**2 YEAR AWARD**  
GRATZ, DOUGLAS D.  
READSTOWN, WI  
HEDRICK, MICHAEL G.  
NORWALK, WI  
HILL N VALE ACRES INC  
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI  
PAYNE, DUSTIN J.  
EASTMAN, WI  
STEGER, TERRY & TIM  
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI  
**3 YEAR AWARD**  
KINNEY, GREG L.  
BLUE RIVER, WI  
KROENER, BETTY  
BANGOR, WI  
KRUEGER, DOUGLAS E.  
MINDORO, WI  
PEACEFUL VALLEY  
DAIRY LLC  
NORWALK, WI  
**4 YEAR AWARD**  
BEERS, MICHAEL P.  
EASTMAN, WI  
DOBBS, JOEL O.  
ONTARIO, WI  
DREIER, RANDY D.  
NORWALK, WI  
MARTIN, CHERYL  
& SCHMIDT, GLENN  
RICHLAND CENTER, WI  
MATHISON, ROBERT J.  
TOMAH, WI  
Z & Z FARMS LLC  
NORTH FREEDOM, WI  
**5 YEAR AWARD**  
BEERS, LOYDE M.



District 2: 12-Year Award: **MIKE LEAHY JR.**, Gratiot, Wis.



District 2: 20-Year Award: **RANDY THEILL**, Cuba City, Wis.



District 3: 5-Year Award: **LOYDE & PAT BEERS**, Eastman, Wis.



District 3: 10-Year Award: **STEVEN VLASAK**, Elroy, Wis



District 3: 15-Year Award: **JEFF & JOHANNA BERG**, LaCrosse, Wis.



District 3: 18-Year Award: **LINDA REGO, RACHEL, REBEKAH & JOSHUA**, Elroy, Wis.



District 3: 21-Year Award: **DENNIS AMUNDSON**, Westby, Wis.



District 4: 7-Year Award: **MATT STRIEF**, Farley, Iowa.



District 4: 9-Year Award: **LEO & JULIE KLUESNER**, Worthington, Iowa.



District 4: 11-Year Award: **DAVE & ROSE HEIDERSCHEIT**, Sherrill, Iowa.

