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Cull Cows & Antibiotics

by Don Boelens

In recent weeks, several of the Swiss Valley staff have attended meetings with Department of Ag representatives from various states concerning the issue of antibiotic residues in slaughter beef. This, of course, includes dairy cull cows. Unfortunately, a high percentage of dairy cull cows versus beef cows going to slaughter are testing for high levels of antibiotic residue. According to the Midwest Dairy Association, the question of antibiotic residue in food is increasingly becoming a point of focus by U.S. consumers who are continuing to take more interest in how their food is produced.

The focus of these discussions with these state agriculture departments has been to examine what can be done to better inform the dairy producers on this issue. There is a huge emphasis to make certain that all dairy producers have a very close VCPR (vet client patient relationship). It is extremely important for all dairy producers to understand the withdrawal periods on these drugs and to be certain to correctly follow them when shipping cull cows to market.

Another topic that continues to be on the top of consumers' minds is animal welfare, or how dairy producers take care of their animals. As I mentioned in a previous **Dairyman** article, National Milk Producers Federation has created the national F.A.R.M. Program as an animal care evaluation tool, not a scoring tool, of a dairy producer's farm. F.A.R.M. stands for Farmers Assuring Responsible Management.



CEO Don Boelens

The Swiss Valley field staff recently became certified to begin conducting on-farm evaluations for the F.A.R.M. Program. Your field rep may be contacting you regarding volunteering your farm for an evaluation. There will be no cost to you for this other than your time. You may even find this evaluation to be beneficial to you and your dairy operation as the field reps may be able to point out ways you can improve your set up and increase cow comfort even more at a minimal effort.

Again, Swiss Valley Farms is conducting F.A.R.M. as a volunteer program. I know that all of our co-op members do an excellent job of taking care of their dairy cows that in turn produce quality milk for them and their business operation. I encourage you to consider participating when your field rep calls you.

It's Two in a Row For Co-op!

Kendra Moser Named Iowa Princess

It's another proud day for Swiss Valley Farms! Co-op member Kendra Moser, 18, Colesburg, was crowned the 57th Iowa Dairy Princess at an evening coronation in Des Moines on August 11 at the State Fairgrounds. Kendra is the daughter of Todd and Lynn Moser. She represented Clayton County in the competition. She also won the presentation portion of the princess competition. Kendra just began her freshman year at Luther College in Decorah where she is studying biology.

The state Princess title allows Kendra to serve as the official goodwill ambassador for nearly 2,000 Iowa dairy farmers during the coming year. She will participate in public appearances, speaking engagements and other promotional activities across the state of Iowa over the next 12 months.

Kendra was crowned by outgoing Iowa State Dairy Princess and Swiss Valley Farms member Katie Adams, Waucoma, Iowa. Katie, along with the 2009 Alternate Iowa Dairy Princess Stacy Fitzpatrick of Greeley, completed their reigns during the Iowa State Fair. Like Kendra, both Katie and Stacy received scholarships sponsored by Midwest Dairy Association.

Congratulations to Kendra and her family! You will read more about Kendra and the Moser's in an upcoming Dairyman issue. Turn the page to see how Katie and Stacy's year progressed.



Kendra Moser was crowned the 2010 Iowa Dairy Princess at the Iowa State Fair in August.

A Hot Summer for Cheese Awards!



Swiss Valley Farms has always been proud of its line-up of award-winning cheeses, and we've proved it again this summer! Swiss Valley cheeses placed well in several dairy competitions across the country. Check out the awards we recently received:

Swiss

3rd Place, Wisconsin State Fair - Platteville, Wis. plant
Blue Ribbon, Illinois State Fair - Luana, Iowa plant

Cream Cheese

Grand Champion, Illinois State Fair - Luana, Iowa plant

Neufchatel

Blue Ribbon, Illinois State Fair - Luana, Iowa plant

Blue Cheese

Silver, L.A. County Fair

Gorgonzola

Gold, L.A. County Fair

- both made at the Mindoro, Wis. plant

For Katie & Stacy

It Was One Busy, Unforgettable Year!



It was a year that Katie Adams will never forget. It was also the quickest year she ever experienced.

