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Greetings!



Producer Reimbursement

Reimbursement materials must be faxed or postmarked on or before February 1, 2011 deadline.

The reimbursement deadline is fast approaching!! This will be the last chance to remind your clients to submit their paperwork on time.

Paperwork needed faxed or postmarked on or before
February 1, 2011:

- Clearly itemized invoices for RAMPs and eligible Johne's disease management costs incurred in 2010 calendar year.
- [2011 Reimbursement Applications](#)
- [2010 Reimbursement Applications](#) for residual funding if not already submitted.

Incomplete forms will be returned to be completed and resubmitted with postmark on or before February 1, 2011 to remain eligible for available reimbursement.

Fax to: 608-224-4894

OR

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Don't Miss Out on Full 2010 Reimbursement!!

Please continue to encourage your producers to submit all invoices for costs incurred in the 2010 calendar year to ensure they receive the

total reimbursement for which they are eligible.

Veterinary Reimbursement

Johne's Veterinary Certification Reimbursement

Johne's disease courses taken by Wisconsin veterinarians for certification or recertification between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011 may again be eligible for partial reimbursement.

If you registered for a Johne's course during this time, please complete and submit a [W-9 form](#) by March 31, 2011 to receive partial reimbursement for eligible course fees.

Reducing Johne's Risk from Herd Additions

Using Herd Classifications for Buying Decisions

When it comes to Johne's disease, everyone is aware of the risk outside animals pose to a herd or flock of susceptible animals.

Recently submitted RAMPs suggest more producers are asking about source herd testing and classification prior to purchase. This is an important step in the right direction!

If your producers are purchasing cattle from herds said to be classified, encourage them to go one step further to ask to see the classification certificate (or herd owner's wallet card) and/or to have the seller disclose the classification in writing. Both the buyer and the seller are better protected if this information is accurately conveyed.



Photo courtesy of DATCP.

When looking at the classification certificate, the producers should look for the herd classification, the expiration date to make sure the classification is current, and how long the herd has been at the current classification. Especially for test negative herds, the longer a herd has maintained a test negative classification, the more confidence a buyer has that an animal from that herd will not have Johne's disease.

Test negative classification does not certify a herd or animal to be free of Johne's disease, rather the herd/animals are considered low risk. Animals from herds from which a classification certificate cannot be produced should be considered maximum risk by the buyer, until testing or classification records are provided.

Johne's Disease Online Services



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We appreciate your patience with us as we continue to work toward resolving old issues and improving the online RAMP renewals.

We hope to have this service up and running again shortly. We will send out an e-mail alert when it is again available.

We apologize for the inconvenience we know this has been for some of you.

Please feel free to contact us at DATCPJohnes@wi.gov or 608-224-4893 with any questions about the Wisconsin Johnes Disease Control Program or suggestions for future newsletters.

Sincerely,

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