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BULK MILK CELL COUNTS

The Top 25 recognises the efforts of suppliers in keeping their average monthly BMCC to low levels.

Top 25 April 2017

1	Matthew Ross	53,000
2	Mary, Robert & Helen Grieve	59,000
2	Triple T Farms	59,000
3	Noel, Franci & Narrelle Hann	64,000
4	Gerard & Jo McNamara (Nathan)	67,000
5	RG & TA Morey (Rachael)	69,000
5	Peter & Joy O'Keeffe	69,000
6	Corey Baulch	72,000
7	Hans & Susanne Vogel	74,000
8	Costin Partnership (Colin)	77,000
9	Barry & Andrea Smith (Stephen & Allira Smith)	78,000
10	Lyndon & Joyce Cleggett	79,000
10	Craig & Annette Smart	79,000
11	Cyril & Marjo Nijskens	80,000
11	Craig & Andrea Duro	80,000
12	SJ & V Ewing	81,000
12	Rod & Libby Swain	81,000
13	Mark & Tania Nevill	83,000
13	Glenmead Pty Ltd (I, V & N Smith)	83,000
13	Ted, Doreen & Andrew Delaney	83,000
13	Peter & Christine Raper	83,000
14	Michael & Nicole Uebergang	85,000
15	Brian, Louise, Angela & Claire McDowall	87,000
15	Glenn Whiteside	87,000
16	Doug & Karren Hunter	89,000
16	Paringa View Park	89,000
17	Rohan & Jayde Smith	91,000
17	R, B, D & G Trigg	91,000
18	Lance & Lynette Greenwood	93,000
18	Tyson & Vanessa Sinclair	93,000
19	Lyn Logan	95,000
20	Ben, Toby, Anne & Mick Holloway	97,000
20	Coranna (J & M Barake)	97,000
21	Brian & Cathy McCosh	98,000
21	Balpat Pastoral	98,000
22	P & J Mahony	99,000
22	Alta Vista Enterprises P/L	99,000
23	Les & Julie Gass	101,000
23	Mary & Simon Brown	101,000
24	David, Nareda & Owen Simpson	102,000
24	Les & Vicky Farrer	102,000
24	Alice, John & Daniel Pekin	102,000
25	Cossack Dairy Pty Ltd	104,000
25	M & A Nolan	104,000

Factory Average BMCC April: 185,000

QUALITY MATTERS

By Anne Prince, Farm QA Manager

Many farms currently have fresh cows and heifers being milked. Please ensure that the full withholding period for any dry cow treatment and eight milkings have elapsed before the milk from these cows is included in the vat.

It is important to check the accuracy of the times on your milking time stickers in the vat room. WCB relies on the times on these stickers when making decisions on whether to pick up your milk. Please ensure the stickers record the correct time you finish milking.

Tail docking, except under veterinary instruction, contravenes the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Cattle (2016). There are some excellent resources on Dairy Australia's website www.dairyaustralia.com.au (under the animal welfare tab) that discuss alternatives. Consult your Field Officer for further information.

Many calves are disbudded at this time of year. Disbudding is always preferable to dehorning of more mature animals. The Saputo Animal Welfare Policy endorses anaesthesia and pain relief for calves at disbudding. Please take time to discuss this process with your vet. Many suppliers report they have had very positive experiences with their vet managing the disbudding process, with calves receiving anaesthesia and pain relief as well as routine health checks.

Providing appropriate care for bobby calves should be a priority for every supplier. Calves must have adequate food and water and deep, clean bedding with room to lie down. They also need protection from excessive heat or cold. For those transporting bobby calves, please ensure you are following the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Land Transport of Livestock (2012). See www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au/land-transport.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The WestVic Dairy Young Dairy Network Trivia Night will be held on Friday 16 June 2017 at the Cobden Football Club, 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

Entry \$15 per person. Single tickets or tables of 10. Tickets can be pre-purchased or bought at the door (pending numbers). All proceeds will be going to Aussie Helpers. The night will feature dairy and general knowledge trivia questions, and there will be a major raffle and lucky door prizes. Plenty of finger food will be provided and drinks will be at bar prices. Buses will run from Colac and Warrnambool.

RSVP Monday 10 June 2017 Amanda Heard WestVic Dairy 5557 1000.

WCB SUPPLIERS SHINE AT AWARDS

Our suppliers were well represented among the winners, runners-up and nominees at this year's Great South West Dairy Awards, and we extend our congratulations to all.

The awards were announced at a ceremony held in mid-May at Deakin University, celebrating all aspects of the dairy industry.

Macarthur suppliers Peter and Fiona Musson won the Gardiner Foundation Farm Business Manager of the Year Award. Suppliers Ben and Anna Kenna from Terang were runners-up.

Cooriemungle supplier Andrew Powell won the WCB Young Farm Leader of the Year Award, presented by WCB's General Manager Milk Supply, Anthony Cook.

