

# SOUTHEAST QUALITY MILK INITIATIVE (SQMI) AWARDS NOMINATIONS NEEDED!



## 2017 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 15, 2017.

**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](mailto: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, 2016 to May 31, 2017]

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? \_\_\_\_\_

How many bulk tank SPC measurements are performed on your dairy each month? \_\_\_\_\_

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 15, 2017.**

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 animal welfare.

Winners will receive regional recognition and complimentary lodging, registration, and a travel stipend to the 2017 SQMI annual meeting to be held November 8-9, 2017 at Opryland, Nashville, TN.

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