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Greetings!

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

Note: Changes in the Johne's disease control program mean that we'll be issuing these updates to you less frequently, and in a new format. After this newsletter, we'll send updates as needed, using a service called GovDelivery. GovDelivery has different capabilities than the service we have been using, so you may notice changes in appearance, but the substance will remain. We will also include much of the update information in *Animal Health Update: News from the Wisconsin State Veterinarian*, the Animal Health Division's other e-newsletter, which you should also be receiving.

Program changes coming

The Johne's disease control program will continue to provide services to producers and veterinarians, even though it has lost both federal and state funding for testing, vaccination, veterinary certification and risk assessments.

We will continue to train and certify veterinarians to vaccinate and conduct risk assessments. We will not be able to cover the tuition for the online program, but our district veterinarians will still go with trainees to a farm to conduct the risk assessment for the training and will provide hands-on vaccination training. District veterinarians will also be available to consult with herd veterinarians on Johne's disease management in their clients' herds.

The herd classification program remains in place, to help producers gauge their risk level and manage Johne's disease in their herds. Classifying their herd also allows them to avoid the implied warranty when they sell cattle. No reimbursement will be available for classification testing, however.

Dr. Beth Patton is still collaborating with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, and is still available for consultation and to present educational



programs for veterinarians and producers.

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Minor rule changes proposed

We are in the process of changing some of our administrative rules here in the Division of Animal Health. It's a periodic process to update the rules and bring them into line with federal rules.

There are two proposals related to Johne's disease. One would extend the Johne's disease certification period for veterinarians from the current three years to five years. This is consistent with federal requirements. The other is very minor, updating the version of the Johne's Disease National Program Standards that we refer to in our rule to the most recent publication date.

If you would like to see what other changes we're proposing, attend a public hearing, or comment on the proposal, you can find more information [here](#). Comments are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.

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A reminder: No shipping Johne's-positive animals



For some of you this may be a reminder, but for many it may be new information. The Code of Federal Regulations, or CFR, prohibits moving animals across state lines if they have tested positive for Johne's disease on a PCR or culture. There is an exception to the rule for animals going directly to slaughter, without unloading anywhere between the departure point and destination, or to an approved facility for sale to slaughter.

So, remember:

- For your regular clients, do not sign a certificate of veterinary inspection for animals you know to be infected.
- If you are called on to sign a CVI for a herd you're not familiar with, question the producer and ask to see the Johne's test records before you sign the CVI.

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Self-inoculation injuries

If you accidentally inoculate yourself when injecting Mycopar, you should contact manufacturer Boehringer Ingelheim's medical information line:

1. Call 1-866-638-2226
2. Hit 2 for technical services
3. Hit 3 for human exposure to BI product
4. Hit 1 for human exposure

This line connects round the clock to a live operator who has information for health care providers.

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Some reading material

The latest newsletters from the National Johne's Disease Education Initiative are now available:

[Johne's Disease - Beef, Fall 2011](#)

[Johne's Disease - Dairy, Fall 2011](#)

You can also [view presentations](#) from the recent U.S. Animal Health Association conference.

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Helpful hint for entering data

When you are entering data in our online services, remember that the system will time-out and you will lose your work if you leave it for more than 30 minutes. If you are completing a risk assessment, you can save it and complete it later. For other tasks, however, you need to complete them before submitting or you will lose your work.

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Farewell to Dr. May

With the loss of funding, the Johne's disease control program says good-bye to Dr. Gretchen May. Dr. May handled many of your questions and produced this newsletter -- this issue is the first without her help. She is still working with our aquaculture and scrapie programs. Thanks, Dr. May, and best wishes.

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Please feel free to contact us at DATCPJohnes@wi.gov or 608-224-4891 with any questions

about the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program or suggestions for future newsletters.

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