BEERS, LOYDE P JR.  
*EASTMAN, WI*

**6 YEAR AWARD**

MIKSHOWSKY, RANDY  
*BANGOR, WI*

**7 YEAR AWARD**

HALL, LARRY F  
& ROXANNE  
*TOMAH, WI*

**8 YEAR AWARD**

PREW, RONALD D  
& JOANNE  
*EASTMAN, WI*

TOM EDERER & SON LTD  
*PLAIN, WI*

**9 YEAR AWARD**

BAILEY, MICHAEL & JEAN  
*TOMAH, WI*

DREIER, ROBERT & RITA  
*TOMAH, WI*

GORHAM, FLORIEDA  
*TOMAH, WI*

**10 YEAR AWARD**

EVERGREEN RIDGE  
DAIRY LLC  
*HILLSBORO, WI*  
HEATHERSTONE  
ENTERPRISES  
*BARABOO, WI*

KINNEY, JOANN  
*BLUE RIVER, WI*  
OPPRIECHT, DIANA  
*EASTMAN, WI*

VLASAK, STEVEN  
*ELROY, WI*

**11 YEAR AWARD**

MARX, ALLAN E.  
*CASHTON, WI*  
RUE, ALAN S & COLETTE  
*MAUSTON, WI*

**15 YEAR AWARD**

BERG, JEFF & JOHANNA  
*LA CROSSE, WI*

**18 YEAR AWARD**

REGO, DAVID & LINDA  
*ELROY, WI*

**20 YEAR AWARD**

GILBERTSON, LARRY  
*CHASEBURG, WI*  
HURTZ, RONALD L  
& LYNDA  
*ROCKLAND, WI*

**21 YEAR AWARD**

AMUNDSON, DENNIS  
& MAUREEN  
*WESTBY, WI*  
DIETER, KAREN  
*BLUE RIVER, WI*

**22 YEAR AWARD**

STOEHR, DONALD  
STOEHR, FRANK  
*EASTMAN, WI*

**24 YEAR AWARD**

VALLEY VIEW DAIRY INC  
*RICHLAND CENTER, WI*

**25 YEAR AWARD**

OPPRIECHT, GERALD  
*EASTMAN, WI*

**DISTRICT 4**

**1 YEAR AWARD**

AMBROSY, JASON M.  
*SHERRILL, IA*

BAHL, MARTIN J.  
*DUBUQUE, IA*

BRIMEYER, RICHARD  
*SHERRILL, IA*

EHRlich, BRIAN  
*DUBUQUE, IA*

EHRlich, PAUL  
*DUBUQUE, IA*

GAUL, LEROY  
*DYERSVILLE, IA*

GAUL, MARK & JEAN  
*FARLEY, IA*

HAMMERAND, DEREK J.  
*DUBUQUE, IA*

HOEGER'S GOLDEN  
VALLEY INC

*DYERSVILLE, IA*

KAUFFMANN, DARYL R.  
*SHERRILL, IA*

KAUFFMANN, DAVID  
& SANDY

*SHERRILL, IA*

KAUFFMANN, WILLIAM  
*DUBUQUE, IA*

KLEIN, ERIC C.

*DURANGO, IA*

KLOSTERMANN, JACK  
KLOSTERMANN, JERALD

*NEW VIENNA, IA*

KOLTES, DENNIS  
& BONNIE

*SHERRILL, IA*

KOLTES, LAVERN  
& SHIRLEY

*SHERRILL, IA*

OBERFOELL, JEFF  
& LAURIE

*SHERRILL, IA*

SCHUELLER, MARVIN  
& JANE

*SHERRILL, IA*

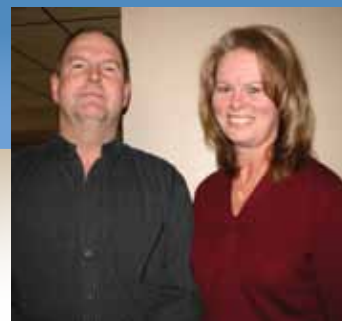
STEFFENSMEIER, JASON  
*FARLEY, IA*



District 4: 14-Year Award: **JAMES & LORIE SCHMITT**, Sherrill, Iowa.



District 4: 20-Year Award: **LAVERNE & RICK FREIBURGER**, Holy Cross, Iowa.



District 4: 22-Year Award: **JAMES & DENISE OSTWINKLE**, Worthington, Iowa.



District 4: 23-Year Award: **KEN & CINDY STEFFEN**, New Vienna, Iowa.

STEFFENSMEIER, WILFRED  
*FARLEY, IA*  
**7 YEAR AWARD**  
 DOUBLE D DAIRY  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*  
 KRESS, GERALD  
*PEOSTA, IA*  
 LUDWIG, KRIS  
*DYERSVILLE, IA*  
 STRIEF FARMS INC.  
*FARLEY, IA*  
**9 YEAR AWARD**  
 HOEGER, JOHN L.  
*DYERSVILLE, IA*  
 KLUESNER, LEO J & JULIE  
*WORTHINGTON, IA*  
**10 YEAR AWARD**  
 BRIMEYER, DEREK  
*SHERRILL, IA*  
**11 YEAR AWARD**  
 HEIDERSCHEIT, DAVE  
 HEIDERSCHEIT, ROSE  
*SHERRILL, IA*  
 PAISLEY, JAMES  
 PAISLEY, PATRICK  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*  
**14 YEAR AWARD**  
 SCHMITT, JAMES & LORIE  
*SHERRILL, IA*  
**15 YEAR AWARD**  
 BERINGER, THOMAS  
*FARLEY, IA*  
**16 YEAR AWARD**  
 MERGES, BRIAN J.  
*PEOSTA, IA*  
**19 YEAR AWARD**  
 SCHLITZER, TWILA C.

