

# MIDDLEBURY COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER

2021/Quarter 1

## BOARD MEMBER BIO

David Metzler and his wife, Lucille, along with their six children, ranging in age from 24 to 8, live on a 125-cow dairy farm two miles from the PA Grand Canyon. They have been with Middlebury Co-op since 1999. In 2017 they built a poultry breeder barn to generate additional income. In addition to raising crops for the dairy they also raise green beans for Hanover Foods. In 2020 they transitioned from a tie stall barn to a free stall facility. They love farm life, and the opportunity to work and learn together as a family. David has been a board member since 2016 and has been the board President since 2020.



## TOP QUALITY PRODUCER FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER

Congratulations Joe & Charlene Andrus of Towanda, PA for being the top-quality producer. Joe & Charlene had an average bacteria count of 1,700 and an average somatic cell count of 34,000 for the first quarter. Keep up the good work!

### Did you know?

Middlebury Cooperative dates back to 1937. The original incorporation of Middlebury Cooperative took place on October 16, 1937 & was started by a small group of farmers in Middlebury Center, Pa. They later joined NEDCO, which disintegrated in 1985. It was then that Don Gilman & Denny Graves decided to re-incorporate Middlebury Co-op as its own entity & had it up and running by the end of 1986. We have been going strong as our own co-op ever since.



## MIDDLEBURY CO-OP PRODUCTION IS ON THE RISE WITH SPRING IN THE AIR

In January we produced 12,685,072 lbs, in February we produced 11,637,072 lbs, and in March we produced 13,143,036 lbs. The average components, which had been seeing a steady increase through the end of 2020, are starting to level out. January butterfat: 4.08%, protein: 3.22%, other solids: 5.74%. February butterfat: 4.08%, protein: 3.21%, other solids: 5.77%. March butterfat: 4.04%, protein: 3.18%, other solids: 5.74%.