



56th National DHIA Annual Meeting March 9 – 11, 2021

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Update on 2021 March NDHIA and QCS Meetings

The Field Service Managers Meeting, NDHIA Leadership Workshop and 56th Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held March 9th, 10th and 11th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). There will be shoulder meetings the days prior to the NDHIA 2021 Annual Meeting. These shoulder meetings will be March 9th (Tuesday), with information being forwarded as it becomes available. There will not be a farm or industry tour this year.

Meeting Format and Location

Our goal is to have in-person meetings (events or gatherings) **during the week of March 9 to the 11, 2021**. The risk management, safety and health of the participants and organizations, balanced with the CDC, State and local Public Health guidelines will be the guiding principles in what format the meetings will be held. National DHIA Board and staff are monitoring the ever changing environment as it relates to COVID-19, and what locations and travel plans would be a good solution. At this point in time, a location and hotel have not been confirmed, but St Louis is the leading location.

The plan is to make a decision in December 2020 or January 2021 if the meeting will be in-person, virtual or a mixture of in-person and virtual. The NDHIA Board and staff will be reaching out and communicating with the Field Service organizations in the upcoming weeks to gather input about the organization and individual participation levels for the meetings in March 2021. In December 2020 or early January 2021, we will make a decision based on the intent of organizations and individuals being available to travel and then secure a hotel. Adjustments may be considered as to the format and number of sessions during the period of the meeting.

The health and safety of the people involved, risk management for the organizations and making workable options to meet the needs for reporting and handling issues before National DHIA and QCS will all be factored into the final decision. We will be in communication and follow up with organizations over the upcoming weeks.

Tentative Schedule

Monday, March 8	NDHIA Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9	DHI Managers & QCS Field Service Advisory Meeting (Morning & Afternoon) QCS Advisory Committee (PM) Scholarship Committee Meeting (PM) Welcome Reception (Evening)
Wednesday, March 10	NDHIA Membership Breakfast (NDHIA Managers, Delegates & DRPCs Only) Joint meeting – DHI Managers & QCS Field Service Advisory Meeting & Leadership Workshop (Morning) Leadership Workshop (Afternoon) Caucuses (Late Afternoon) Awards Banquet and Scholarship Auction (Evening)
Thursday, March 11	NDHIA Business Meeting (Morning) Education/Knowledge Session (Late Morning – Done by 1:00pm) NDHIA Board Meeting – Wrap up (Afternoon)

Location – St Louis is the leading choice

Hotel Reservations

Look for information on making your hotel reservations in early 2021. It is anticipated that the window will be approximately 4 weeks in January and February 2021 for the hotel rate in the block. This hotel booking will be critical in the meeting costs and registration fees for the meeting.

Meeting Registration

Registration materials available in early 2021.

NDHIA Membership Breakfast (NDHIA Management, Delegates and DRPCs ONLY)

National DHIA and QCS staff will review 2020 operations and update activities in milk recording Quality Certification, data flow, Identification and DHIA Services.

Leadership Session (OPEN) – *The morning session will be joint with the Delegates, DHI Management & QCS Field Service group, the afternoon for the National DHIA meeting attendees.*

Ideas will be shared on positioning DHI organizations for implementing new technology and effectively communicating DHI's return on investment. New and innovative management programs and processes will be presented to help DHI organization prepare for the future. Allied industry representatives whose organizations impact the milk recording/data collection industry will provide updates and insights into their products and interaction with DHI. Cooperation and innovation as part of the DHI System delivery will be the focus.

Annual Meeting & Educational Sessions (OPEN)

The National DHIA annual business meeting will include the CEO - Management Report, Financial Report and President's Report along with a keynote topic. Sessions following the annual meeting will include reports from the US, Canada, and Denmark, ICAR, Interbull, domestic and international allied organizations about their efforts and cooperation within the data flow in the global milk recording industry.

Watch for meeting updates at www.dhia.org.