*DUBUQUE, IA*  
**20 YEAR AWARD**  
 FREIBURGER, LAVERNE  
 FREIBURGER, RICK  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*  
**21 YEAR AWARD**  
 ANTHONY BROTHERS  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*  
 HAMMERAND, TIMOTHY  
*DUBUQUE, IA*  
 SCHUSTER, LEONARD  
*DUBUQUE, IA*  
**22 YEAR AWARD**  
 OSTWINKLE, JAMES L.  
*WORTHINGTON, IA*  
**23 YEAR AWARD**  
 LUDWIG, SHARON  
*DYERSVILLE, IA*  
 STEFFEN, KENNETH J.  
*NEW VIENNA, IA*  
**24 YEAR AWARD**  
 BRIMEYER, THOMAS W.  
*SHERRILL, IA*  
 CLEMEN, DANIEL J.  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*  
**26 YEAR AWARD**  
 BRIMEYER, DANIEL A.  
 & DEB  
*SHERRILL, IA*  
**29 YEAR AWARD**  
 KAUFFMANN, RICHARD  
 & LUANN  
*FARLEY, IA*  
 SCHLITZER, MARK  
 SCHLITZER, MARVIN  
*DUBUQUE, IA*  
**30 YEAR AWARD**

PFEILER BROTHERS  
 FARM INC.  
*HOLY CROSS, IA*

## DISTRICT 5

**1 YEAR AWARD**  
 BESLER, ROBERT A.  
 BESLER, STEVEN R.  
*HOPKINTON, IA*  
 BILL & LYNN  
 VANDERHAM DAIRY LLC  
*HILLSBORO, IA*  
 GOLDSMITH, JIM G.  
 & KRISTI  
*EARLVILLE, IA*  
 HOGAN, DUANE  
*DELHI, IA*  
 KRUSE, ALFRED  
 KRUSE, DAVID G.  
*GREELEY, IA*  
 KUNDE, DAVID C.  
*MANCHESTER, IA*  
 LYONS, PATRICK E.  
*CLINTON, IA*  
 NORTON, CALEB  
 NORTON, WILLIAM  
*TIPTON, IA*  
 PETERS, GREGG  
*HOPKINTON, IA*  
 RATHJEN, GENE  
 & JUDY  
*WILTON, IA*  
 SEE, JOHN R. & VICKI  
*SOLOM, IA*  
**2 YEAR AWARD**  
 ANDERSEN, AARON G.  
*CLINTON, IA*  
 BLANCHARD FAMILY

DAIRY LLC  
*CHARLOTTE, IA*  
 MEHAFFY, PAULA S.  
 & ROBERT E.  
*NEW LONDON, IA*  
 MILLER, MERLYN W.  
*RIVERSIDE, IA*  
 MIRACLES CAN  
 HAPPEN BOYS RANCH  
*WILTON, IA*  
**3 YEAR AWARD**  
 BLUE HILL DAIRY LLC  
*CLINTON, IA*  
 GAUL, JASON & REBECCA  
 GAUL, KEITH & AMY  
*NEW VIENNA, IA*  
 KRUSE, MARTIN  
*DYERSVILLE, IA*  
 LOEFFELHOLZ, DEAN  
*EARLVILLE, IA*  
 MARO, KENNETH  
*LA MOTTE, IA*  
 MENSEN, STEVEN  
 & JULIE  
*EARLVILLE, IA*  
 OFFERMAN, RICHARD  
*EARLVILLE, IA*  
**4 YEAR AWARD**  
 ASHDOWN, FRED  
 FARM  
*LONGWOOD, FL*  
 DE PAUW, ROBERT  
 & PAMELA  
*PORT BYRON, IL*  
 DEUTMEYER, THOMAS G.  
*EARLVILLE, IA*  
 GOEDKEN, JOHN



District 4: 29-Year Award:  
**RICHARD & LUANN  
 KAUFFMANN**, Farley, Iowa.



District 4: 30-Year Award: **PHEILER BROTHERS  
 FARM**, Holy Cross, Iowa. Left to right, **Adam,  
 Joe, Livia, Jim, Garrett, and Aaron Pheiler.**



District 5: 6-Year Award: **DARYL D. &  
 VIOLA SLABAUGH**, Iowa City, Iowa.



District 5: 9-Year Award:  
**PATRICIA & TAMMY STRAIT**,  
Preston, Iowa.



