



Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program Newsletter

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Greetings!

This month's newsletter includes some quickly approaching opportunities for comment and education. As always, thank you for your support of the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program.

Where's the Beef?

The National Johne's Education Initiative is developing a series of newsletters dedicated to the Johne's disease issues concerning beef herds.



For a brief review of stages of infection, some recent research, and more - see the first newsletter [Johne's Disease - Beef](#). Please share this newsletter with your beef producers.

New Horizons Workshop

August 9 and 10, 2009

The 2nd New Horizons in Johne's Disease Control workshop is fast approaching. This year the workshop will be held in conjunction with the 10th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis in Minneapolis, MN.

The New Horizons workshop is sponsored by the Johne's Disease Integrated Program (JDIP) and industry partners. It is designed as a tool to help efficiently integrate cutting edge research into practical and effective ways to deal with Johne's disease on the farm. The workshop is geared towards veterinarians, producers, and industry representatives.

The [agenda](#) for this year is packed with new information on

- management
- vaccination and other tools to reduce shedding
- human health concerns

[Register](#) soon for the New Horizons in Johne's Disease workshop or for the 10th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis.



Input Needed

New Classification System Proposed in the National Program Standards

The National Johne's Disease Working Group (NJDWG) was tasked with revising the Uniform Program Standards for the Voluntary Bovine Johne's Disease Control Program to incorporate a new classification system. The NJWG will present the draft at the USAHA meeting this fall and a vote will be held to determine if the National program will adopt the new classification system. Each state's Johne's program has been asked whether their state would support the new classification system or continue to use our current classification system. So, here is your opportunity to voice your opinion for your herds and our state. Please note, there have been a few modifications to the proposed classification system that you will see in the comments sections as you review the paper.

[Proposed classification system summary](#)

[Current Program Standards](#)

Please provide your feedback to DATCPJohnes@wi.gov by July 28th. Please include specific reasons why you would or would not support the proposed classification system. Your input will help determine Wisconsin's position on the proposed changes to the National Johne's Disease Control Program.

Your Feedback

The last newsletter generated some valuable input. Your feedback is important in shaping Wisconsin's Johne's Disease Control Program.



Comments were received on the collection of milk samples by DHIA technicians for ELISA testing. Although the DHIA

technicians are currently allowed to collect milk samples for testing for Johne's disease, we encourage you, as veterinarians, to stay in the loop with the Johne's test results for your farms. As veterinarians, your expertise in interpreting test results and using that information to develop the herd management plan remains a key component in the farm's Johne's disease control program.

Consider talking with your clients that are using milk ELISA testing to decide how you will receive test results. Better yet, include this in your next RAMP for the farm as well as what management decisions will be made based upon the test results. A number of laboratories are willing to provide the herd veterinarian a copy of the test results if arranged through the herd owner.

Our Apologies

It was brought to our attention that some of the first newsletters went out with incorrect names. If this happened to you, we sincerely apologize. Please feel free to notify us if you notice any inconsistencies so we can correct them for the future.



Please feel free to contact us at DATCPJohnes@wi.gov or 608-224-4893 with any questions, comments, or concerns about the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program.

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