

MIDDLEBURY COOPERATIVE NEWSLETTER

2022/Quarter 1

BOARD MEMBER BIO

Doug Barney lives near Wellsville, NY, where he owns/operates a 240 cow dairy farm with his family and four part time employees. Barney Farms has currently transitioned from a tie stall barn to a double 10 Delaval parallel parlor. Fresh cows and high producers are milked 3x daily, while heifers and low-end cows are milked 2x during this transition period. Doug started farming in 2004, in an old stanchion barn that his uncles owned. He then built his own tie stall in 2007 and moved his herd of 55 in January of 2008. He joined Middlebury Co-op in October 2018 and became a board member in 2020.



QUALITY MILK IS ON THE RISE

Since instilling our new Quality Program in October, we have seen a steady decrease in the average cell and PI counts. Our average cell count for December milk was 205,000 and the average PI was 72,000. In March, our average cell count was 193,000 and the average PI was 27,000. Keep up the good work!

More of the plants that we market to are starting to track PI for all loads that they receive & if our numbers were to get too high, we would be put on a 'do not receive' list. Continue to work with Jack and your sanitation supplier to keep down or lower your PI counts.

Keeping Driveways Clean

As Spring comes into full swing muddy driveways could become an issue for our haulers. Please be aware of the state of your driveway and make sure that the mud is kept to a minimum to reduce potential problems for our drivers.

"Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit."

— Toni Sorenson

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

We had a great outcome for the Annual Meeting that was held on February 26th, for the 2021 fiscal year. We had 129 guests in total, with 39 of our farms represented, which is almost half of our farms! This was one of the best attended Annual Meetings in our history! It was wonderful that so many of our producers were able to be there. Hopefully next year's meeting will be equally well attended.