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Greetings!

See below for important updates, reminders, and reviews regarding the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program.

### **IMPORTANT NEW INFO - Reimbursements!!**

- **NEW - Johne's Veterinary Certification Reimbursement**

Johne's disease courses taken by Wisconsin veterinarians between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 may be eligible for partial reimbursement. Please complete and submit a [W-9 form](#) by March 31, 2010 to receive partial reimbursement for eligible course fees.

- **2009 Invoices/Reimbursement Applications**

For the 2009 calendar year, invoices and 2009 Reimbursement Applications submitted up to March 1, 2010 can be considered for residual funds - if available. If you have any clients who missed the February 1, 2010 deadline, they can still submit this paperwork for possible reimbursement through residual funds.

- **NEW - 2010 Invoices for Reimbursement**

Due to variations in the reimbursement funding cycle, invoices for costs incurred January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010 need to be submitted by **April 15, 2010** to assure payment for those charges. Producers will receive their 2010 reimbursement notifications by mail in early March.

**Calling all Jersey Herds**

## Free Johne's Disease Testing

The Johne's Testing Center at the University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Veterinary Medicine is continuing their research on Johne's disease and the Jersey breed.



If you have any Jersey herds that might be interested in receiving free Johne's disease testing, click [here](#) for herd requirements and contact information.

## Free RFID tag offer!

### A message from WLIC:

#### **WLIC OFFERS LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS OPPORTUNITIES TO START USING RFID FOR HERD MANAGEMENT**

With help from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and DATCP, WLIC is able to provide producers with unique official animal identifiers that offer herd management benefits and open opportunities to participate in livestock marketing programs, such as age and source verification, as well as improve the ability to trace animals in the case of a disease outbreak.

#### To sign up for the free tag offering:

- Dairy producers should contact their local DHIA representative.
- Beef and pork producers should contact WLIC at 888-808-1910.
- Deer and elk farmers should contact DATCP at 608-224-4896.

For dairy, beef and pork ear tags funds are limited and signups are processed on a first come first served basis. To learn more about RFID benefits, producers should visit [www.livestockvantage.com](http://www.livestockvantage.com).

*Sheep and goat producers should contact the Madison USDA office at 608-662-0600 (extension number 5) and inquire about free tag offers through the USDA Scrapies program.*

## Producer Newsletter - Beef

The third installment in the National Johne's Education Initiative's newsletter series dedicated to the Johne's disease issues concerning beef herds is here.

The newsletter, [Johne's Disease - Beef, Winter](#)



[2010](#), highlights a beef seedstock producer's views on Johne's disease testing, as well as updates on the status of new vaccine developments.

The [previous newsletters](#) for both dairy and beef are on the DATCP website under the Johne's Disease Control Program. Please share these newsletters with your clients.

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Please feel free to contact us at [DATCPJohnes@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPJohnes@wi.gov) or 608-224-4893 with any questions about the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program or suggestions for future newsletters.

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