District 5: 13-Year Award:  
**ROBERT & BEFONG DEUTMEYER**, Dyersville, Iowa.



District 5: 20-Year Award:  
**DEAN MILLER**,  
Kalona, Iowa.



District 5: 22-Year Award:  
**EUGENE & SHIRLEY NEWELL**, Long Grove, Iowa.

& MARILYN  
EARLVILLE, IA  
**5 YEAR AWARD**  
NURRE, ALAN  
DELHI, IA  
NURRE, BONNIE  
DELHI, IA  
NURRE, ROBERT  
DELHI, IA  
**6 YEAR AWARD**  
BRUNSMAN, WADE  
& JENNIFER  
DYERSVILLE, IA  
SLABAUGH, DARYL D.  
IOWA CITY, IA  
**7 YEAR AWARD**  
BLANCHARD FAMILY  
DAIRY LLC  
CHARLOTTE, IA  
ELENZ, LEON  
DYERSVILLE, IA  
YODER, LEIGHTON  
KALONA, IA  
**8 YEAR AWARD**  
HERMSEN, DOUGLAS  
COLESBURG, IA  
PRIER, DONALD

DYERSVILLE, IA  
**9 YEAR AWARD**  
STRAIT, PATRICIA A.  
STRAIT, TAMMY J.  
PRESTON, IA  
**10 YEAR AWARD**  
KOOPMANN, BRAD  
DYERSVILLE, IA  
SAUNDERS, BRIAN  
ROWLEY, IA  
SAUNDERS, KEVIN  
WINTHROP, IA  
**11 YEAR AWARD**  
SPERFSLAGE, IRVIN  
MANCHESTER, IA  
**12 YEAR AWARD**  
TAKES, DANIEL J.  
& DEBBIE  
ELY, IA  
**13 YEAR AWARD**  
CURTIS, CHRIS & TRACY  
AURORA, IA  
DEUTMEYER, ROBERT  
& BE FONG  
DYERSVILLE, IA  
KOOPMAN, ANTHONY  
DYERSVILLE, IA

**14 YEAR AWARD**  
WEBER, GERALD  
DELHI, IA  
**15 YEAR AWARD**  
WEIS, ARDELL J.  
BELLEVUE, IA  
**16 YEAR AWARD**  
ENGELKEN, THOMAS  
& CHERRIE  
EARLVILLE, IA  
**17 YEAR AWARD**  
BURKLE, DENNIS  
& SHERRY  
EARLVILLE, IA  
FISCHELS, JEFF J.  
INDEPENDENCE, IA  
**18 YEAR AWARD**  
GAUL, MICHAEL G.  
GAUL, PETER E. & KIM  
COLESBURG, IA  
**20 YEAR AWARD**  
MILLER, DEAN  
KALONA, IA  
**22 YEAR AWARD**  
NEWELL, EUGENE  
LONG GROVE, IA  
**27 YEAR AWARD**

CLEMEN, WAYNE  
NEW VIENNA, IA  
**30 YEAR AWARD**  
MARDORF, LESLIE LEE  
HOPKINTON, IA  
**31 YEAR AWARD**  
OVERMANN, GARY  
& CARLYNE  
EARLVILLE, IA  
**32 YEAR AWARD**  
VENTEICHER, DAVID  
STRAWBERRY POINT, IA  
VENTEICHER, PAUL  
VENTEICHER, RICHARD  
EDGEWOOD, IA  
**33 YEAR AWARD**  
MARDORF, CLIFFORD  
MONTICELLO, IA  
**37 YEAR AWARD**  
SYWASSINK, DONALD  
LETTS, IA



District 5: 33-Year Award:  
**CLIFFORD MARDORF**,  
Monticello, Iowa.



District 5: 30-Year Award:  
**LESLIE MARDORF**,  
Hopkinton, Iowa.

**ON THE COVER:** Milk quality awards are a big part of every district meeting. Clockwise from top left: Loyde and Pat Beers, Eastman, Wis., hold their 5-year awards; CEO Don Boelens and Procurement V.P. Chris Hoeger present 20-year awards to Laverne and Rick Freiburger, Holy Cross, Iowa; Donald Brincks, Ossian, Iowa, picked up his 36-year award; Reggie and Mary Lee Schier, Glen Haven, Wis., received their 35-year award and a bonus check from CEO Boelens.

