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Greetings!

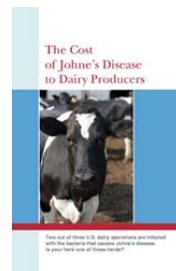
See below for important updates, reminders, and reviews regarding the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program.

New Johne's Brochures

Please Share With Your Producers

The National Johne's Education Initiative has prepared several brochures about Johne's disease for producers.

The most recent production, [The Cost of Johne's Disease to Dairy Producers](#), provides a tool for dairy producers to estimate their individual costs from Johne's disease. A spreadsheet to aid in calculations is also available at the [Johne's Information Center](#).



[Johne's Disease Q & A for Bovine Producers](#) is another new publication for producers.

Previous brochures include:

- [Johne's Testing Brochure for Producers](#)
- [Johne's Prevention, Control Brochures for Producers - Beef](#)
- [Johne's Prevention, Control Brochures for Producers - Dairy](#)

These and other brochures and educational materials are available at Johne's Information Central by clicking [here](#).

Please contact us at DATCPJohnes@wi.gov or 608-224-4893 if you would like free copies of these brochures to distribute to your clients.

Johne's Testing

Diagnostic vs. Classification

Classification in the Voluntary Johne's Disease Control Program is no longer required for herds to participate in the reimbursement program.

Herds that solely have an interest in testing for their own management purposes may not want to classify.

- This reduces restrictions on types of tests, numbers of animals tested, and the testing timeframe.
- Test submission forms for herds that do not wish to classify should be marked as "diagnostic".
- Split herd plans should not be submitted for these herds.

Split herd (SH), random herd (RH), and complete herd (CH) testing refer only to testing for classification. Herds interested in selling animals to other herds or with low prevalence rates may be especially interested in classification.

- Test submission forms for herds wishing to classify should be marked as "classification", and the type of test (SH, RH, or CH) should be indicated.
- If using split herd testing, please indicate on the submission form if the sample is the last submission for that testing year.
- Split herd plans should also be completed for herds classifying using split herd testing.

Pursuant to [ATCP 10.04 \(1\)\(e\)](#) , please make sure to provide official identification for all animals tested for Johne's disease.

Anniversary Dates

Testing for Classification

The first year a herd classifies in the Johne's Disease Control Program, an anniversary date is established.

For herds utilizing random herd or complete herd testing, the date of sample collection becomes the anniversary date. Testing for future years should be completed within the renewal window which is 60 days on either side of the anniversary date.

- For example, if the date of sample collection the first year is April 1, testing for future years should be completed between January 31 and May 31.

For herds utilizing split herd testing, all eligible animals need to be tested within 364 days of the first test date. The last test date for classification within that timeframe becomes the anniversary date. Testing for future years should be completed between the anniversary date of one year and the day before of the following year.

- For example, if the date of the first sample collection

is April 1, testing of all eligible animals should be completed by March 31 of the following year.

- If the final test date is March 5, that becomes the anniversary date. For future years, all eligible animals should be tested between March 5 and March 4 of the following year.



Photo in Anniversary Dates article courtesy of Johne's Disease Veterinary Certificate Programs - University of Wisconsin - School of Veterinary Medicine.

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.

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