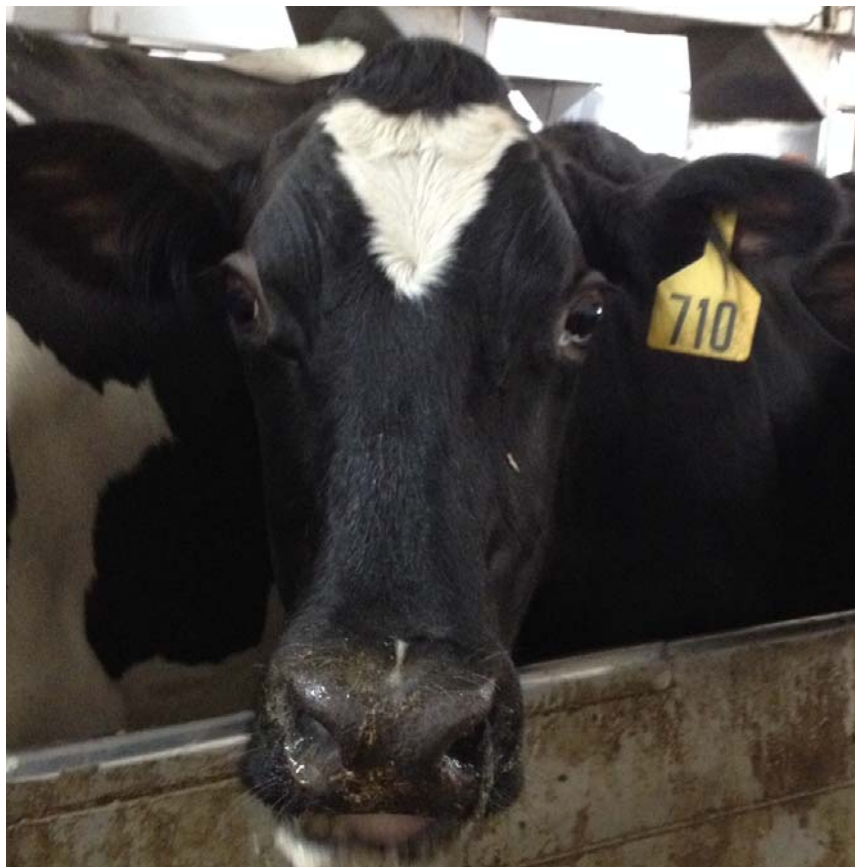


# **67<sup>th</sup> Annual Ashtabula County Dairy Banquet**



**Saturday, March 18, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Camp Beaumont  
Rock Creek, Ohio**



**Program**  
**DSU President – Jason Brinker**

Invocation .....	David Marrison
Buffet Dinner .....	Bill Roloff- Chef for Camp Beaumont
Introduction of Guests.....	David Marrison
Agricultural Legislation Update.....	Dr. John Patterson
Election of Directors.....	Lindsey Gray
Dairy Princess Contest.....	Lindsey Gray
A Look Back at Her Year as Dairy Princess.....	Katie Stokes
Ohio Honor Roll .....	David Marrison
Production Awards.....	Jason Brinker & Joel Baldwin

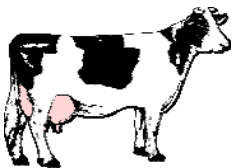


**HIGH INDIVIDUAL COW AWARDS**  
**BEST OF THE MONTH HERDS**  
**LOW SOMATIC CELL AWARD**  
**MOST IMPROVED HERD ROTATING TROPHY**  
**HIGH ECM AWARD**



Director Election Results .....	Joel Baldwin
Crowning of 2017 Dairy Princess.....	Lindsey Gray
Door Prizes & Raffles.....	David Marrison
Adjournment .....	Jason Brinker

**Dairy Service Unit Board of Directors**



Jason Brinker, President.....	440-474-2883
Lisa Kalas, Vice-President.....	440-319-6348
David Marrison, Secretary .....	440-576-9008
Joel Baldwin, Treasurer.....	440-224-2562
Tom Coltman.....	440-228-8796
Lindsey Gray.....	440-313-6793