# YC Spring Break is Set for Feb. 24 -25 in Dubuque

YC'ers, mark your calendar for the YC overnight conference scheduled for Feb. 24 & 25, 2012 at the Best Western Plus in Dubuque, Iowa. Your registration form is on the next page. Here are just a few of the activities that will be a part of those two days.

- ◆ This year's farm tours include two YC'er dairies in Farley, Iowa as well as a stop at a robotic milking dairy in New Vienna, Iowa.
- ◆ Speaker Matt Booth will be back to help you brush up on your successful communication skills when speaking with your spouse, children or employees.
- ◆ Get tips on how to better manage your feed inputs.
- ◆ Participate in first ever breakout sessions by tables where you can pick the topic when you pick your table. The topics are really wide ranging, too, like successful farm transfer ideas to one-day vacation trips in your area.
- ◆ Have a lot of laughs at the YC Friday night banquet.

Co-op members between the ages of 18 and 45 are eligible to participate.

Make time this winter to have fun, make new friends and learn information that will help you in your dairy operation. Do it all at the Swiss Valley Farms Young Cooperator Conference.

## Who qualifies as a Young Cooperator?

You are a Swiss Valley Farms Young Cooperator if you are between and including the ages of 18 and 45 and . . .

1. You are a Swiss Valley Farms co-op member
2. Or the son or daughter of a co-op member
3. Or if you work in the dairy operation of a Swiss Valley Farms member

## 2012 Outstanding Young Cooperator Contest

It's never too early to think about submitting your application for the Swiss Valley Farms 2012 Outstanding Young Cooperator Contest, which will be held at this conference. If you want to open the door on unlimited opportunities for learning, leadership and travel, think about participating in this contest. Winners will attend the 2012 NMPF National Dairy Summit, which will be held October 29 - 31 in Orlando, Florida.

The age limit on this national YC contest is 21 to 40 years. Your application is on the next page. Application deadline is Feb. 15. Good luck!!

# Spring Break & Two-Day Conference Registration Form

YC Conference registration deadline is Thursday, February 16, 2012.  
Include your \$10 per person check with your form.

**YES! Reserve a room for me at this YC Spring Break February 24-25, 2012 in Dubuque, Iowa**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Producer# \_\_\_\_\_ Do you require a smoking room?  Yes  No

Mail this form and your check to: *Swiss Valley Farms Co, YC Spring Break  
PO Box 4493, Davenport, IA 52808*

## Swiss Valley Farms 2012 Young Cooperator Contest

### CONTEST RULES

- 1) To be eligible to enter, contestants must be a member of the cooperative or in the immediate family of a member and active in the dairying operation or a full-time employee of a Swiss Valley Farms member dairy operation, be between the ages of 18 and must not have turned 41 before November 1, 2012.
- 2) To enter: Fill in the following form as completely as possible.
- 3) Entries must be submitted to Nancy Feeny at the Swiss Valley Farms Corporate Headquarters by Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Entries may be Faxed to the Corporate Headquarters at 563.468.6616. (Please call 563-468-6640 before FAXing.) Entrants will be interviewed by the Member Relations Committee on late Friday afternoon, February 24th at the YC Conference in Dubuque, Iowa, where the final judging will take place.

### YC CONTEST APPLICATION PART 1: *Tell Us About Yourself*

Contestant's Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years in Dairying \_\_\_\_\_

Community and Civic Activities (Also list spouse's activities, if applicable) Use additional sheet is necessary: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Agricultural related activities and organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List Other Cooperatives in which you have memberships. (Indicate if director, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### YC CONTEST APPLICATION PART II: *Write Down Your Thoughts*

On a separate sheet of paper, write your thoughts on the following question.

***"As a co-op member, what do you see as the most important service Swiss Valley Farms performs for your dairy operation?"***

Please keep your answer to 250 words or less. Remember that we are looking for your opinions and ideas.  
There is no right or wrong answer to this question.

