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Greetings!

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

REMINDER - Reimbursement Paperwork due JULY 15

2011 Producer Invoices

As everyone is aware, there will no longer be USDA funding for the Wisconsin Johne's disease Reimbursement Program. Information on possible state funding for 2011 is still pending.

A grant extension allows the Johne's Disease Control Program to award funds remaining from 2010 to eligible applicants for Johne's disease charges incurred between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011.

Remind your clients to submit invoices for Johne's related costs incurred January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011 - postmarked on or before **July 15, 2011** - to be considered for reimbursement.

Veterinary Certification Reimbursement

Due to the grant extension noted above, Johne's disease courses taken by Wisconsin veterinarians for Johne's certification or recertification between April 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 are eligible for partial reimbursement.

Reimbursement will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis on W-9's received for eligible course fees through July 15, 2011.

If you have not already done so, remember to complete and submit a [W-9 form](#) to be considered for partial reimbursement of eligible course fees.

If clinics paid for registrations and have multiple eligible veterinarians, submit one clinic W-9 form with a note

indicating who to include.

Send paperwork to:
Fax: 608-224-4894
OR
Mail: DATCP - DAH
PO Box 8911
Madison, WI 53708-8911



New Canadian Johne's Disease Program

The University of Prince Edward Island Atlantic Veterinary College partnered with the four dairy boards of Atlantic Canada to launch the voluntary Atlantic Johne's Disease Initiative (AJDI).

The AJDI has been initiated as a three year project focusing on three main activities:

- Environmental culture to identify infected herds
- Risk assessments to decrease infections in infected herds and decrease risk of introduction in non-infected herds
- Test individual animals in infected herds

For more information on this new program, see www.atlanticjohnes.ca.

Dairy Heifer Raisers Needed

NAHMS Dairy Heifer Raiser 2011

The USDA's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) is conducting the first national study concerning the role of heifer raisers in the dairy industry.



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To successfully evaluate management and identify biosecurity practices for heifer raisers, producers raising heifers are needed to complete a questionnaire by August 31, 2011.

We are contacting producers directly, but please feel free to discuss this study with any clients raising heifers. Producers who raised at least 20 dairy heifers for at least one operation other than their own in 2010 are eligible to participate.

This is their opportunity to contribute to the development of valuable information that will benefit the dairy industry

as a whole.

For more information on NAHMS, click [here](#).

For more information on NAHMS' Dairy Heifer Raiser 2011, click [here](#).

Interested producers can contact Dr. Beth Patton at elisabeth.patton@wisconsin.gov or 608-224-4891.

Good Luck Melissa!



We are very sorry to announce that Melissa Haseman has accepted another position with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. She will soon be leaving the Johne's Disease Control Program to assist the department in another capacity.

Her last day with the Johne's Disease Control Program will be July 8, 2011. Although we will all miss Melissa, we wish her the very best on her new position!

You may continue to reach Melissa at 608-224-4893 until her last day. This same phone number will continue to be in use by the Johne's Disease Control Program. Messages will be checked multiple times daily. You may also e-mail DATCPJohnes@wi.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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