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Greetings!

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

Program Changes Approved Nationally - Expect State Approval in Future

The Uniform Program Standards for the Voluntary Bovine Johne's Disease Control Program have undergone revisions which were approved by the USDA in September 2010.

What Does This Mean For Wisconsin?

We are expecting approval for the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program to again align with the national program. Stay tuned for announcements about public hearings during this process.

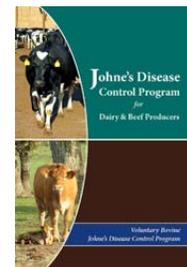
Once the rule changes are passed in Wisconsin, there will be a series of informational meetings and e-mails about specific changes.

Until that time, the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program will remain based on the program standards dated June 1, 2006.

The most significant change that will occur when the new program standards are adopted concerns classification. The classification levels, herds eligible to participate, and testing options have all been updated to reflect current epidemiological information concerning Johne's disease.

If your clients are

- participating in the test negative component of the current classification program



Click above for abridged version of new program standards.

AND

- selling to herds in states that have already adopted the new program standards,

please contact us for guidance in transitioning these herds to the new classification scheme to enable sales without jeopardizing the receiving herd's status.

Producer Reimbursement

2011 Reimbursement Applications

2011 reimbursement applications for the Wisconsin Johne's Disease Control Program have been distributed to producers and veterinarians.

Deadline for completed 2011 Applications is postmarked on or before February 1, 2011

for producers to be eligible to receive available reimbursement funding for 2011 Johne's disease control expenses.

(May also fax to 608-224-4894)

Keep in mind these requirements:

- [2011 Johne's Disease Control Reimbursement Application](#) (previous years' forms will not be accepted)
- Premises ID (www.wiid.org or call 888-808-1910)
- Signatures of producer AND herd veterinarian
- Be sure to provide number of adult animals in herd and number of animals to test and/or vaccinate for reimbursement to be considered for these costs

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

2010 Reimbursement Participants

Producers eligible for reimbursement for Johne's related costs incurred during the 2010 calendar year will receive up to \$3.25 per head for testing and vaccination costs. New and renewal RAMP reimbursement will remain the same as in previous years.

Please encourage your producers to submit invoices for costs incurred in the 2010 calendar year as soon as possible. Deadline for invoice submission is postmarked on or before February 1, 2011.

2010 Reimbursement Applications

Interested producers who have not yet applied for 2010 reimbursement can still submit an application to be eligible for residual funding - if available - for eligible costs incurred calendar year 2010. These clients should make sure they have a current RAMP and submit the following as soon as they can with deadline to be postmarked on or before February 1, 2011:

- [2010 Johne's Disease Control Reimbursement Application](#)
- [W-9 form](#)
- clearly itemized receipts for costs incurred January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Sheep and Goats Get Johne's Disease Too!

Johne's Disease Q & A for Sheep & Goat Owners

The National Johne's Education Initiative has recently created booklets geared towards sheep and goat owners.

You can view these booklets here:

[Johne's Disease Q & A for Sheep Owners](#)

[Johne's Disease Q & A for Goat Owners](#)



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

Please contact us at DATCPJohnes@wi.gov or 608-224-4893 for free copies of these booklets.

Johne's Information Center

Reviewed, Refreshed, Renewed

The Johne's Information Center has recently undergone extensive updates to bring you the most comprehensive and current information on Johne's Disease.



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Information
Center

Go to the Johne's Information Center to:

- Find the most current facts about Johne's Disease in

individual species

- Download relevant documents concerning Johne's Disease in the *What's New?* section
- View and listen to narrated slide shows in the Presentations section
- Get an answer to your specific questions with the Ask An Expert feature

All this is available at johnes.org. Pass this site on to your clients as well.

IDEXX Offers Webinars on Johne's Disease

What Gets Measured Gets Addressed

IDEXX has recently provided several webinars on Johne's disease.

Visit the [IDEXX Learning Center](#) to watch for future webinars and to view previous offerings.

A recent [discussion](#) highlighted the parameters that are being measured by DHIA in regard to the milk ELISA for Johne's disease.

DHIA records have historically been used to measure factors previously of obscure concern to producers. By measuring milk components and providing written results related to genetics, animal health, and nutrition, producers have been encouraged to look at the data and use it to improve their herds.



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Similarly, it is hoped that as more dairies using DHIA utilize the milk ELISA, this data can be used not only to measure progress with regard to Johne's prevalence, but also as a way to bring Johne's disease into focus in the minds of producers. It will provide them with a convenient opportunity in a format with which they are already familiar to use this information to improve their herds.

An [article from Progressive Dairy](#) discusses these same ideas.

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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