**Mail your entry to:** Swiss Valley Farms, Co., Outstanding YC Contest, c/o Nancy Feeny  
PO Box 4493, Davenport, IA 52808

Entries must be in the SVF Corporate Headquarters by: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**DO NOT PUT THIS FORM IN THE SAME ENVELOPE AS YOUR SPRING BREAK REGISTRATION FORM.**

Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_ (This # will be assigned by the Member Relations Committee)

# 2012 is International Year of Cooperatives

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives, highlighting the contribution of cooperatives to socio-economic development, particularly their impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration. This recognition is an acknowledgement by the international community that cooperatives drive the economy, respond to social change, are resilient to the global economic crisis and are serious, successful businesses creating jobs in all sectors.

It celebrates a different way of doing business, one focused on human need not human greed, where the members, who own and govern the business, collectively enjoy the benefits instead of all profits going just to

shareholders.

Having an International Year of Cooperatives provides an opportunity to captivate the attention of national governments, the business community and, most importantly, the general public on the advantages provided by the cooperative model. As the global voice of cooperatives, the International Cooperative Alliance is seeking to leverage the International Year to raise the public awareness of cooperatives worldwide. Around one billion people are members of cooperatives, however, cooperatives rarely appear in the mainstream media. The International Year is a once in a life-time opportunity to raise public awareness about the cooperative business model. Go to [www.2012.coop](http://www.2012.coop) for more information.

## Get Your 2012 Swiss Valley Farms Scholarship Application

Swiss Valley Farms members who wish to apply for 2012 co-op scholarships can download an application at [www.swissvalley.com](http://www.swissvalley.com) under Procurement/Member Benefits. Or request one via e-mail to [nancy.feeney@swissvalley.com](mailto:nancy.feeney@swissvalley.com). Scholarships are available for agriculture majors or students pursuing any degree. Application deadline is March 31, 2012.

## Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association Offers Scholarships

Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) proudly announces its 2012 student scholarship for manufacturer and processor/marketer member companies. Two scholarship awards, worth \$2,000 each, will be offered to students in Wisconsin. The WCMA Board of Directors named this scholarship in honor of Mike Dean, Wisconsin's tireless educator and promoter of quality cheese. WCMA wishes to encourage and assist our next generation of cheese industry leaders. Any employee, or a child of an employee, or a co-op member's child who is a WCMA member manufacturing or processor/marketer company can apply for this scholarship.

Swiss Valley Farms members are eligible to apply since the co-op owns the Shullsburg, Wis. cheese facility and is a part of White Hill Cheese, the joint venture with Emmi Roth Käse. Applications must be returned to WCMA by February 24, 2012. The winning applicants will be announced March 23, 2012. Winner's will be

invited to accept their awards at the International Cheese Technology Exposition on April 11 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Priority will be given to students emphasizing studies that may lead to a career in the Wisconsin dairy industry.

The scholarship is open to students attending any university or extension campus in the University of Wisconsin system or technical college in Wisconsin. It is also open to high school seniors registered to attend a UW system college or technical school. Applicants must supply current GPA (verified by transcript), a letter of recommendation and a completed application form. If you have any questions regarding the WCMA Myron P. 'Mike' Dean Cheese Industry Scholarship, contact WCMA's Dawn Roe at 1-800-999-2454 or email [droe@wischeesemakers.org](mailto:droe@wischeesemakers.org).

Complete scholarship information and an application are available at [www.wischeesemaker.com](http://www.wischeesemaker.com).

Are you computer savvy?

## Take Advantage of On-line Herd Data

If you have not yet acquainted yourself with the producer-only section of [www.swissvalley.com](http://www.swissvalley.com), this winter is the perfect time to do it. If you know your way around a computer, this password protected site could become your new best friend! You won't believe what you've been missing.

All you need to do to get started is ask your Swiss Valley field rep to get you a personal password, which is the key to get you logged in to the member-only site, where you can see your farm data. This is also where you will see the "dashboard" where you can find:

- **Your milk check history:** This is an easy way to view all this information in one place. You can also check on your BST certification expiration date.

