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No Herd is Johne's Free

Source: Jodi Flaig, Industry Development Coordinator

Alberta dairy farms have an extremely low prevalence of Johne's disease in their herds, demonstrated through the Alberta Johne's Disease Initiative (AJDI) Risk Assessment program and Herd Status program. However, no herd can claim to be "Johne's free." Given the nature of Johne's disease, the tested animal and the type of test chosen, test results may or may not accurately reflect the infection status of the animal. That said, the more often testing is completed with consistent results, the greater the confidence in those results will be.

Through the AJDI Herd Status program, many Alberta dairy herds have completed repeated testing on the herd and on individual cow levels to demonstrate an extremely low prevalence of MAP (the bacteria responsible for causing Johne's disease within a herd). These lower prevalence results are recognized through the level achieved in the Herd Status program. Some herds participating in the Herd Status program advertise their Herd Status level and are listed on the AJDI website albertajohnes.ca

When buying cattle for your herd, please remember to ask about the Johne's status of the herd!

Funding is available to assist Alberta dairy producers who wish to complete their first AJDI Risk Assessment through the AJDI. For more information contact Charlotte Pickel, AJDI Coordinator, at 403-220-7490.

Remember that an AJDI Risk Assessment is required to apply to Growing Forward 2 Biosecurity Producer Program. For more information visit growingforward.ab.ca or call 310-FARM.

Dairy Manure Records Mandatory

Source: ARD and Alberta Milk staff

In addition to the delicious, wholesome milk produced on each of the dairy farms in Alberta, nutrient-rich manure is also produced. This great soil resource usually serves as a natural fertilizer on pasture and crop lands. All livestock producers in Alberta, however, must have a plan to manage that manure. In fact, there are provincial government rules and regulations in place to help ensure the proper use of the manure.

Management records are required for manure production, application and the transfer of manure.

Under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, anyone who handles 500 tonnes or more per year of manure must keep records for a minimum of 5 years. The minimum 500 tonnes of manure a year equates to a dairy farm with 20 lactating dairy cows, which means that every dairy farm in Alberta must have records for:

- Manure production
- Manure transfer
- Manure application

Dairy producers are responsible to keep all necessary records. If you would like assistance or a better understanding of the requirements for your farm's manure recordkeeping, please contact ARD's Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) Extension Specialist in your region:

North/Peace Region

Deanne Madsen, Morinville (780) 939-1218

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