While serving as the Iowa Dairy Princess, Katie calculated that she attended and spoke at about 40 events, traveling over 6,000 miles across Iowa.

Here are a few of the highlights of her reign:

- Throwing the first pitch at an Iowa Cubs game.

- Touring a 4,000 dairy cow operation and milking in a double 40-parallel parlor.

- The simple gratification when an audience understood her message and wanted to learn more.

- Crowning another Swiss Valley Farms member as the next Iowa Dairy Princess!

“Oh, I can’t forget about the fun opportunities Stacy and I were provided during the Iowa State Fair . . . such as driving a golf cart around the fairgrounds to pick up 100 Dominos pizzas!” Katie said the Iowa State Fair was a great way to end her reign. “It has been an amazing year that I am very thankful for!”

2009 Iowa Dairy Princess Katie Adams and Alternate Princess Stacy Fitzpatrick participated in dozens of Midwest Dairy sponsored events during the past 12 months. Here are a few snap shots of their busy and unforgettable year.

Whirlwind Year for This Farm Girl

Ask Stacy Fitzpatrick how her summer went as the Iowa Alternate Dairy Princess and her reply will be “Gosh, yes, the summer has flown by.” In fact, the entire year was one big blur for this Swiss Valley Farms member from Greeley, Iowa who represented Delaware County in the 2009 state pageant.

Stacy is the daughter of Swiss Valley members Mark and Sherri Fitzpatrick, who milk 65 Holsteins and run a small Angus beef cow calf operation and custom feed hogs.

“Stacy has helped milk cows since she was little,” Sherri says. “She pretty well grew up in the barn in that little yellow swing,” her father added. “Either there or in the tractor.”

Stacy still tried to help out at home during the past year, while she was also finishing up her senior year in high school. She has three younger siblings, Jake, 16; Kari, 13, and Haley, 9.

Here is the run down on what Stacy did this past year.

- Attended dairy banquets in Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson/Clinton, Bremer, Clayton and Sioux counties.

- Worked at farm tours at the Iowa State dairy facilities, NICC at Calmar and Plymouth Farms in LeMars, Iowa.

- Judged two kiddie calf shows at the Delaware and West Union Fayette county fairs and the Youth Classic in West Union.

- Worked at the State Holstein Show in West Union and the District 1 Show in Manchester and the District 8 Holstein Show in West Union.

- Participated in a school visit in West Union, Iowa where Stacy gave 11 presentations

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Stacy and her family gathered for a photo in their backyard. They are clockwise from top left: Jake, Sherri, Mark, Kari, Stacy and Haley.

Sept. 19-25 is National Truckers' Week

A SALUTE TO OUR MILK HAULERS

September 19 through 25 is National Truckers Week. Swiss Valley Farms is taking advantage of this national event to salute our milk haulers who work so hard seven days a week to pick up your milk. Below are a few of the comments that were submitted by our members about their milk haulers. The names of all our milk haulers are also included here so we can send out a big "Thank You!" for all the effort they put into their job.

Getting our members' milk to the processing plants as quickly as possible is a big part of the everyday function of Swiss Valley Farms. Without them, those award-winning cheeses would not be made. Through blistering sun, ice, snow and, in some cases, flooding rivers, they are there to pick up your milk. All the co-op members, and their cows, are grateful!



Lyle Wulfekuhle has been Jim and Christie Goldsmith's hauler for 20 years. These Earlville, Iowa members think the world of Lyle. "Ever since the time our kids were really little, Lyle would always leave half pint cartons of chocolate milk in the little fridge in our milk house," Christie says. "Our son, James, who was 3 at the time, thought Lyle took the milk out of our bulk tank, put it on his truck and made it into chocolate milk overnight and brought it back to us the next day." The Goldsmith children are James, 15; Katlyn, 12, and Lauren, 8.

Pat Strait of Preston, Iowa, had good things to say about her hauler, **Ron Johnson**, who drives for Jackson Trucking. "Ron is always on time, always has a smile and a cheery attitude. He is easy going, keeps my supplies full and takes care of my dairy products. He makes sure they don't get warm before they get delivered. If I am in the cow yard with the tractor feeding the cows, he waits until I am done and out of the yard before he backs up as it would block my exit! He has, on occasion, helped me catch a cow that got away from me. If I need help with anything, he is willing to help."



