

Herd Testing Highlights

Southeast Dairy Herd Improvement Program

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DHIA Fee Increase

Fees to operate Southeast DHIA have not changed since the merger in 2001. Due to the pressures from decreased cow numbers, the board voted to increase fees in 2007 by a net of \$0.01 per cow per month.

In order to collect for fixed costs of the DHIA operation, the board chose to load the increase toward the first 6 tests per year. The decision was made to increase the monthly fee enough to provide a discount on each test after 6 in the calendar year. So the new fees will show a 3 cent per cow increase for the first 6 tests per year, with a 4 cent per cow discount on each test for the remainder of the calendar year.

Board Elections

Nine dairy farmers make up the Board of Southeast DHIA. These persons spend valuable time guiding and overseeing the DHIA program in Florida and Georgia. Nominations have been received for Ben Wilson and Donald R. Yoder, District 1; Keith Shiver, Gary Aukema and Scott McAdams, District 2; and Gary Keyes, District 3. Ballots will be mailed in January. Be on the look out for your ballot to cast your vote.

SMI Annual Meeting

Southeast Milk, Inc. will hold its annual membership meeting on January 10. The meeting will be at the Ramada Inn in Ocala.

Georgia Milk Producers' Meeting

This year's meeting will be February 12-13 at St Simons' Island. Southeast DHIA will have a booth. Stop by and visit with your questions or suggestions. Georgia *Cream of the Crop Herds* will be recognized at the banquet.



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Upcoming Events 2007

January 9	SMI membership Meeting	Ocala
January 26	DHIA Technicians' Conf.	Perry GA
February 12-13	GA Milk Producers'	St Simons Island
February 22-23	National DHIA	St Pete FL
March	PCDART Workshops	TBA
March 16	SEDHIA Board Conference call	
May 1	Florida Dairy Conference	Gainesv'l
May 2	PCDART Workshop	Gainesv'l