**Red’s Corner**

I would like to recognize the good care all of us cows are getting since the herd health rotation started up again. The patient care given by students has been excellent! A hearty “thankyou” to Robin Gryskiewicz, Sara Butler, Jamie Despirito, & Carrie Allen!

Oh, and by the way...I LOVE getting grain as encouragement to get up for milking! - Red

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**TOOTSIE, the herd Matriarch died**

On September 1, 2004, at the ripe ‘ol age of 11 years, 8 months, “Tootsie”, the herd Matriarch died following her 10th calving.

- Total production=212,080
- Best lactation was her last=#9—28,190-305 and 34,470 total milk
- Recognized in DHIA reports as one of the 11 cows over 200,000 in the county

Tootsie’s passing symbolizes the herd becoming ours to manage in the sense that now 58% of the original herd is gone. When we purchased the herd it had excellent reproduction and better than average production. We are fortunate to have these traits in our cows as these qualities have given the teaching herd a jump start. Now it is up to us to raise these calves, breed the heifers, and bring them along in the herd to maintain the excellent cow status with which we started.

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**The lowdown on hooves...** In the early spring we began to see an increased incidence of laminitis and sole ulcers—which we attributed to inconsistent hay—in a few of our cows. Beginning May 1, Karl Burgi trimmed the affected cows’ feet every two weeks. Following the tornado—when we lost our silage bag, got new silage, and had some traumatized cows—we experienced additional hoof problems in several more cows which necessitated Karl Burgi coming out another three times.

We have decided to continue our program of trimming all the cows’ feet twice a year, and trimming the chronic cows four times a year. In addition, we have decided to initiate locomotion scoring as a way to monitor lameness. **Becky Mentink** has agreed to implement this new approach. We are in discussions with **Dr. Nigel Cook** regarding the adoption of Dave Rhoda’s system for identifying and managing lame cows and herd records. **Stay tuned....**
CHARMANY PROGRAMS  
& the Students Who Make It Happen

BREEDING PROGRAM
Our breeding program has been managed by a number of students in the past: Pam Draheim, Kerry Hagen, Christine Sibigtroth, Allison Wistrand, and others. This semester Travis Kulka will have that responsibility. It is not easy keeping track of Bill and Harry and Red! The program is very synched as in pre-synch, resynch, ovnsynch, and sometimes Dave uses the kitchen sink!

VACCINATION PROGRAM
Our vaccination program will be handled by Ann Zielinski. Her responsibilities will include procuring, scheduling, and implementing the adult herd vaccinations including: J-5 Coliform Vaccine and Scourgard (*rotavirus, coronavirus* and *E. coli K99 bacteria*). The calf vaccination program both at Charmany and Bookhout will be handled by the students in the herd health rotation. This program includes BVD, PI3, IBR, *Clostridium*, and *Lepto*. The herd is vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, and 5 Lepto’s yearly by the Bovine Club.

BODY CONDITION SCORING
Jason Loner, a meat and dairy science student, is handling the body condition scoring. It is going to be hard to fill Sara Gilbertson’s boots. Our goal with Jason this semester is to develop a reporting format for body condition scoring, hay and silage intake (including refusal), milk production, and cow’s stage of lactation. Jason’s results will be used to develop a grouping system for the herd.

Production & Milk Quality Summary

- The herd continues to milk an average of 77 lbs/cow of Adjusted Corrected Milk (ACM).  
  *(ACM is a calculation that standardizes milk to 3.5% fat content, produced by a 3rd lactation cow at 150 DIM.)*

- Approximately 42 cows are producing 2725 lbs/day (65 lbs/cow/day). This is approximately 59 lbs per stall—still struggling post-tornado to hit even our breakeven production level of 68 lbs!

- The herd’s butterfat has averaged 3.60%. The protein has averaged 2.95%.

- Dry Matter intake is at 50 lbs per cow.

- Bulk tank SCC is at 234,000 with a SPC of 1000 for September.