**Monetary Banquet Donations**

Centerra Co-op- \$250  
 Bossy's Way- \$100 (princess donation)

**Snowblower**

Robinson Equipment Company Inc

**Cupcakes**

Lisa Brail

**Cheese Plate**

Pine Grove Jersey Farm

**Placemats & Napkins**

Compliments of COBA/Select Sires  
 Farm Credit Services

**Milk**

Compliments of Cold Springs Milk Cartage, and  
 Rowdy Cow Creamery

**Flowers**

Kathy Strong & Barb Anderson

## 2016 OHIO BREED AVERAGES

(Averages from Official Herds with 10 tests)



Breed	No. Herds	#'s Milk	#'s Fat	#'s Protein	#'s ECM
Ayrshire	9	16,919	648	550	18,115
Brown Swiss	17	20,216	854	698	23,004
Guernsey	6	17,606	832	600	21,122
Holstein	272	25,203	930	777	26,229
Jersey	62	17,600	854	643	21,735
Milking Shorthorn	3	13,837	479	438	14,074
Mixed - Crossbred	24	23,481	916	753	25,296



## 2016 OHIO HONOR ROLL

(Official Herds with 10 tests)

Name	Breed	State Ranking
Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	Brown Swiss	1 <sup>st</sup>
Alfa-Creek Farms	Holstein	4 <sup>th</sup>
Bossy's Way Farm	Holstein	15 <sup>th</sup>

## 2016 ASHTABULA COUNTY HERDS

Name	Township	Cows	Milk	Fat	Protein	ECM	Number of Tests
Alfa-Creek Farms	Andover	259	29,131	1,251	892	32,548	12
Bossy's Way Farm	New Lyme	167	28,358	1,089	899	30,252	12
Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	Andover	40	24,820	1,193	826	29,884	12
Springer Dairy Farms	Lenox	121	24,202	912	765	25,576	10
Wilson Dairy Farm	Jefferson	175	23,454	882	730	24,639	7
Gaylord Millard & Son	Pierpont	249	23,164	824	725	23,788	12
Polchin Holsteins	Cherry Valley	44	22,130	827	691	23,232	12
Ringbyre Jersey Farm	Monroe	386	18,298	919	692	23,176	12
Soltis Dairy	Hartsgrove	172	20,553	829	659	22,496	6
Whitetail-Glen Farm	Monroe	27	17,354	638	526	17,960	12
Pine Grove Jersey Farm	Sheffield	56	13,592	702	528	17,572	12
<b>County Averages</b>	-----	<b>154</b>	<b>22,278</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>24,648</b>	<b>11</b>

## 2016 Low Somatic Cell Herds

(Herd with under 150,000 SCC)



Farm	Township	Average Somatic Cell Count
Wilson Dairy Farm	Jefferson	92,000
Bossy's Way Farm	New Lyme	126,000
Ringbyre Jersey Farm	Monroe	143,000

## 2016 Most Improved Herd (Herd with positive 500+ ECM gain)



Farm	Township	ECM Increase
Wilson Dairy Farm	Jefferson	1,077#
Polchin Holsteins	Cherry Valley	848#
Pine Grove Jersey Farm	Sheffield	776#
Ringbyre Jersey Farm	Monroe	672#



## 2016 Best of the Month Herds

Month	Farm	Township
January, February, March, May, June, July, October, November, & December	Alfa-Creek Farms	Andover
April & August	Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	Andover
September	Bossy's Way Farm	New Lyme



