

## IMPORTANT



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## National Safe Digging Month!

It's the perfect opportunity to remind people how important it is to contact 811



before digging, installing fence posts, deep tilling, cleaning ditches, and more. The 12-minute documentary video below is an award-winning, first-person account of a tragic drain tile accident and its impact on a close-knit community. The film was produced by the Drain Tile Safety Coalition, a non-profit organization promoting farm safety and the Farm Safe 811 system in partnership with the Pipeline Operators for Ag Safety and the Pipeline Association for Public Awareness. We've shared this video before, and it's impact is wide-reaching. It's a powerful reminder to practice safe digging before agricultural work begins.



# **DAIRY YOUTH UPDATES**

# **Dairy Judging**

4-H Dairy Judging Practice starts at 6:30 p.m. at the following dates and locations.

May 9th: Siemers

May 15th: Ragnar

May 22nd: Jenlar

May 30th: Sunnyside

June 5th: Vos

June 9th: Contest

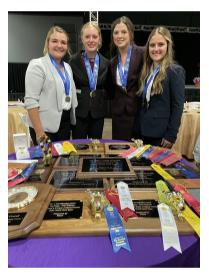


#### Herd Builder Application

Any Junior Fair dairy cattle exhibitor aged 12-15 as of January 1, 2023 may apply for the "HERD BUILDER AWARD". The award will recognize exceptional dairy youth and will be presented at the 2023 Manitowoc County Fair. The award winner will receive a registered heifer calf from McCulley Dairy.

Click here for application.

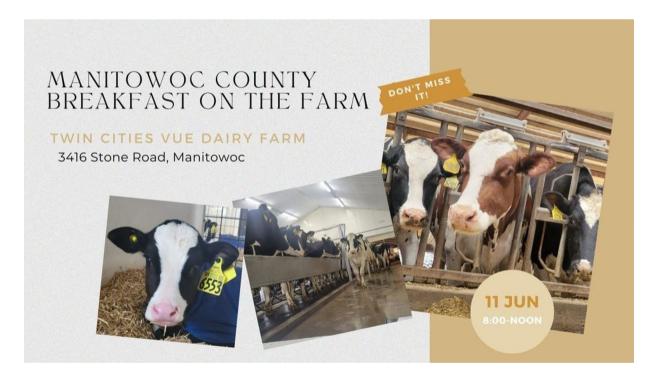
### Outstanding Dairy Cattle Youth Exhibitor



Any Junior Fair dairy cattle exhibitor aged 16-19 as of January 1, 2023 may apply for the "OUTSTANDING DAIRY CATTLE YOUTH EXHIBITOR" award. The award will recognize exceptional dairy youth and will be presented at the 2023 Manitowoc County Fair. The award winner will receive a \$1000 stipend which can be used for college education and/or dairy show-related supplies.

Click here for application.

# **IN THE NEWS**



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#### Hay Market Report

All hay prices quoted are dollars per ton FOB point of origin for alfalfa hay unless otherwise noted. The information presented in this report is compiled from public and private quality tested sales and reports in the Midwest.

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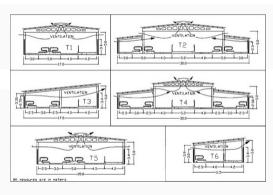


### Dairy Situation and Outlook

Milk production compared to a year ago has slowed. Milk production was 1.4% higher in January, 1.1% in February and just 0.5% in March. Since December of last year, the number of milk cows has been increasing month to month. By March cow numbers increased by 29,000 head. March cow numbers were 31,000 higher than a year ago, an increase of 0.3%. Milk per cow did poorly with March just 0.1% higher than a year ago.

### Considering Dairy Farm Construction in 2023?

Remodeling existing facilities to improve cow comfort can improve the longevity and production of your herd. When remodeling with a few improvements, you may consider free stall size, bedding material, water



availability, lighting, floor grooving, and fan placement.

If an expansion is in your future, many of the same decisions will apply along with alley widths, the distance between cross-overs, and the alley cleaning system. All of these building projects will be affected by the availability and price of construction materials. Read the full article <u>here</u>.

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