



JANUARY 2019 DAIRY NEWSLETTER

KVC University Presents:

Introduction to Quota Management

Have you ever been confused about how to use under/over credits? Have you had to dump milk at the end of the month in order to avoid penalties? Have you received a surprise penalty for shipping over quota recently? Well we have the session for you! We are offering a **FREE** introductory workshop about quota management strategies. This session will cover quota calculations, utilization of under/over credits, over-quota penalties and various on-farm strategies for managing too much milk! Please come with a copy of your milk cheque and all your quota management questions. Refreshments will be provided. A follow-up session in the future will address higher level quota management strategies including optimizing SNF ratio, etc.

When: Wednesday, February 27th @ 1:30pm

Where: St Marys Vet Clinic located at 500 Water St South, St Marys

RSVP: Call Kirkton by Friday, February 22nd

What to Bring: Copy of your milk cheque statement

ProAction Updates

As Katharine has moved on from KVC, we have 2 people who are willing to step up to the challenge of assisting you with your ProAction needs.

First and foremost we would like to welcome Alicia Horne as our main point person on SOP reviewing, prescription renewal and reviewing TTR alarm files! Alicia has an excellent attention to detail as well as the producer perspective of how CQM and ProAction affects dairy farms. Alicia works out of the St Marys Veterinary Clinic/ProVitro Office and is able to take the files from your TTR memory cards for review.

Robyn Elgie will be generating new prescriptions and heading up the on farm training and ProAction reviews prior to validation.

Now that we are coming up to the 2 year anniversary of ProAction in September, that means the next module, Bio-Security, will begin.



Bio-Security Overview:

There are 7 criteria:

- 1) A Bio-Security Risk Assessment has to be completed with your herd veterinarian every 2 years.
- 2) Disease events for both cows and calves must be recorded, even if treatment was not given (there will be an electronic or paper copy of a KVC Disease Events Template to enable easy recording of all animals in one place)
- 3) An SOP for animals entering your herd from another herd
- 4) An SOP for animals returning to your herd from shows or another herd
- 5) An SOP for your vaccination schedule as advised by your herd veterinarian
- 6) An SOP for proper clothing & boots/covers for all visitors entering your farm, including disposal
- 7) A sign posted at the main access point that is visible from the parking area

**There is also a new Animal Abuse Policy created by DPAC that DFO would like us to outline to producers, this will be covered in the classroom training but briefly:

-A creditable complaint is made to the DPAC, if it is deemed creditable than DFO will be sent to the farm to investigate. If the complaint appears legitimate at that time milk pick-up is suspended immediately. After this, 4 items must occur before milk pick-up will resume:

1. A third party veterinary audit will be done (only 1 veterinarian validated in Ontario)
2. Orders will be given to the farm by the Board
3. Orders will be completed by the farm
4. Producer will appear before the board, for repeat offenses license may be conditional or revoked

There are 3 ways training for this new module can occur:

- 1) **Classroom session:** 2 hours, fully funded by grants
- 2) **On-Farm:** ~2 hours, 50% funded by grants and 50% deducted off milk cheque by permission
- 3) **Classroom + On-farm:** funded as stated above

*there is no cost difference to the producer between option 2 & 3

To gain access to the training that is wholly (classroom) or partially (on-farm) funded by the grant program, all invoices for training have to be submitted by the Advisor to DFO by **November 15th, 2019** regardless of the timing of your full validation with the Bio-security component.

Classroom sessions will be run on the following dates (with more being added later in the year), please call KVC to RSVP for your chosen date:

February 21st, 2019

February 28th, 2019

March 5th, 2019

March 19th, 2019



In addition to the new Bio-Security module, there have been some updates to the already existing requirements:

- 1) Anesthetic and NSAIDs (eg Lidocaine and Metacam) need to be given for all dehorning practices, including paste
- 2) NSAIDs must be given for castration at any age (eg) even banding at birth
- 3) Euthanasia SOP must state exactly how an animal is euthanized and by whom (eg) if performed only by a veterinarian it must state the method the vet uses (injectable barbituates, captives bolt, etc). Alicia will add in on your SOPs a statement to cover all methods for euthanasia used by KVC veterinarians.

Holstein Canada has been renewed for another 4 years as the Animal Care Assessment assessors. Their fee structure has changed, the call fee is \$125 (reimbursed if the herd does classification and requests reimbursement) and \$7/cow assessed whether the herd classifies or not. In addition to this, if the producer misses the window where the classifier is in their designated area then the call fees are:

- 1) \$1450 if assessment is required within 21 days
- 2) \$1000 if assessment is required within 90 days
- 3) \$150 if assessment is required within 6 months

*****Please call or email Holstein Canada to get the list of dates they will be in your area!*****

Product Pricing

In recent years, we at Kirkton Veterinary Clinic have worked hard to deliver competitive pricing for all your cattle supplies. Through this work we have been able to match or beat the prices from Farmer's Farmacy and be very competitive in the market place. Our mandate is to continue to do so. Please let us know if you come across prices with which we are not competitive and we will bring those concerns to our suppliers.

Dairy Producer Meeting

Managing Effective Teams:

How to get employees and family members to buy-in to your management plan

When: March 7th, 2019 @ 10:00am-2:30pm

Where: Kirkton-Woodham Community Centre

Who: Dr. Rhyannon Moore-Foster, DVM PhD Michigan State

More information to follow