## 2016 High Individual Cows

		<u>Brown Swiss</u>	
2 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	903	35,080# Energy Corrected Milk
3 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	762	31,840# Energy Corrected Milk
<b>4 Yr. Old</b>	<b>Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>40,568# Energy Corrected Milk*</b>
Aged Cow	Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss	Hannah	37,200# Energy Corrected Milk
		<u>Crossbreds</u>	
2 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Farms	849	34,672# Energy Corrected Milk
<b>3 Yr. Old</b>	<b>Alfa-Creek Farms</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>40,504# Energy Corrected Milk*</b>
4 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Farms	737	34,616# Energy Corrected Milk
Aged Cow	Alfa-Creek Farms	646	31,764# Energy Corrected Milk
		<u>Holstein</u>	
2 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Farms	833	40,416# Energy Corrected Milk
3 Yr. Old	Alfa-Creek Farms	3164	43,392# Energy Corrected Milk
4 Yr. Old	Bossy's Way Farm	1692	42,264# Energy Corrected Milk
<b>Aged Cow</b>	<b>Alfa-Creek Farms</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>47,888# Energy Corrected Milk*</b>
		<u>Jersey</u>	
2 Yr. Old	Ringbyre Jersey Farm	428	28,348# Energy Corrected Milk
3 Yr. Old	Ringbyre Jersey Farm	166	28,832# Energy Corrected Milk
4 Yr. Old	Ringbyre Jersey Farm	65	26,956# Energy Corrected Milk
<b>Aged Cow</b>	<b>Ringbyre Jersey Farm</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31,624# Energy Corrected Milk*</b>
		<u>Red &amp; White Holstein</u>	
<b>3 Yr. Old</b>	<b>Alfa-Creek Farms</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>33,304# Energy Corrected Milk*</b>
4 Yr. Old	Jason Brinker Dairy	1702	16,052# Energy Corrected Milk
Aged Cow	Alfa-Creek Farms	107	29,924# Energy Corrected Milk*

\* Top ECM cow for breed

# 2017 Dairy Princess Contest



**RAEANN ELDRED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAUGHTER OF MYRON AND ROSMARIE ELDRED**  
**TERESA POLCHIN** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAUGHTER OF SHANNON KIDWELL AND TONY POLCHIN**

**THANK YOU TO KATIE STOKES**  
**FOR SERVING AS OUR 2016 ASHTABULA COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS**



## 2017 Door Prize Donors

Ashtabula County Dairy Service Unit  
Dave Ballentine  
Bortnick Tractor  
Bossy's Way Farm  
Charlies Autoparts  
COBA Select Sires  
Conneautville Farmers Exchange  
Krystowski Tractor Sales  
David Marrison

Pine Grove Jersey Farm  
Piper Processing  
Progressive Dairy  
Ringbyre Jersey Farm  
Bob Sumerel Tire  
Orchard Creek Soaps  
Progressive Dairy  
Robinson Equipment Company, Inc  
Katie Stokes

**Ashtabula County Dairy Service Unit Annual Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Lenox Community Center**

President Matt Springer called the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Ashtabula County Dairy Service Unit to order at 8:10 p.m. at the Lenox Community Center in Lenox. Dr. John Patterson gave the invocation. "Brian Cole" Catering served an outstanding meal to 110 dairy farmers, family and guests. During dinner, the crowd was treated to milk from the Rowdy Cow Creamery (Hastings Dairy in Geauga County).

David Marrison introduced guests present. Special thanks were offered to banquet donors: Western Reserve Farm Cooperative; Paul Robinson & Company; Ashtabula County Holstein Club; Barton, Keifer & Associates; LLC; Dean Dairy Products Company; Countryside Veterinary Clinic; Hoffman Milk Cartage; Pine Grove Jersey Farm; Dairy Farmers of America; COBA Select Sires; Cold Springs Milk Cartage; Don Mihoci; Farm Credit; Rowdy Cow Creamery, and JR Hofstetter. Thank you to Dan Claypool, Ashtabula County Commissioner and Dr. John Patterson, Ohio House of Representative-District 99 for attending.

Dr. John Patterson, Ohio District 99 House of Representative was the guest speaker for the event. Dr. Patterson gave an update on pending legislation which impacts agriculture in Ashtabula County. This included updates on CAUV, phosphorus legislation, plastics, and the value of agriculture in Ashtabula County. Jason Brinker conducted the annual election of Directors. He reported the terms of Matt Springer and Tom Coltman were up for re-election. Matt has decided to retire from the board after a decade of service. Jason reported that Tom Coltman and Lindsey Zaebst agreed to run for a two year term on the board. Nominations were asked for from the floor with none given. Therefore the election of Tom and Lindsey was moved by general consent. Thank you to Matt Springer for his ten years of service to the board.

