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{d.MailingCity}, {d.MailingProv}, {d.PostCode}

**WARNING**

**EXCESSIVE SOMATIC CELL COUNT**

Results of testing of samples taken from your milk shipments, reported on{d.PreviousMonth}were analyzed and found to contain excessive somatic cells. The average somatic cell count was**{d.DairyTestSCC} ml**. This is in violation of the **MILK INDUSTRY STANDARDS REGULATION 112 (1)(d)** which states:

“No producer’s milk shall contain an excessive number of somatic cells.”

This is your first infraction due to the presence of more than 400,000 somatic cells per millilitre. Additional infractions in a 12 month period will result in a cash penalty as follows:

2nd infraction - 2% of the gross value of milk supplied during that month

3rd infraction - 4% of the gross value of milk supplied during that month

4th infraction - 4 day minimum suspension and possible loss of Certificate of Approval

Please take action to prevent a recurrence. The following management steps will help prevent a future recurrence:

1. Use functionally adequate milking machines correctly
2. Follow effective hygiene with emphasis on teat dipping
3. Treat clinical cases promptly
4. Treat all quarters at drying off
5. Cull cows with chronic mastitis
6. Keep bedding and surroundings dry

Sincerely,



Dr. Theresa Burns

Chief Veterinarian

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