

Michigan Dairy Farmer's Cows Become Totally Grass Fed after using SEA-90 for Three Years in their Mineral and Soil Fertility Program

Don Cordes of Cordesview Family Organic Dairy in Hillman, Michigan, began offering SEA-90 to their herd as part of their free choice mineral program after hearing Robert Cain speak at the N. Michigan Small Farm Conference in 2006. Like most other dairy farmers, Don had struggled for many years to find a mineral and fertility program that was approved for organic agriculture and would also help increase his productivity and profits.

In the past, Don utilized a mineral feeder box where he could introduce up to ten various mineral products allowing the cows to choose what they need on a daily basis. He stated that once he introduced SEA-90 into the feeder, the cows immediately showed significant interest. To him it was the first indication that SEA-90 contained something the cows needed and liked that was not present in mineral products previously offered. Within six months he began to notice a decrease in somatic cell counts, fly pressure and hoof problems. After one year, Don realized a significant drop of 100,000 in somatic cell count so he knew SEA-90 was impacting his herd in a special way. Since, his herd's somatic cell count has stabilized and remains constant at 125,000. In addition, Robert instructed Don that he could choose to foliar feed and/or broadcast SEA-90 to remineralize his pastures, grass and hay upon which his cows grazed.

Don initially ordered a full truckload of 48,000 lbs SEA-90 and the following spring broadcast 250 pounds per acre on all his pastures. Robert explained that SEA-90 is offered as a mineral supplement to livestock because, in many cases, the pasture grass is extremely mineral deficient due to over-grazing and elemental imbalances. In Robert's words, "SEA-90 is "water soluble mineral-rich rock dust and contains all the mineral salts and trace elements found in the earth's core and the periodic table."

During 2011, the Cordesview Dairy Farm marked their three year anniversary of the introduction of SEA-90 into their farm program. Don remarks that he has the best herd health he's ever seen in his 60 years as a dairyman. The protein and sugars in Don's forage and hay are now high enough to sustain his herd with no additional grain inputs, and his herd's somatic cell counts have stabilized to under 140,000. Milk protein and butterfat have increased from previous levels to over three and two percent respectively. In addition, milk solids have increased in the range of eight to 10 percent.

Organic Valley Coop established an acceptable LPC or lab pasteurized count test for shelf life. Milk should not test over 240. A monthly average below 76 generates a \$.40 premium per CWT, while a monthly average between 76-150 generates a \$.20

premium per CWT. Don Cordes' milk consistently tests in the range of 10-60! Cordesview's milk has also tested as preferred "A2". Don commented that his cows have freshened better since he began broadcasting SEA-90 on his pastures and offering it as a mineral supplement. He was happy to say that his calf mortality rate dropped 75%. Since SEA-90 was introduced, Don's raw milk customers claim that the milk produced by his cows tastes sweeter and is the best in Michigan. However, the best part of this story is Cordesview Dairy is more profitable than ever before!

SeaAgri believes that the genetics of livestock can improve once SEA-90 is introduced into mineral and fertility farm programs. Herd health improves while new offspring offered a continuing diet containing 92 periodic table minerals and trace elements throughout their lives will be more disease and infection resistant and can grow more quickly to their full potential. After several years, new generations will be superior to their parents in many ways. In addition, SEA-90's bounty of minerals and trace elements have the ability to remineralize deficient soils and increase the nutrient density of pastures and crops. SEA-90 has become a household word in many farming and gardening communities as proven by our growing customer base of over 3000 farmers and gardeners globally.

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