Lisa Kalas conducted the 2016 Dairy Princess Program. This year we had two excellent candidates for the 2016 Ashtabula County Dairy Princess. Katie Stokes, daughter of Ken and Tammy Stokes, and Nicole Mann, daughter of Sharon Millard & Tim Mann both presented excellent speeches to the banquet assemble. After tabulating the votes and factoring in the interviews conducted before the banquet, Katie Stokes was crowned as the 2016 Ashtabula County Dairy and Nicole Mann selected as the runner-up. Rosmarie Eldred and Charity Mazzaro presented the Stuart Struna Memorial Extra Effort Award. This award was presented in the memory of Stuart Struna. Finalists recognized were: Joshua Butler from the Demark Pioneers 4-H Club; Justin and Allison Graves from the Kids 'n Cows 4-H Club; Kassydy Brinker from the Pierpont Mix n Match Pacs; and Mason Hane from the Williamsfield Dairyaiders 4-H Club; Each received an attractive trophy. Congratulations to Allison Graves who was the selected as overall winner for this award.

David Marrison presented the Ohio Elite Awards. Congratulations to Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss Farm of Andover Township for being the 2nd place Brown Swiss herd in Ohio, Bossy Way Farm for the being the 4<sup>th</sup> Place Holstein her in Ohio and Alfa-Creek Farms of Andover Township for being the 4<sup>th</sup> place Holstein herd in the Ohio. Outstanding! Matt Springer and Joel Baldwin presented production awards to the high individual cows, monthly top herds and low somatic cell award. Five farms were recognized for having top cows in Ashtabula County by breed and age. Alfa Creek Brown Swiss received 3 Brown Swiss awards; Bossy's Way Farm swept all 4 Holstein Awards and received 1 Brown Swiss award; Ringbyre Jersey swept all 4 Jersey Awards; and Alfa Creek Farms received 3 Crossbreds awards with Springer Dairy Farm receiving 1 Crossbred award. The farm with the top cow in each breed was presented with an attractive plaque. Congratulations to Bossy's Way Farm (Aged Holstein Cow) for having the top producing cow in 2015 (49,232 ECM).

Three herds received a box of candy for being best of the month herd winners. Bossy's Way Farm was the top herd in the county for 9 months, Alfa-Creek Farm for 2 months and Alfa-Creek Brown Swiss for 1 month. For the 11<sup>th</sup> year, the low somatic cell award was presented. This award is given to the herd on test that has the lowest rolling herd somatic cell count. Congratulations to the Wilson Dairy Farm of Jefferson Township for winning this award with a herd SCC average of 92,000 for 2015. Five herds (Polchin Holsteins, Gaylord Millard & Son, Whitetail Glen Farm, Ringbyre Jersey Farm, and Springer Dairy) had over 500 pounds positive gain to their rolling herd average during 2015. Congratulations to Polchin Holsteins of Cherry Valley Township for being the winner of the most improved herd rotating trophy with a 5,084# energy corrected milk gain. The 3X High Energy Corrected Milk award went to Bossy's Way Farm of New Lyme Township. Their Holstein Herd produced 30,940# Milk, 1,198# Fat, 959# Protein and 32,960# ECM. The 2X High Energy Corrected Milk Award went to Springer Dairy Farm of Lenox Township. Their Holstein Herd produced 25,675# Milk, 921# Fat, 767# Protein and 24,111# ECM

Directors then presented door prizes. A special drawing was held for all youth. We are extremely grateful to the following businesses who donated door prizes: Agri King-Joe Holler, Andover Auto Parts, Bortnick Tractor, Bossy's Way Farm, COBA Select Sires, Conneautville's Farm Exchange, Ballentine's Pest Control, Hills Supply, Krulic Family, Lenox Equipment, Paul Robinson & Company, Pine Grove Jersey Farm., Piper Processing, Ringbyre Jersey Farm, Springer Dairy Farm, Westford Milling, and WG Supply.

Matt Springer presented the special raffles. Ken Stokes won the weed eater donated by Paul Robinson & Company, Lynn Millard won the jacket raffle, George Kalas won the Holstein Candy bottles and Jeff Ring won the 50/50 raffle. There being no further business, President Springer adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

David Marrison, Secretary