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FAQs about the Alberta's Johne's Disease Initiative

Source: Emily McDonald, Industry Development Coordinator

The Alberta dairy industry's Johnes Disease initiative (AJDI) is well underway. Twenty-five per cent of Alberta's dairy producers are now enrolled in the AJDI. These producers have completed an on-farm risk assessment with their herd health veterinarian and together they've identified a couple of management practices which would help to reduce the risk of spreading Johne's Disease on their farm.

But we have to work towards our goal of 50 per cent of producers enrolled by December 31, 2011. Are you ready to enroll? What are you waiting for? Here are some of the **frequently asked questions (FAQs)** about the AJDI.

Why is it important for me to enroll onto the Alberta Johne's Disease Initiative (AJDI)?

The value of the AJDI is to help individual dairy producers minimize the spread of Johne's Disease, reduce its prevalence and minimize the impact of this production-limiting disease on your farm's bottom line... and it all starts with you and your herd veterinarian.

I participated in the last provincial Johne's program - how is the AJDI different?

The last program was developed and administered by the provincial government, Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD). Unfortunately, this program ended due to the loss of funding a few years ago. Alberta Milk and the University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine worked together to design this new, voluntary education and awareness initiative (AJDI) as a replacement for the previous program. Details about how to "grandfather" herds into the proposed Johne's status option will be available this fall.

How do I find out what the AJDI on-farm risk assessment looks like?

More than 12 on-farm workshops have already been held throughout the province. These

workshops help producers learn first-hand about the Johne's Disease Risk Assessment. The workshop usually includes about 12 producers along with the local herd health veterinarian walking through the host farm's calf pens, dry lots and milking herd barns to discuss the value of the risk assessment and the practical and best management practices.

Producers have found this workshop learning to be a very useful way of understanding and discussing the Johne's Disease Risk Assessment and the best management practices to reduce the risks. The participants have reported that in many cases little changes, often with low cost, can make a big difference.

Note: If you and your neighbours are interested in hosting a Johne's workshop, please call Emily McDonald of Alberta Milk at 780-577-3307; she would be happy to assist in coordinating a workshop on a local farm. Alberta Milk will cover the cost of the veterinarian and the lunch.

Is there any funding available?

Funding is available to reimburse the herd vet \$200 for each producer's first on-farm Johne's Disease Risk Assessment. The cost of the lab analysis of the environmental (manure) samples collected by the veterinarian is also covered.

How do I get my Johne's Disease Risk Assessment?

Call your eligible herd vet and set the date. One of the most convenient times is likely at your next health herd visit.

New location for water testing lab

Effective September 1, 2011 the new location for Central Labs is:

B5, 53 Burnt Park Drive

Red Deer AB T4P 0J7

Ph: 403-348-TEST (8378).

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