

## Spring Producer Meetings: Save the Date!

Source: Jacquie Lycka, Corporate Communications

Our producer meetings offer a great opportunity to meet with other producers in your area and to discuss the issues that affect you every day. Alberta Milk strives to bring you the most up-to-date information on industry trends and news, and our meetings are the best way to get this information first-hand. Sessions start at 10 AM on the dates below.

### South Region

**Tuesday, April 8**

Coast Hotel Lethbridge  
526 Mayor Magrath Drive South

### Central Region

**Wednesday, April 9**

Black Knight Inn, Red Deer  
2929 50 Avenue, Red Deer

### North Region

**Thursday, April 10**

Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn  
6011 49 Street, Barrhead

**Friday, April 11**

Executive Royal Inn  
8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc

## 2014 Livestock Care Conference

Source: Jodi Flaig, Industry Development Coordinator

Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) will hold the Annual Livestock Care Conference **March 26th and 27th in Edmonton, Alberta**. This conference provides an opportunity for researchers, industry, students, government and the public to address challenges and trends in animal care.

### Agenda Highlights

- Cultivating Connection - Social media and Agriculture
- Activists are Taking a Multi-faceted Approach: You Should Too
- Consumers and Animal Welfare: What They Think, What They Know and Why it Matters

For more information or to register visit [afac.ab.ca](http://afac.ab.ca) or call 403-662-8050.

## AJDI Herd Status - Still Here!

Source: Jodi Flaig, Industry Development Coordinator

### What is the AJDI Herd Status program?

The Alberta Johne's Disease Initiative (AJDI) offers a voluntary Johne's Disease Herd Status (JDHS) Program for dairy herds with a low prevalence of animals infected with *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* (MAP). Owners of these herds may wish to advance beyond the control and management of Johne's Disease offered through an annual Risk Assessment and Management Plan and demonstrate the low prevalence of MAP in their herds for marketing or other purposes.

### How much testing do I have to do?

Testing is required to either maintain your current level or to achieve a higher level every 10-14 months. The amount and type of testing varies based on your current Herd Status Level.

### How quickly can I reach Level 4?

Except in the case of grandfathering, once a herd joins the herd status program, it will take a minimum of three years for the herd to achieve Level 4.

### Is there any funding available?

Possible funding is available through the Growing Forward 2 Biosecurity Producer Program.

### How do I sign up?

Producers wanting to participate in JDHS should arrange with their eligible herd veterinarian, who will in turn notify the Program Coordinator. An AJDI Risk Assessment must have been completed within the past 14 months and the AJDI Management Plan implemented.

For more information visit [albertajohnes.ca](http://albertajohnes.ca)



### deadlines

#### quota exchange

#### private transfers

March 17, 2014  
4:30 p.m.

#### credit transfers

March 24, 2014  
4:30 p.m.

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