ANNOUNCEMENT
Anyone interested in working in the herd this fall should contact Dr. Goodger. Only 3 positions left!
Week at a Glance

MONDAY
AM:
PM: Herd Health Management (623-675):

TUESDAY
AM: 4th year Theriogenology rotation (623-699)
herd check: Harry Momont/Bill Bosu, 4th yr. students.
   Bleeding opportunity to tail bleed cows for Chuck Czuprynski’s laboratory.
PM: Herd Health Management (623-675):

WEDNESDAY
AM: LAIM (a.k.a. Laura Lien) will be sending a 4th year student to tail bleed for Chuck Czuprynski’s and laboratory and exam any sick cows.
PM: Herd Health Management (623-675):

THURSDAY
AM:
PM: Herd Health Management (623-675):

FRIDAY
AM: 7:30am: Management meeting for the teaching herd management team.
PM: Herd Health Management (623-675):

SATURDAY
AM: Health Management-623-675:
PM: Health Management-623-675:

SUNDAY
AM: Health Management-623-675:
PM: Health Management-623-675:

Dates to Remember

DHIA Tests
Oct 12th (pm)
Nov 9th (am)
Dec 14th (pm)

Veterinary Diagnostics and Therapeutics Laboratory Course Schedule
Bovine palpation: Sept 27 (1-4 pm); Sept 30 (1-4 pm)
Bovine palpation: Oct 18 (1-4 pm); Oct 21 (1-4 pm)
Bovine palpation: Nov 1 (1-4 pm); Nov 4 (1-4 pm)
Bovine palpation: Nov 15 (1-4 pm); Nov 18 (1-4 pm)

& More...
Veterinary Immunology (Immunology 703-510):
Oct 27 (3-5 pm); Nov 3 (3-5 pm)

Veterinary Bacteriology (PBS 517): Oct 26 (5-7 pm);
Oct 27 (5-7pm)

Basic skills in Production Medicine (PM1):
Oct 25 (10-12 am)

Recent Calvings

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* Springing heifer
Projects Around the Barn

- We have cows to vaccinate (J-5 and Scourgard). See Ann Zielinski for the schedule.
- Jason Loner is now doing the body condition scoring and could always use some help.
- Rebecca Mentink is doing locomotion scoring and trying to adapt Dr. Rhoda’s herd plan for identifying and managing lame cows.
- Travis Kulka is taking a 699 Directed Study on implementing the OVSYNCH breeding protocol.

Employment Opportunities

Interested in gaining experience working with dairy cows? Then boy do we have the opportunity for you! You can join the milking crew at the Charmany Teaching Facility and work the AM or PM milking shifts. Weekday shifts are from 5:00 am to 7:00 am and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Weekend shifts are from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested students should contact Dr. Bill Goodger at (608) 770-1448.

One further note on employment is that we can save 50% in student salary expenses (about $20,000 per year) if students apply for work study (about 90% of veterinary students are probably eligible). These added funds would not only allow more students access to the herd, but would also provide support for clinics, projects, and clinical upgrades to our facility which would enhance the experience for all students. Below is information about work study from the campus work study office in financial aid.

** The Work-Study Program does not determine where you work. It is up to you to determine where you’d like to work and what type of work you’d be interested in. The Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP) employee’s will be glad to discuss with you what your interests are and what employment options are available to you but you will need to contact the employers directly to inquire about job availabilities.

Having accepted Work-Study will benefit you primarily in two ways: first, since employers only pay 50 cents of every dollar earned by a student, work-study students are highly sought after employees and second, any work-study monies earned are not counted and considered as earned income when you apply for next year’s financial aid. Normally a student’s earnings are considered as earned income and your next year’s financial aid award is reduced by that amount.

If you decide to work on campus, ANY job at the UW automatically qualifies as a work-study position. You should always let a UW-employer know that you have accepted a work-study award, because again, it makes you an even more desirable hire to them. Having said this, some UW employers require that you have work-study. These listing can be found under the “UWWR” section.

If you need to contact someone at the UW-SVM Teaching Herd Barn, call (608) 265-3558.

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