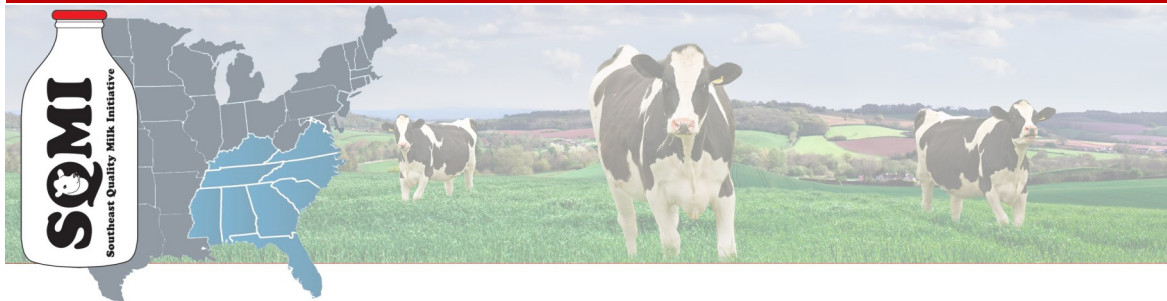


SOUTHEAST QUALITY MILK INITIATIVE (SQMI) AWARDS NOMINATIONS NEEDED!



2016 SOUTHEAST QUALITY MILK INITIATIVE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The purpose of the Southeast Quality Milk Initiative Awards is to recognize individuals who best exemplify quality milk production throughout the Southeast dairy industry. Applications need to be submitted by professionals who serve the dairy industry, such as dairy plant field representatives, veterinarians, extension specialists, and DHI supervisors. The nominator should work with the dairy producer to complete the application. Nomination forms must be received no later than September 1, 2016.

Online submissions are PREFERRED. Go to <http://sequalitymilk.com/>.

You may also return this form to: Steve Nickerson, Animal and Dairy Science Department, Edgar L. Rhodes Center for Animal and Dairy Science, 425 River Rd, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-2771. Phone: 706-340-3367; fax: 706-542-2465; email: scn@uga.edu.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Date applied: _____

Name: _____ Company/Organization _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Position: veterinarian extension agent field staff DHI supervisor other _____

FARM INFORMATION

Farm Name: _____ Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

FARM DATA [For the 12-month time period of June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016]

Total number of cows: _____ Number of milking cows: _____ Number of dry cows: _____ Breed(s): _____

Enrolled in DHI testing: (Y/N) _____ If yes, does this include individual cow SCC testing? (Y/N) _____

Other testing service? (please specify): _____ Include individual cow SCC testing? (Y/N) _____

Current rolling herd averages: Milk: _____ Fat: _____ Protein: _____

additional breed, enter here: Milk: _____ Fat: _____ Protein: _____

Somatic Cell Count (milk plant monthly average records):

Average SCC (for the 12-month time period): _____

High SCC: _____ Month: _____ Low SCC: _____ Month: _____

Standard Plate Count (milk plant monthly average records):

Average SPC (for the 12-month time period): _____

High SPC: _____ Month: _____ Low SPC: _____ Month: _____

How many bulk tank SCC measurements are performed on your dairy each month? _____

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Cases of clinical mastitis detected in the 12-month period? _____ How do you detect clinical cases? _____

Have you been cited for a drug residue violation (milk or tissue) in the 12-month period? (Y/N) _____

How many cows were culled during the time period (all reasons): _____

Of the total number culled, how many were culled for slaughter: _____

Of the total number culled, how many were culled for replacements (sold as dairy): _____

Of the total number culled, how many were culled for udder health reasons? _____

How many cows died during the time period (all reasons)? _____ How many due to mastitis? _____

Nominations are now being received for the Southeast Quality Milk Initiative (SQMI) Awards Program. The goal of the program is to recognize dairy producers from FL, GA, KY, MS, TN, and VA who have successfully placed high priority on producing milk of the highest quality.

Dairy industry professionals including veterinarians, extension agents, plant and co-op field staff, consultants, and others are encouraged to nominate producers. Producers can be nominated using the 1-page form here, or preferably it can be done online at:

<http://sequalitymilk.com/>.

Applications are due by September 1, 2016.

SQMI judges will screen the applicants from FL, GA, KY, MS, TN, and VA, and the top producer from each of the six states will be selected for an award. Applications will be evaluated for measures of milk quality, systems of monitoring udder health, milking routine, protocols for detection and treatment of clinical and subclinical cases, strategies for overall herd health and welfare.

Winners will receive regional recognition and complimentary lodging, registration, and a travel stipend to the 2016 SQMI annual meeting to be held November 16-17, 2016, at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, Tifton, GA.

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