# Tip Tuesday!

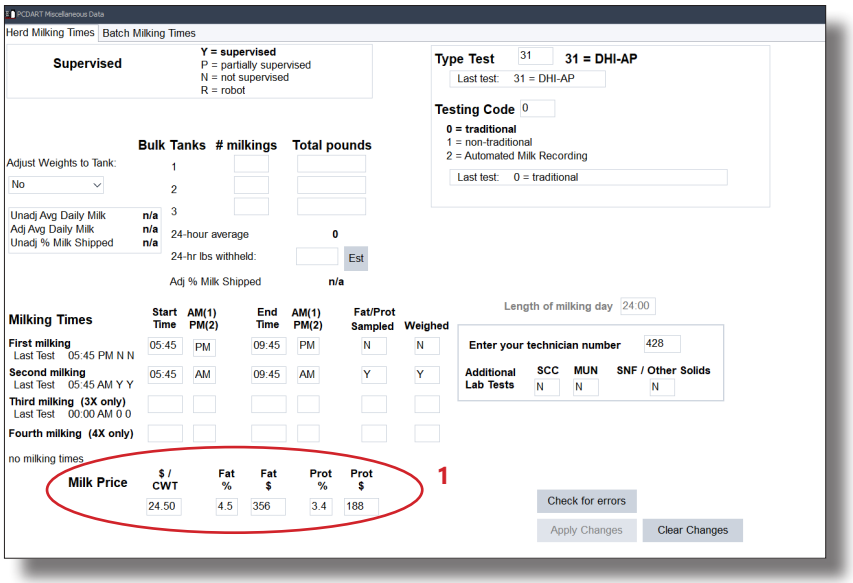
# Income Over Feed Cost

DRMS calculates Income Over Feed Cost (IOFC) as income from milk minus the cost of feed. If no feed data is reported on test day, Value of Product is used in place of IOFC.

It is critical to keep milk price and feed cost up to date so that calculations reflect the value each lactating cow is producing for the farm. We recommend updating milk price and feed cost each test day.

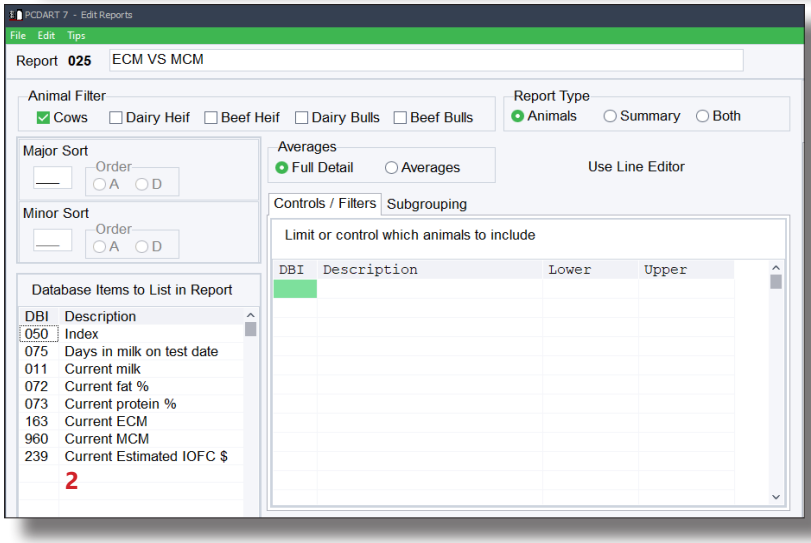
## DHI Reports

There are a multitude of DHI reports that show IOFC, including the DHI-200, 202, 207, 211, 220, 300 and 530. DHI-225 and 508 reports provide Value of Product totals. The DHI Technician can help keep milk price updated by entering these values in the Milking Times screen in Tech Dart. (1)




## Dart

Dart database item (DBI) 239 will show Current Estimated IOFC$ in Dart reports. (2)




## MCM

Use of the Money Corrected Milk (MCM) feature in Dart provides a slightly different metric involving feed calculations, which is Dollars Per Pound of Dry Matter. Just like IOFC$, Money Corrected Milk information needs to be updated monthly to be accurate. If $ per lb DM is recorded, it will be used for DBI 239 IOFC regardless if feed information is or is not reported. (3)

Creating the habit of updating feed cost and milk price every test day will provide accurate and valuable IOFC$ data in DHI reports, Dart reports and in Money Corrected Milk. Contact your DHIA Service Affiliate team or DRMS Support for assistance with Income Over Feed Cost.

