



News and Notes from KVC

Our 2015 *Dairy Producer Meeting* will be held on Tuesday, November 17th. It will start around 10am with location to be announced in next month's mail out. This year we are happy to have Alex Bach from Spain who will speak on several of his many research topics relating to calf health and maximizing growth and production potential in your replacement animals. Also that day we have Bill Woodley from ShurGain speaking on "Re-Thinking the Transition Cow". As always these speakers will stimulate lots of discussion on many topics. Watch for details on the location and we will see you there for quality education, great food and door prizes!

Many of you are aware (or will be soon!) of the new *London Dairy Congress* event coming this spring to the Western Fair District (<http://www.westernfairdistrict.com/londondairycongress/education-dairy-congress-university>). This trade show, held in the Agri-Plex February 4th and 5th will have a very strong educational component hosted by the good people of the Kirkton Veterinary Clinic as part of the KVC-University initiative. Dr. Katharine Found will be giving a seminar on Calf Health Management discussing disease pressures, treatment options, and hands on technical calf skills. Dr. Reg Clinton will be administering an Artificial Insemination course with emphasis on understanding the reproductive cycle of your dairy cow and technical training on semen placement. Vic Daniels from Vic's Custom Clips will be giving a 1 day hoof trimming course with live demonstration of trimming techniques. For all seminars, live animals will be available for learning and demonstration of discussed techniques. This new London Dairy Congress promises to become an important dairy trade show and information source and we are excited to be a part of it. Watch the dairy publications for more information on how to sign up for any of the courses.

Over the past few hot and sweaty months we have seen an increase in herd and individual *cow mastitis problems*. With the cooler weather and fully fermented feed we should be seeing a resolution of some of these issues. However, it is important to culture some milk to determine which pathogens are playing the most significant role. As the incentive days come off, it is always a good idea to make a list of animals that are poor candidates for treatment based on culture result, number of times clinical, and any other strikes against them. Submitting bulk tank cultures to Guelph is an excellent way of getting a 'lay of the land' for which pathogens are on farm. With this information we can further tailor the investigation to individual cows or milking equipment and alter treatment protocols/maintenance schedules as needed.

There are still unredeemed coupons out there from purchases of some mastitis products. Now is a great time to use them up and put that information to good use!

Finally, we would like to welcome *Dr. Morgan Findlay*, our newest bovine vet team member. Morgan is looking forward to getting out on farm and meeting everyone.

Enjoy the rest of the harvest!