“We are deeply appreciative to be able to work with such a great friend.” -- Debra Brehm

Tom and Cherrie Engelken, members from Earlville, Iowa, think a lot of their hauler, **Jeremy Feldman**. “He keeps everything neat and clean in the milk house,” Cherrie says.

“Our grade school age children really enjoy talking and joking with him. When it comes around fair time, he is always willing to be a taste tester for the food projects.” He is particularly good at judging the brownies. “Jeremy will taste the brownie and say, ‘This is at least a blue ribbon.’ And sure enough, Nicole gets a Blue ribbon!” Jeremy is always willing to accommodate his producers, Cherrie says. “He will switch his route around if you need an earlier pick up.”

On this month’s **Dairyman** cover, Jeremy samples another batch of Nicole’s brownies. The children are, from left, Amber, 8; Amanda, 10, and Nicole, 15.



Allan and Debra Brehm, from Durango, Iowa, had good words to say about their hauler, **Lorrie Olson**. “Our milk hauler, Lorrie Olson, is a great man whom you can always depend on,” Debra says. “He checks to make sure the bulk tank is clean and running all right before putting the milk in. He is always smiling and a pleasure to be around. Lorrie always keeps us informed if his schedule varies. Being a milk hauler is definitely not an easy job and Lorrie deserves credit for his dedication and hard work. No matter how bad the weather is, he comes and never complains about it. We are deeply appreciative to be able to work with such a great friend.”

Mitzi Blanchard had some good words to say about her hauler, **Rick Mortensen** of Jackson Trucking. “He’s worked for us six years and he has always gone beyond and above the call of duty,” she says. “Rick is always on time and he calls me if there is a problem.”

The Clinton & Jackson County Dairy Promotion Group held its first “Lunch on the Farm” last year on Blanchard’s Dairy. “That first year and this year, too, Rick has helped us out by handling the petting zoo. He brings in his own animals and had to go out of his way to find kittens and bunnies this year. By the end of the day, he found four little kids who wanted those kittens.”



“I never, ever have to wonder or worry about him. He’s always on time and in good form.” -- Inga Haugen



“My milk hauler has to put up with something that approaches cruel and unusual punishment,” wrote Inga Haugen, a co-op member from Canton, Minn. “Not only does my driveway have (necessary) water bumps that are annoying, but I have free range chickens. I don’t have them during the whole year, where they could learn to be smart and not bother the milk truck. But I have periodic broilers that are stupid and have total free range of my barn yard. **Mike Stark**, my hauler, is very sweet to put up with the stupid things, and I’ve even seen him come to a dead stop to avoid hitting them. Perhaps I should ask him if he wants a Christmas Chicken? Mike is also timely, pleasant and worry free. I never, ever have to wonder or worry about him. He’s always on time and in good form.” Inga is the daughter of members Bonnie and Vance Haugen of Springside Farm.



Several of **Tom Silver’s** producers called to say they love the calendar’s he gives them every Christmas. Tom takes the time to design a calendar featuring a photo of his milk tanker. He has been doing this for 15 years. Tom hauls milk in the central Iowa area around Cedar Rapids.



Co-op member Tom Heims, of Edgewood, Iowa, had good things to say about his hauler **Ron Cashman**. “He always seems to be there rain or shine and is always willing to lend a helping hand if needed,” Tom says. “Ron has even helped me with a few minor repairs, such as helping to repair the milk house floor a time or two.” He’s been Tom and Sue’s hauler for 15 years.

A BIG “THANKS” TO ALL OUR HAULERS

Swiss Valley Farms and its producer-members appreciate everything all our haulers do for us every day of the year. We would like to extend a huge “Thanks” to everyone of them.

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Roger and Linda Polsdofer

HAULER COUPLE SETTLES INTO RETIREMENT

After 28 years, Roger and Linda Polsdofer have parked their milk hauling trucks in favor of a slower retirement lifestyle.



A few months ago, Jane Nunnikhoven of Pella, Iowa called to say good things about her haulers, Roger and Linda Polsdofer and their driver, Michael Harvey, from the Corydon area.

