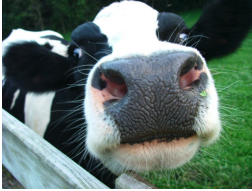


BOVINE NEWSLETTER

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DAIRY PRODUCER MEETING

Please mark your calendars to attend our annual dairy producer meeting. This year we have an excellent set of speakers bringing you the latest in **dry cow rations**, **barn design**, **calf housing** and **heifer raising** programs. As always, you will leave our annual meeting well read and well fed!

Thursday February 16th

10 am - 3 pm

Kirkton Community Center

please RSVP by February 9th to the clinic

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Gordie Jones

Dr. Jones graduated from Michigan State University in 1977. He practiced veterinary medicine from 1977-1998.

After selling his practice in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, he took a position with Monsanto Dairy for three years, troubleshooting large dairy farms, leading the Monsanto Dairy Expansion Team, and helping design new expanding dairies.

In 1999 and 2000 he designed the 32 000 cow Fair Oaks Dairy Farms LLC while working for Monsanto, and in 2001 they hired him as the nutritionist and part of the dairy management team. In 2007, with Fair Oaks Dairy Farms and Ag Alliance, they built his own dairy farm,

Central Sands Dairy LLC (CSD), milking 3 800 cows. He has been at CSD ever since.

Dr. Jones has been the recipient of the AABP Award for Excellence in Preventative Veterinary Medicine and has been invited to speak on dairy herd performance, cow comfort, nutrition and dairy management across the United States, Spain, Germany, Ukraine, Denmark, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Japan and other countries.



Janette Johnson

Janette Johnson graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor degree in Dairy Nutrition. In 2009 she formed a business entity with Dr. Tom Tylutki called Bovine Innovations Group (BIG). Their goal was to produce a superior product to raise calves. The BIG program is an integrated heifer system, based around higher milk level feedings and feeding a starter grain that is formulated to complement this.

BIG has found that transition growth 'slumps' at weaning are preventable. Feeding a correct diet with proper protein, amino acids and energy sources results in calves with superior frame growth, lean muscle growth, and promotes healthy immune systems. They have found that traditional starters (18%) and milk replacers (20/20) on the market today are formulated at levels which can cause rumen damage and limit the calf in terms of energy and future production. Janette will be presenting research on the BIG heifer raising system.

Janette is also part of Joelanna Holsteins LLC, which currently milk 120 head and crop around 600 acres in the Susquehanna river valley of New York. Their goal is to produce large amounts of high quality milk and continue to breed and develop a herd of high quality Registered Holsteins. Joleanna Holsteins was the 2011 Premier Breeder at the New York International Spring Holstein Show in Syracuse.

As well, one of your KVC vets will be doing a brief "**Practical Applications from the Latest Research**" presentation.

We hope you will spend an informative day with us in February!