The Colac, Corangamite and Wannon UDV Branches Natural Resource and Sustainability Award was won by Ecklin South suppliers Max and Pam Wines.

The award for WestVic Dairy Farm Photo of the Year was won by supplier Jessa Fleming from Gorae West. Matthew Swayn was runner-up in this category.

WestVic Dairy's Regional Manager, Lindsay Ferguson, says that the large number of nominations and the quality of the finalists emphasised the high standards in the local industry.

'We are part of a wonderful, if at times challenging, industry and it is important to recognise those who are outstanding in their business practices', he says.

In the coming editions we look forward to featuring stories about our award-winning suppliers.

CLASSIFIEDS

TO PLACE OR CHANGE AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS:

Please email your ad to james.maxwell@saputo.com or contact your Field Officer before the 24th of the month to place an advertisement.

EMPLOYMENT

Dairy farm worker required, milking 250 cows 1 hour west of Port Fairy. Experienced work or trainee considered. Ph Rachel 0439 790 252.

FOR SALE:

Complete dairy infrastructure for sale - purchaser to remove. 15 side double up. Milkaware plant, electric pulsators, electric cup removers, Dairy King air stall gates, Dairy King individual feed system incl. augers and old silo apparently computer capable. Incl. vac pump, compressors etc \$45,000 ex-GST; Frigrite 5,600 litre vat complete with refrigeration, however has been decommissioned approx. 4 years ago, \$3,000 ex-GST; Calf feeder system Foster Technik VDW1 (SA2 325 / 230), 3 bay, milk powder type, \$7,000 ex-GST. Located Port Campbell. Ph Bruce 0429 101 331.

25 Milkaware ACR3 cup removers, Milkaware TL pulsators & milkline with 25 entries at 580mm centre; 10m backing gate with chain curtain in working condition. Ph Joseph 0425 927 266.

24 Waste-Not Stockfeeder panels & 6 ends in very good condition, \$12,000 + GST. Ph 0438 665 353.

20 'Milka-ware Pro 4' ACRs in excellent condition, selling due to moving dairies, \$21,450. Ph Sam 0447 308 321.

Hay for sale, dry cow quality, predominantly ryegrass, 4 x 6 rolls, located Darlington, \$25/roll + GST. Ph Greg 0429 901 230.

Oaten hay \$135/t and vetch hay \$185/t ex-GST delivered Warrnambool, feed tests available, sourced Nhill area, Ph Mont 0428 861 159 or Syd 0428 504 487.

Lucerne hay: 24.8% CP, 10 ME, 38.9% NDF, all shedded, experienced, professional owner operators. Located south of Keith SA. \$210/t ex-GST ex-farm Ph Joe 0409 041 825

Cereal hay, feed test available, sourced Murtoa area, \$148/t ex-GST delivered Warrnambool area, Ph 03 5385 2236 or 0429 391 206.

ADF teat-dipping/back-flushing system. Currently on a 50-unit rotary. Purchaser to organise removal. Will easily adapt to herringbone or rotary. \$20,000 plus GST. Ph Brad 0418 857 541.

Hay for sale, approx 20,000 big squares, discounted with payment plan available over several months; feed test available. Ph Westwind Farming & Trading 0417 354 703.

11,000-litre vat 15HP compressor and Packo vat wash \$20,000; 2X DeLaval Plate coolers \$850 each; RVS M7000 vacuum pump \$2000; 2 X Nupulse double-ended diaphragm milk pumps coupled together, \$500 each. Ph Nick 0419 316 850.

Herringbone dairy plant: Waikato milking plant with DeLaval cup removers. Complete 32 swingover Hi Line dairy. Some items can be sold separately such as cup removers and teat spray unit. For details Ph Jos 0428 606 290.

Herringbone dairy plant: complete 30-unit DeLaval milk plant (no filter or plate cooler), automatic cup removers including swing arms, 3" loop milk line, electronic pulsators, harmony plus clusters, wash jetters, vacuum pump, milk pump. Best offer. Ph Phil 0428 988 134.

Hay: vetch, oats and barley/vetch mix. Squares and rolls. Feed test available. POA. Horsham. Can arrange freight. Ph Anthony 0427 056 886.

Contracting: Power harrowing with air seeder & rippers for autumn pasture renovations. Simpson-Cooriemungle area. Ph Colin 0429 206 180.

Vat, Frigrite 4800 L \$6500 + GST. 26-a-side Coweld feed system, 40 kg bins, 610 mm, with roller mill. \$4500+GST. Ph 0438 376 433.

WANTED:

Secondhand 8,000+ L vat and/or milk snap-chiller unit. Ph Graeme 0409 188 485.

Vat for calf milk up to 4,000 L capacity, doesn't need to cool. Ph Tully 0437 247 322.



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