



# Dairy Comp Tips & Tricks

Handy Advice for Producers using Dairy Comp SCOUT & 305

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## Send us your ideas and questions about Dairy Comp

The intent of this newsletter is to help you understand the program as it applies to your usage. As mentioned previously, because it contains helpful hints for improving reports or analysis, your suggestions and shortcuts will benefit others. Please provide comments or helpful hints that we can reproduce in future newsletters. Send your comments to Bill Grexton at [bgrexton@canwestdhi.com](mailto:bgrexton@canwestdhi.com)

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## A New Data Backup Process!

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There are new features added to Dairy Comp to make backups of your herd data much easier - particularly if you use a memory stick.

Choose FILE from your main menu, go to GENERAL SETUP, then select the BACKUPS tab. There are two sections to note. In the Automatic Backups section you can control how often auto backups are made, how many are saved, and where they are stored. The settings shown above tell the program to automatically make a backup everyday, and save the last 7 backups made.

If your program is not open everyday, it will make a backup each day the program is open. Since the 'Directory for autobackups' is blank, the backup will be saved in the program folder. You can enter an alternate save location, like a memory stick drive letter. Having backups of your data saved off the hard drive is a great idea, in case a hard drive crash occurs.

In the Daily Backups section. Click on **Use Internal Backup** (see menu screen to the right). This will use an internal process to make backups. When Daily Backup is chosen from the menu, and a Normal Backup is done, the SAVE AS screen appears and you can select any folder, EXCEPT THE PROGRAM FOLDER. It will remember the last save location and automatically put that location in the directory for daily backups slot.

Key program files will be saved with this new setup. However, the 'optional' box below allows you to specify any other files that need to be included in the backup. I would suggest including the

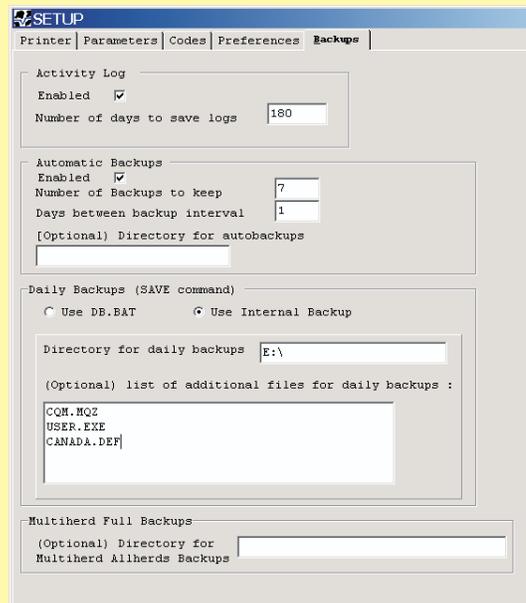


Figure 1

CQM.MQZ (CQM info file), USER.EXE, CANADA.DEF (e-reg settings) and possibly the \*.BMP file.

These backup options are more flexible, and will be much easier to support with a user or DHI staff on farm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dairy Comp Support.

