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## JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming meeting

Waterloo County Cattlemen's Association are having a bus trip to Norfolk County on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 from 8:00am – 5:00pm. \$25.00 includes transportation and lunch. Pickups will be at Linwood Vet Clinic and Blue Moon, Petersburg. To reserve a seat contact Steve Foster at 519-746-0258 or Stewart Cressman at 519-696-3119 by July 10, 2009.

### Clinic announcements

The office will be closing at noon on Monday, July 6, 2009 for the Canada Day Holiday. Please be sure to plan ahead for your pharmaceutical needs.

### SWINE

Heat stress kills!! As we approach hot summer weather it is important that pig farms prepare their barns and change some management routines to reduce the impact of heat stress.

#### Check list:

1. Ad lib water availability in extreme temperatures. Animals can increase their water intake up to 6 times so ensure clean water is always available. Dry sow troughs are often an area of concern.
2. Air flow. Ensure maximum ventilation rates, adequate inlets and all fans or vents are in working order.
3. Reduce stocking density including number of pigs loaded on trucks.
4. Utilize sprinklers and/or drip cooling systems.
5. Consult with your feed rep regarding ration density changes. Increasing the fat in the diet can be helpful if intakes are down.
6. Feed farrowing sows early and late to avoid the hottest times of day.
7. Induce sows to farrow on day 115 in the early am.

Don't forget to re-evaluate feed med usage during the summer months. With high ventilation rates and good weather respiratory disease is much less of an issue than fall and winter.