



CDCB Update

February 25, 2016

Changes in the CDCB Board Composition

Directors designated by sector for a three year term during the CDCB Annual Meeting:

- John Meyer, from the Holstein Association USA Inc., representing the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.
- John Clay, from the Dairy Records Management System, representing the Dairy Records Processing Centers.
- Jay Mattison, from the National Dairy Herd Information Association, representing the Dairy Records Providers.
- Nate Zwald, from Alta Genetics, representing the National Association of Animal Breeders.

The CDCB Board and staff express their gratitude to Keith Heikes for his dedication and contribution as a CDCB Board Member for the past three years.

Actions from the Board of Directors

- The CDCB Board of Directors adopted the proposal from the Data Flow Working Group (John Clay, John Meyer, Chuck Sattler, Bruce Dokkebakken and João Dürr) to establish a Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule to remunerate phenotypic data suppliers for the additional services associated with the preparation of data for the cooperator database. Since December 2014 the service fees previously paid by NAAB members to the DRPCs have been paid by the CDCB to the DRPCs. The proposed system is based on a fee per record effectively included in the CDCB genetic evaluations, with different values for the different record types. Payments will be made after each official evaluation date (April, August and December) and only records added to the system since the previous run will generate service fees. Record completeness also impacts the value per record. The aim is to continuously stimulate data suppliers to provide records that meet the editing criteria adopted by CDCB for genetic evaluations. The new data acquisition service fees were included in the 2016 budget and the system should be re-evaluated every time new types of records are added to the portfolio.

- The 2016 budget developed by the CEO and as recommended by the Finance Committee (Neal Smith, Treasurer; John Clay, Keith Heikes; Dan Sheldon) was adopted by the CDCB Board of Directors.
- The CDCB Board of Directors appointed Doug Ricke (Zoetis) and Juan Tricarico (Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy) as the Non-voting Advisory Members of the CDCB Board for the year of 2016.
- Breed base representation (BBR) for males and females will continue to be calculated as a project with the following stipulations:
 - Reference groups will be established annually within each of five breeds,
 - Compute BBRs only once in an animal's lifetime or if an animal is re-genotyped,
 - Round to 100 the BBRs that are greater than or equal to 94,
 - Distribute BBRs to: Breed associations for all animals whose primary breed representation is the breed with the highest BBR and genomic nominators for animals that were nominated by them.
 - Official BBR estimates will be distributed in March and April but cannot be published until May 2016, with publication determined by the Breed Associations.