- **Your herd lab statistics:** You can convert your data into various graphs to help you spot trends. Here you can see reports on your MUNS, PI, Protein, BF, SCC, and well water tests.

- **Up-to-date milk future contract prices:** Get access to Blimling & Associates publications and see the most recent milk contract prices.

- **Premium program details:** Descriptions of all Swiss Valley Farms milk premium programs are here.

- **Equity check history:** This screen will show your recent checks along with a description of the payout, check number, amount and check date.

Some recent features added to this producer-only section were designed to deliver even more useful information to our members. Features such as:

### Login, forgotten password

Swiss Valley now has the ability to send you an e-mail containing your password if you've forgotten or misplaced

it. To activate this, you will need to call the co-op's main office and verify with Trish Horn or Julie Bredow that we have your current e-mail address as a producer. This may be different than the one we use for the farm, and they need to make sure this is correct because this password will allow access to your financial information. When requesting the password, you will be asked to provide your farm number along with your producer number. Both these numbers can be found on your check.

### New roll-over or drop-down menus

By holding the mouse over a menu heading, additional menu choices will appear. Some of these drop-down menus may also have even more additional choices available.

Computer tip -- in order to view the dashboard section of this site, you may need to download the Microsoft version of "Silverlight." For this free download, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/>.

If you have any questions regarding the producer-only section of the Swiss Valley website, contact your field rep.



## Component Tests Available Via E-mail

To further assist our co-op members in getting their test results as quickly as possible, members now can elect to have their pickup component test results e-mailed to them each Monday through Saturday.

If you want to get your test results over the Internet, you will need to supply Swiss Valley Farms with a working e-mail address. To set this up, use the e-mail account you would like to have your tests sent to and send an e-mail to: [tim.genthe@swissvalley.com](mailto:tim.genthe@swissvalley.com). Include in this e-mail both your farm name AND farm number, then retype your e-mail address in the letter. Swiss Valley Farms will discontinue sending your test result with your hauler and you will receive them via this e-mail address. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Genthe at 563-583-7669 or contact your Swiss Valley field representative.

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During the Month of November,  
these Swiss Valley Farms  
Members averaged below 100,000 for  
their Somatic Cell count.

ARENDS, DARWIN & DULCI	74,000
BAUS, RON & MARY	73,000
BEACHY, NORMAN	75,000
BENNETT, JOHN & CHARLENE	68,000
BIERSCHENK, CARY & JENNIFER	84,000
VANDERHAM, BILL & LYNN	91,000
BREUCKMAN, CHAD	74,000
BROCKMEYER, PAUL	60,000
CAROLAN, KEVIN & DONNA	42,000
DEAVER, MIKE	96,000
DEVORE, RICHARD & VANESSA	84,000
DREIER, RANDY D.	98,000
ENDRES, JOHN P. & JOSEPH E.	89,000
FASSBENDER, PAUL G.	67,000
FRICKSON, ANDREW M.	98,000
GOODMAN, MARK A.	87,000
HALL, LARRY F. & ROXANNE	97,000
HEATHERSTONE ENTERPRISES	97,000
HENDEL FARMS	82,000
HESSENIUS, CRAIG	91,000
HODSON-DIRKSEN FARMS LLC	95,000
HOFA PARK DAIRY FARM LLC	72,000
JOHNSON, DUANE A.	86,000
JOHNSON, R. ALLEN	98,000
JOHNSON, RICHARD	98,000
JOHNSON, ROY A.	86,000
JUNK, MELANIE M.	95,000
KAROW, DWAIN	65,000
KETCHUM, ROBERT C & TERRI A	74,000
LINDSAY, BRIAN	77,000
LUDWIG, KRIS & SHARON	89,000
MAIER, EUGENE & JULIE	84,000
MARTIN, CHERYL & SCHMIDT, GLENN	74,000
MEIER, BRIAN	77,000
MEIER, MIKE & CHERYL	77,000
MEYER FARMS DAIRY LLC	84,000
MILNES, THOMAS	93,000
MOHLMANN, LOUIS R.	97,000
NEWELL, EUGENE	86,000
NOLT, WESLEY	70,000
NUNES, DARYL & PAM	79,000
NUNNIKHOVEN, LYLE	98,000

