



AWARDS INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

Upon request, the following listings will be provided to assist you in compiling county awards:

- Top Publishable Herds ranked by Composite BCA (Average of Milk BCA, Fat BCA, Protein BCA)
- Top Publishable Cow records ranked by Composite BCA
- Top Publishable Cows by Age Class ranked by Composite BCA (1 year, 2 year, 3 year, 4 year, 5 year, 6+ years)
- Most Improved Herds (Greatest year over year production increase of herd composite BCA)
- Top Herds for Lactanet Management Score (Publishable and Management herds)
- Lowest Somatic Cell Count Herds

Completed award certificates will be provided for:

- Highest Herd Average
- Highest Individual Cow Record
- Greatest Production Increase
- Top Management Score

It is the responsibility of each DPC county awards committee to select one committee representative to submit the form on behalf of the county.

You can submit this request by email to sbond@lactanet.ca or by phone at 1-800-549-4373. To submit your request by mail, please fill in the following information and return to Lactanet Canada at 660 Speedvale Avenue, Suite 101, Guelph, ON N1K 1E5.

PLEASE SEND OUR AWARD INFORMATION TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE NOTE: AWARDS INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31

Date information required: _____ How many blank certificates do you require? _____

NOTICE: The DPC Awards Committees should be aware of Lactanet's position that milk-recording agencies must not publicly disclose **production records** from herds enrolled on Management Programs. Based on this notice, Lactanet cannot provide listings based on Management Herd Production to Awards Committees for the purpose of awards.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Information is provided to Committee Members on a **confidential** basis for the use in awards preparation only. Please handle all information confidentially.

Receipts associated with the organization of your meeting (i.e. hall rental, meals, speakers, etc.) may be submitted to the Lactanet head office marked "Awards Reimbursement". In doing so, you are eligible for the \$300 reimbursement Lactanet Canada contributes to assist with your annual meeting expenses. Please note that expenses associated with the presentation of county awards (i.e. cost of trophies) are not eligible for reimbursement.

AWARDS POLICY

The following information outlines Lactanet's Annual Awards Policy and will be helpful for those delegates, staff, producers or industry representatives who are responsible for obtaining awards information for their County Awards Committee. The Awards Information Request Form (over) can be completed and submitted in order to receive county awards information.

The county rank listings used in selecting county award recipients are derived from Lactanet's Annual Summary Report for each herd on test. Annual Summary Reports lists all cows that reach 305 days in their lactation, or have terminated lactation with assigned BCA's, between and including January 1 and December 31 of that year.

All herds must receive a test in the current year to ensure that data from the last test of last year is included in the calculations. Because of this, Annual Herd Summaries are printed in late February and then mailed out to all producers on test. Producers must be given adequate time to review the information on the summary to ensure its accuracy. Therefore, Lactanet will not be able to provide county listings prior to March 31. With this in mind, we recommend that County Awards Banquets be held no earlier than mid-April.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

Lactanet, in cooperation with DFO, Breed Associations and AI units, provides the following Industry Awards:

- Greatest Production Increase Award (based on composite BCA, Publication herds only)
- Highest Individual Cow Award (based on composite BCA, Publication records only)
- Highest Herd Average Award (based on composite BCA, Publication herds only)

Lactanet will complete and forward these Awards Certificates to the respective County Awards Committee representatives following receipt of a completed Awards Information Request Form.

The following guidelines will be used in the selection of award recipients:

1. In the case of multi-breed herds, the multi-breed composite BCA average will be counted as the average BCA for the herd
2. In the event of a tie, the herd with the highest protein BCA in the award year will be selected as the winner. In the event that a tie remains, all remaining parties shall be declared winner
3. A herd must be on test for the full calendar year to be eligible
4. A herd must have at least five (5) completed records included on the Herd Summary to be eligible
5. The breed of cattle within the herd is not a factor in award selections
6. When a farm borders two counties, the location described on the DFO license determines in which county the herds will be listed.

LACTANET MANAGEMENT SCORE

This award is based on six criteria: milk value, udder health, age at first calving, calving interval, longevity and herd efficiency. All herds enrolled on Lactanet are eligible to win the Lactanet Management Award. Lactanet will provide a list of the top 'Management Score' herds in each county. In the event of a tie, the award goes to the producer with the largest herd size. NOTE: Permission to publish Lactanet Management Awards Information for County Awards purposes must be obtained from any herds enrolled on Management Lactanet Programs. It is the responsibility of the individual County Committee to obtain this release.

OTHER AWARDS

Lactanet recognizes and supports the desire of county committees to identify the achievements made by producers within their area. The Board of Directors has agreed to supply individual counties and districts with data needed to compile additional awards, however, these additional awards will be identified as County Production Awards, not as Lactanet Awards.

The Awards Information Request Form lists the data that will be available. Counties are responsible for compiling the information, selecting the award recipients and determining the form of the award. Lactanet will supply blank certificates for county production awards. These certificates must be completed and signed by the county and will not contain the Lactanet name or logo. The Awards Information Request Form asks for the number of certificates that will be required by the county.

OTHER GUIDELINES

Interested field staff can be a part of county Lactanet committees to act as resource personnel. Lactanet provides mileage costs for meeting attendance, however, time and expenses are not covered.