“We live in hill country . . . God’s country,” Jane said. “We had ice on our roads and mud bottom outs, too. Through all of this, they were always able to make it out to pick up our milk.” Jane went on to say that the dairy producers are really spread out in their area. But the Polsdofer’s grin and bear it and keep on going. “They are all very nice people and they are very good at their jobs.”

During the past month, the Polsdofer’s decided it was time to retire from the milk hauling business after 28 years of working with Swiss Valley Farms members in the southern Iowa area.

Linda said she, Roger and Michael hauled milk from Corydon to Kalona, as far west at Leon, Iowa, putting around 300,000 miles a year on their trucks. “All those

miles are worse on the people than the trucks,” she laughed.

Swiss Valley Farms field supervisor Tom Tegeler worked with the Polsdofer’s for 13 years. “They were very pleasant and cooperative to work with,” Tom says. “They picked up milk on days I never thought they would be able to pick it up. It was amazing considering the hard winters and all the flooding in their area in the past three years. I will really miss working with them.”

Linda agrees that the flooding has been a big issue in their travel area, with detours adding hours to the trips. “The last two winters were the first time we ever had a producer have to dump milk because we couldn’t get there.”

Now, she is enjoying spending her time baby sitting for her 2-month-old granddaughter while Roger drives a semi part-time for a Corydon company.

Time is Running Out! GET IN THE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST



The deadline to submit photos for the 2011 Swiss Valley Farms Member Calendar is Sept. 30. Don't miss your chance to get a photo turned in.

Photo quality and sharp focus are major considerations. A picture must be enlarged to 11" by 9" in order to fit on a calendar page. Large file digital photos are the best. If you don't have a digital camera, make an 8" by 10" print of your photo and submit that. Only submit photos that you personally have taken. Photos taken by non-member, professional photographers can not be used.

Fill out the form below and include it with your submission. If you are e-mailing the photo, include all of this information in your e-mail at the time of submitting the photo. Then please mail a signed copy of this form to Nancy Feeney at the address below.

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Phone Number: _____

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Names of people in the photo: _____

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Who is your Swiss Valley Field Rep?: _____

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Cash prizes will
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the top three
photos.



STRATEGIES FOR LOWERING YOUR SCC

by **Patrick J. Gorden, DVM**

Food Supply Veterinary Services, Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine

I have received an increased number of inquiries from dairy producers seeking advice on how to improve milk quality on their operation. This has stemmed from a good ol' hot summer putting stress on cows' immune systems and from the E.U.'s new SCC standard that all producers must have an SCC <400,000. We all know that summer will soon pass and that heat-associated elevated SCC's will mostly likely come down. But, everyone needs to accept that the E.U. standard will most likely become reality, it's just a question of when, so producers who are hovering at or above the 400,000 level should continue to work towards lowering their herd's SCC. In past Dairyman issues, Ron Brenner and Tom Tegeler offered valuable advice on controlling your SCC. Hopefully, I will be able to expand on their information from a veterinarian's perspective.

When I am consulted concerning milk quality concerns, I think it is important to take a look at the big picture and not focus on only one cause for the problem. High SCC's are multi-factorial in cause and often there are many little things that need to be corrected. The first thing I do is ask for a comprehensive bulk tank culture, including culturing for Mycoplasma. This provides a picture of what is going on in the herd both in relation into intramammary infections and also with milking procedures. Depending on the results from the bulk tank culture, additional culturing is often warranted to identify animals that may be causing the elevated SCC.

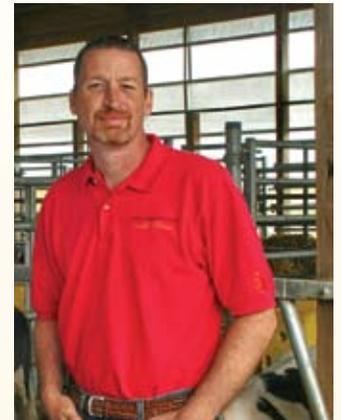
The next step that I take is to evaluate any and all records that are available. If the herd keeps good treatment records, this allows for the establishment of mastitis rates and provides us a picture of effectiveness of mastitis therapy. DHIA records provide a key piece of information by comparing monthly individual SCC to develop a feel for the number of fresh cows that are calving with infections, the number of new infections that are occurring each month, and also get a feel for whether or not infections are curing.