Somatic Cell Range -- Percentage  
listed is based on number of **A**

Farms	
0 - 100,000.....	8 %
100,001 - 200,000.....	35 %
200,001 - 300,000.....	31 %
300,001 - 400,000.....	13 %
400,001 - 500,000.....	7 %
500,001 and above.....	6 %



## 400,000 SCC Continued from Pg. 3

60 days before being placed on the market. Corrective actions and out-of-compliance monitoring activities are expected to continue during the derogation period, which is valid for one year. In the event of a farm's continued non-compliance, the derogation must be reapplied for one year following the issuance of the derogation.

### Antibiotic Testing Accelerates Nationwide

In conjunction with the SCC and SPC aspect of exporting milk, export markets and the FDA are stepping up testing protocols for antibiotics in milk shipped from the farm and in finished products. Milk and milk products can now be tested for following drugs: Ampicillin (AMP), Cephapirin (CEPH), Penicillin G (PEN G), Erythromycin (ERY), Tylosin (TYL), Ciprofloxacin (CIP), Sarafloxacin (SAR), Chlortetracycline (CTC), Oxytetracycline (OTC) Tetracycline (TC), Doxycycline (DC), Sulfachloropyridazine (SCP), Sulfadiazine (SDZ), Sulfamerazine (SMR), Sulfadimethoxine (SDM),

Sulfamethazine (SMZ), Suflaquinolaxine (SQX), Cloxacillin (CLOX), Sulfathiazole (STZ), Thiabendazole (THBZ), Flunixin (FLU) (Flunixinhydroxide), Bacitracin (BAC), Virginiamycin (VIR), Tilmicosin (TIL), Florfenicol, Chloramphenicol, Tulathromycin, Gentamicin, and Neomycin.

In addition, the FDA will be required to test for the following drugs, in order to keep our milk export markets to the EU open: Tinidazole, Ornidazole, Metronidazole, Ronidazole, Sulfapyridine, Enrofloxacin, and Eprinomectin.

Swiss Valley Farms will keep you informed of these changes as they are mandated by any regulatory agency to ensure the best possible returns to the members. If you have any questions, please contact your field representative or Tim Genthe at the Dubuque Office at (563) 583-7669.

PAYNE, DUSTIN J.	99,000
ROSEDALE GENETICS LTD.	78,000
SCHAEFER, JEFFREY G.	86,000
SCHAEFER, KURT	86,000
SCHAEFER, SUSAN	86,000
SCHUMACHER, ALLAN	74,000
SCHUMACHER, JOYCE	74,000
SCHUMACHER, RICKY	74,000
SCHUSTER, CHRIS	89,000
SCHUSTER, LEONARD	89,000
SCHUSTER, RONALD	89,000
SEXTON FARMS	94,000
SIEGLE, SANDRA SCHREMPF	74,000
SIEGLE, STEVEN D.	74,000
STAUFFER, TITUS	89,000
STRIEF FARMS INC.	93,000
VALLEY VIEW DAIRY INC.	86,000
WIKMAN, JOHN & JUDY	98,000
WORMLEY, JOEL & JAN	94,000

welcome  
**NEW SWISS  
 VALLEY FARMS  
 MEMBERS**

**ANDY JEFSON**  
 Forest City, Iowa

### *Future Milk Contracts Are Now Made Through Blimling Office*

Future Milk Contracting is open to Swiss Valley Farms members only. As of April 1, all futures' contracts are made directly through Blimling and Associates. To contract milk, call the offices of Blimling and Associates at 1-800-945-8891 and give them your farm number to get the process started. Through Blimling, you will have access to live market pricing and your contracting window will be larger.

You may contract milk from:

- 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday CST and 8:30 to 1 p.m. Friday CST for the Class III-based program.
- 9:05 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday CST for Total Price Contracts (this includes Producer Price Contracts) and Options-based contracts.

For more details on Forward Fixed Price Milk Contracting, Swiss Valley members can log on to the members-only section of [www.swissvalley.com](http://www.swissvalley.com).

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