All dairy exhibitors of cows are strongly encouraged to provide genetic and/or production information. Cows’ Genetic Values for Net Merit Dollar Value (NM$) will be used to rank cows in the Total Merit placings. For cows that have been genotypically tested, the genomically enhanced NM$ will be used to rank cows. The CDCB publishes PTAs for NM$ for eligible DHIA cows with sire ID’s. If a cow does not have a PTA for NM$, to be eligible for the Total Merit class, animals must be sired by a bull with a published PTA NM$ or by a young A.I. bull with a pedigree index. The dam must have a PTA NM$ or the dam’s sire must have a published PTA NM$. Where to find the genetic information:

A. The Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding offers the most up-to-date genetic information on their Internet web site. The site can be accessed at: https://www.cdcb.us/cgi-bin/general/Qpublic/query-selection.cgi

B. A cow PTA NM$ may be obtained by clicking on “Get cow evaluation”. Enter 1-letter breed code (eg. H for Holstein) and ID number (registration number (eg. H15862265)); Complete RFID code with 2-letter breed code and 15-digit RFID (eg. HO840003008328790); or breed and DHIA ear tag number (eg. H41WUC6326). Sire or dam information can be found in a similar manner.

C. Another source of information is the Predicted Transmitting Ability report (DHI-250) or the Cow Page (sent to DHIA clients after each genetic evaluation). If these are not available, sire values may be found on the DHI Reproductive Report, USDA sire summary lists or from A.I. stud information.

NM$ Genetic Value

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\text{Cow PTA NM$} \times 2 = \text{Cow NM$ Genetic Value}
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If the cow PTA NM$ is unavailable the following formula is used:

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\text{Sire PTA NM$} + \text{Dam PTA NM$} = \text{Cow NM$ Genetic Value}
\]

If the cow PTA NM$ and the Dam PTA NM$ are unavailable the following formula is used:

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\text{Sire PTA NM$} + \frac{1}{2} \times \text{Dam’s Sire PTA NM$} = \text{Cow NM$ Genetic Value}
\]

Complete as much information as possible. It may help with the verification of the genetic values.

Sire’s Registration Name: __________________________

Sire’s Registration number: __________________________

Sire’s NAAB Code: __________________________

Sire’s PTA NM$: __________________________

Dam’s Reg Name or Barn Name/Number: __________________________

Dam’s Sire’s Name: __________________________

Dam’s Sire’s Name Registration number: __________________________

Registration or Permanent ID: __________________________

Dam’s Sire’s Name NAAB Code: __________________________

PTA NM$: __________________________

Dam’s Sire’s Name PTA NM$: __________________________
To be eligible for the dairy production class, a cow must have either a) 305 days in milk, or b) a completed record. If a lactating cow has not milked at least 305 days in her current lactation, her most recent 305-d or completed previous lactation should be used. First lactation animals with less than 305 days in milk are not eligible for the production class but exhibitors should still provide the genetics information. Average ME production by breeds can be found at the following internet address: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/dairy/

Production information will be used in the following ways:
1. reported in the show catalogue;
2. used to rank the animals for ribbon placings in the dairy production class.

Ranking will be based on combined value of ME milk, fat, and protein. The formula for $ Value is: 
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[(0.317 \times ME \text{ milk lb}) + (1.95 \times ME \text{ fat lb}) + (2.48 \times ME \text{ protein lb})].
\]

The preferred source of the production information is the DHI Cow Page. If a cow page is not available, 305-2X-Milk ME can be obtained from Dairy Comp 305 or Scout (under PrevLacts tab), PCDart (under F5-Lact tab), or the DHIA Lactation Report (DHIA-312). In cases where only the standardized 305 ME milk is available, the $ Value is calculated by multiplying standardized ME milk x $0.1743.

Please include a photocopy of the Cow Page or computer printout from your software program for verification.

If you have any questions, you may contact Tony Seykora, dairy specialist, at (612) 624-3448.

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### DHIA 8-digit herdcode: _____________________