I utilize farm records to get a feel for the health of the herd. Many times the primary underlying cause for

a SCC problem is poor cow health leading to stressed immune systems that are not able to clear even simple infections. It is important to understand that antibiotics do not clear intramammary infections unless the cow also has a functional immune system. Metabolic diseases like ketosis, retained placenta, metritis, displaced abomasum and milk fever all have an impact on the cows' ability to eliminate an intramammary infection. Many times these diseases can be sub-clinical in nature, meaning they are not recognizable without additional testing. However, they still have a negative impact on cow health.

Upon arrival on the farm, a complete walk through of all of the facilities is warranted. This allows me to get a feel for cow comfort, cow cleanliness, feed and water quality and availability, feet and leg health, etc. In many operations, cows spend better than 85% of their day in these areas, so neglecting the housing facilities in a milk quality investigation must be avoided.

Finally, we head to the milking facility. Depending on the operation, I want to evaluate the facility both during milking and when it is sitting idle. Evaluations during milking time provide a picture of not only milking procedures, but also a closer look at the cows themselves, especially the udders and teats. I spend a great amount of time looking at teats during the milking process. Evaluating teats for skin condition, cleanliness and for the presence of teat lesions, like hyperkeratosis, provides a picture of how well the teat can perform in the prevention of new intramammary infections. The skin and teat sphincter are the primary barriers for preventing new intramammary infections so these must be as healthy as possible. If the skin is very dry and rough, bacteria can easily grow on the teat skin and eventually gain entrance to the teat. Bacterial



Patrick J. Gorden

growth on the teat skin is the first step in gaining entrance into the udder. Likewise, if the teat end is rough, they are nearly impossible to clean during the milking process and they do not close as effectively to limit bacteria from getting into the teat.

Milking time evaluation also allows for the evaluation of the people component. If milkers are interacting with cows in a positive manner, the cows will respond in a positive manner. However, if they are handled roughly while entering the parlor or if there is too much noise (yelling, whistling, etc.), the cows often times respond by not wanting to enter or by frequently urinating and /or defecating while entering the parlor. Additionally, they will release hormones associated with stress that will counteract milk letdown and reduce the milk harvested. Sound, consistent milking procedures must also be followed in order to provide a clean, dry, well stimulated teat before attaching the milking machine. Minimizing overmilking, after the unit is attached and at the end of the milking process, is essential for the maintenance of healthy teat ends.

Lastly, a complete evaluation of the milking equipment is essential. I have not left it to the end of this article because I do not think it is important. It is a very important piece of the puzzle. However, many people become so focused on the milking equipment that it becomes impossible for people to focus on other causes for poor milk quality. I was recently on a farm where the milking system was functioning well below the standards that are currently established. But, because the dairyman was conscientious in his milking procedures, problems were minimized. Likewise, I've been on operations with the latest and greatest system that is not properly maintained and there are tons of problems. With that being said, a comprehensive evaluation of the milking equipment should be completed. The most important evaluation of the milking system is done during the milking process to evaluate how well the equipment is performing under a load and how the function of the equipment is impacting milk quality. Issues like claw vacuum, pulsation performance, liner/teat interaction, detacher function and equipment cleanliness must be evaluated in order to understand the equipment's contribution to milk quality issues.

After a complete evaluation of the operation is

completed, a plan for improving milk quality must be established. This can range from a simple clean-up or treatment plan that can be completed in a few months to an extensive culture and manage protocol that may take three or more years to complete.

No matter what the plan, it is important to see the big picture and not become too focused on one piece of the puzzle in order to be successful in improving milk quality. Remember, milk quality is not something that comes easily. It involves a complete, healthy herd approach that allows the cows to function at their peak capacity. Milk quality is an everyday of the year job! However, you are not alone in your endeavor. Utilize the expertise of your Swiss Valley field person, local veterinarian or other consultants to help establish your goals!

(If you have any questions, Patrick J. Gorden can be contacted at 515-294-3096 or pgorden@iastate.edu.)

