

# THE **BULLHORN**

April 2018

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## Champions!



The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge (NAIDC) was hosted in Visalia, California on April 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Over 230 determined dairy science students from across the nation traveled from over 35 universities to the west coast to compete for the title of North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge National Champions.

After a fierce competition, our own west coast students from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo were honored to be named National Dairy Challenge Champions. The winning team consists of Tony Lopes, Gustine, California; Matt Ruby, Scio, Oregon; Amber LaSalle, Firebaugh, California and Anthony Echeverria, Bakersfield, California. The team was coached by Cal Poly Dairy Science Professor, Dr. David Vagnoni, who's pictured in the middle of the photo above.

Amber La Salle, 4<sup>th</sup> year dairy science student and All West's newest Dairy Program Specialist (starting July 2018), reflected on the skills she has gained through

competing in Dairy Challenge that will soon be put to use when she enters our industry upon graduation.

*"Dairy Challenge helps anyone who becomes involved in the dairy industry. Identifying problems is the easiest part, but it's solving them and working around specific obstacles of the facility and/or dairyman's viewpoint that is the challenge. I have continued to be involved in Dairy Challenge because every dairy has different attributes and opportunities to take on. Every dairy was a learning experience and helped me learn more about so many aspects of particular ways of management."*

For more on Dairy Challenge, and these talented Cal Poly team members, be sure to watch for the May issue of DiamondCuts at

[www.allwestselectsires.com/diamond-cuts-news-letter](http://www.allwestselectsires.com/diamond-cuts-news-letter).

## Sweet Summertime

We anxiously await the "fun" of summertime activities, but we all know the toll that hot weather can take on our dairies. Can we do anything about it? Absolutely! Look to All West for some summertime relief in a few different ways!

### Feeding...

Most dairy producers choose a nutritionist to feed their cows. And every producer understands to survive a low milk price they need to be a low cost producer. All is well until the choice of cost cutting causes a drop in production or reproduction or cow health, then the owner wants answers.

One of the areas that is often cut is on mycotoxin control. Most have no idea what product(s) are being used to control mycotoxins or at what cost. Many times a producer sees a drop in reproduction and tells their Select Sires representative they need higher fertility bulls put in the tank. Sometimes higher fertility bulls aren't the answer to poor repro.

On the next page are two analysis done by SRS Specialist Rick Ellerbrock in Ohio that show what can happen with herd health and repro when mycotoxins are present and a nutritionist is using several products at a significantly higher cost than Select DTX. In June they saw an increase in health events and a drop in repro. The nutritionist had been using several products to help. The herdsman decided to try DTX and results show as good or better results than what the nutritionist was using at a price savings!

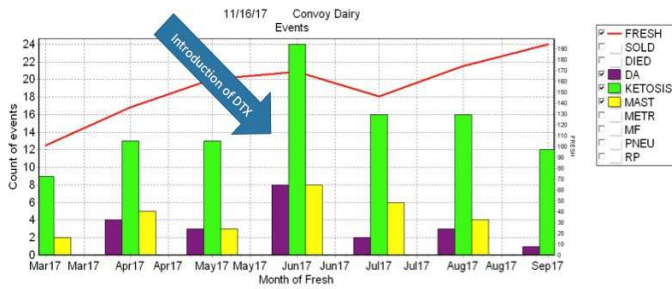
Date	Br Elig	Bred	Pct	Pg Elig	Preg	Pct	Aborts
10/28/16	367	258	70	360	112	31	21
11/18/16	367	242	66	361	109	30	11
12/09/16	395	276	70	384	127	33	15
12/30/16	355	242	68	358	105	30	15
1/20/17	371	263	71	378	121	33	22
2/10/17	360	247	69	363	113	31	13
3/03/17	288	196	68	283	89	9	9
3/24/17	273	176	64	271	86	13	13
4/14/17	282	213	76	278	95	34	13
5/05/17	252	152	60	252	61	24	5
5/26/17	261	161	62	258	69	27	4
6/16/17	271	179	66	271	78	29	13
7/07/17	302	195	65	301	85	28	8
7/28/17	336	239	71	332	105	32	7
8/18/17	302	233	77	300	118	39	12
9/08/17	283	183	65	281	76	27	1
9/29/17	302	197	65	0	0	0	0
10/20/17	343	243	71	0	0	0	0
Total	5065	3455	68	5001	1549	31	182

## • 21 Day Pregnancy Rate

- Pregnancy rates were decreasing in May.
- DTX introduced in June.
- Pregnancy rate held strong during summer heat stress. With a high of 39% in August.
- Achieved similar or better results with lower cost!!

### Health Events

Mastitis, DA, and Ketosis, cases all decreased after adding DTX in June.



This summer, don't forget the DTX, because poor conception isn't automatically a semen fertility problem. Protect your pregnancies through the summer heat...and make the choice to invest in DTX!

[www.allwestselectsires.com/herd-management/biocyte-feed-products/](http://www.allwestselectsires.com/herd-management/biocyte-feed-products/)

(Source: Agrarian Solutions)

### Breeding...

Another way to beat the heat this summer is focus on the FertilityPRO lineup offered by All West/Select Sires. Based on high genetic merit and high fertility rankings from progeny test semen usage, FertilityPRO and FertilityForce (in the AG lineup) bring you some exciting choices to combat lower conception in hot weather.

Check out some of our exciting, high fertility choices! (a complete listing for all lineups can be found in the April 2018 Proof & Price lists available from the All West offices and your authorized All West rep!)

Code	Bull	Milk	SCR	Type
7HO13296	MANDELA <i>Montross x Gabor x Baxter</i>	2103	2.5	1.58
7HO12932	TWOTIMER <i>Spark x Mogul x Logan</i>	1545	3.4	2.42
7HO12818	KELLGREN <i>Kingboy x Supersire x Snowman</i>	1456	2.7	2.51
7JE1459	JX STEELY {4} <i>Jevon x Garden x Impuls</i>	615	3.4	13.80JUI
14HO13603	JABARI <i>Jedi x Jacey x Snowman</i>	2130	2.3	2.22
14HO7738	VICTORIOUS <i>Montross x Supersire x Shottle</i>	2419	3.0	2.07

## Proof Highlights

With proofs coming out earlier in April, it's been an exciting few weeks of sorting through new information and looking at new photos. We've got all you need to know on our All West website

([www.allwestselectsires.com](http://www.allwestselectsires.com)) and in your Proof and Price Lists. Here are two pictures we're pretty excited about – and the bull information is awesome as well!



14HO7418 BELAIR dtr group  
#9 TPI bull in the breed!  
+1300M +145CFP  
5.3PL 2.0SCR +2.22T  
Supersire x Bookem



7HO12421 MILLINGTON dtr  
Newly proven!  
+1214M +143CFP  
4.3PL 1.2SCR +1.43T  
Miles x Shamrock



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