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During the Month of July,

these Swiss Valley Farms

Members averaged below 100,000 for their Somatic Cell count.

ALDINGER, ROGER	92,000
BAUS, RON & MARY	75,000
BENNETT, JOHN & CHARLENE	53,000
CAROLAN, KEVIN & DONNA	91,000
CHURCHILL, DAVID	99,000
DEAVER, MIKE	95,000
DREIER, RANDY D.	91,000
GILBERTSON, LARRY	82,000
HENDEL FARMS	80,000
HODSON-DIRKSEN FARMS LLC	90,000
KAUFFMANN, JERRY & STEPHANIE	84,000
KAUFFMANN, RICHARD & LUANN	84,000
KETCHUM, ROBERT C & TERRI A	64,000
KOOPMANN, BRENT	97,000
KOOPMANN, CHAD	97,000
OAT HILL	88,000
PETERSON, PER K.	84,000
SCHROEDER, CRAIG A.	96,000
THOMPSON, LARRY & LIANE	96,000
VALLEY VIEW DAIRY INC	82,000

Want to Get Your

Component Tests Via E-mail?

To further assist our co-op members in getting their test results as quickly as possible, beginning Sept. 1, 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. 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.

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

0-100,000.....	3%
100,001 - 200,000.....	19%
200,001 - 300,000.....	28%
300,001 - 400,000.....	21%
400,001 - 500,000.....	13%
500,001 and above.....	15%

726 Farms Total



STACY FITZPATRICK

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to 250 youngsters in small groups, all day long. “I lost my voice by the end of the day.”

- Worked at the National Cattle Congress in Waterloo. “Around 600 kids came through there and I gave presentations showing them the different breeds of dairy cattle.”

- Played Dairy Jeopardy at the Iowa Children’s Museum in Iowa City.

- Along with Katie Adams, Stacy threw out the first pitch and served chocolate milk in the stands at an Iowa Cubs game in Des Moines.

- Participated in several media interviews.

- Helped with MDA’s new Princess orientation in Cedar Rapids on June 19th to help orientate the new county princesses.

As if all this wasn’t enough, during her senior year Stacy participated in the 4-H FFA Dairy Judging and Dairy Quiz Bowl, was vice president of her 4-H club, treasurer of her FFA chapter and vice present of the high school student council and helped deliver Meals on Wheels to local seniors. Whew!

Stacy’s fondest memory for the year was attending several county dairy banquets with her family. “That was fun,” she says. “I also helped crown two county princesses and got the chance to talk with other dairy farmers from around the state.”

Officially finished with her Alternate Princess duties, Stacy is starting her freshman year at the Iowa State University where she is majoring in ag business and dairy science.

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Westfield, Wis.

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Oxford, Wis.

LYNN KIRSCHBAUM

Glen Haven, Wis.

Just a Reminder: Adulterated Milk Will Be Rejected

The Pasteurized Milk Ordinance defines Abnormalities of Milk as the following types of lacteal secretions that are not suitable for sale for Grade “A” purposes.

1. **Abnormal Milk:** Milk that is visibly changed in color, odor and/or texture.

2. **Undesirable Milk:** Milk that, prior to the milking of the animal, is expected to be unsuitable for sale, such as milk containing colostrum.

3. **Contaminated Milk:** Milk that is un-saleable or unfit for human consumption following treatment of the animal with veterinary products, i.e. antibiotics, which have withhold requirements, or treatment with medicines or insecticides not approved for use on dairy animals by FDA or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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Members who would like to get their milk test results can call our toll free number:

800.397.7669

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SWISS VALLEY GALS MEETINGS SET FOR SEPT. 23 & 24



“FEEDING THE GOOD -
MAKING THE MOST OF OUR LIVES”

An exciting speaker will be addressing the Swiss Valley Gals at two special fall meetings. **Gerarda Lahey-Keppler** from Epworth, Iowa will brighten our lives with her presentation “*Feeding the Good – Making the Most of Our Lives.*” Make plans to attend!

2010 Swiss Valley Gals Fall Meeting Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 23 – *Huckleberry’s Restaurant,*

Hwy 35/18, Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Friday, Sept. 24 – *The Barn House,*

13527 Gun Club Rd., Epworth, Iowa