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*We will provide industry-leading, reliable, knowledgeable service, in a friendly, courteous and timely manner, to benefit our clients and the communities we serve.*

**Linwood Clinic Hours:** Mon-Fri 7am – 5pm Sat 7am – 12pm      **Hwy 89 Clinic:** Mon-Sat 7am-1 pm

NOTE: BOTH CLINICS ARE CLOSED SUNDAY

Orders for Delivery: [Please call BEFORE 9:30 am](#) for same day local delivery Monday to Friday

24 Hour Emergency Vet Service [call any clinic number](#) 1-800-663-2941 519-698-2610 519-323-9002

## **OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER**

### **Clinic News**

There will be no delivery service **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving. Clinics will be open in the morning and on call vets available for emergencies.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Fall Dairy Producer meetings:*

*Thursday November 23 at Linwood Community Centre, 5279 Ament Line, Linwood*

*Friday November 24 at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 140 King St. N, Mount Forest  
Morning and afternoon sessions, with a hot lunch.*

*We will be looking for your RSVP's for our seating and our meal planning.*

*Speaker, and time details to follow, in your November newsletter.*

### **Fall Processing- we're here to help!**

Don't forget our clinic offers cattle and calf processing services. We provide anything you might need:

- Dehorning (with pain control)
- Castrating (with pain control)
- Vaccinating
- Implanting
- Deworming
- Pregnancy Diagnosis
- Large & Small Chute (if needed)
- Insurance provided (if needed)

Calf Coats- As temperatures get cooler, don't forget to purchase your calf coats to protect your future milking herd. We stock all sizes of calf coats in the clinic- all made locally. A few calf coat tips:

- Wash calf coats between calves
- Check calves weekly to make sure calf coat not getting too tight
- Calves should wear calf coats once the ground starts to freeze for the first month of life
- Keep pens clean and well bedded

## **ProAction Reminders**

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 you are responsible for ensuring you are compliant with all aspects of ProAction (Animal Care & Traceability). Unlike CQM, Animal Care & Traceability started September 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of your validation date. If you have any questions about ProAction please call the clinic. A few things to remember:

- Animal Care
  - All dehorning and castration must be done with the use of pain control
  - Tail docking is no longer allowed unless medically required
  - Minimum stocking density for mature cows in loose pen housing is 120 sq ft
  - Calves must be offered water after the age of 10 days old
  - As always, all cattle must be kept clean, provided proper nutrition, be in good health and body condition and receive prompt medical care if needed.
- Traceability
  - Birth records recorded & calves tagged within 7 days of birth (report to the database within 45 days of birth or before the calf leaves the farm)
  - Look up your farm's Premise ID #
  - Record animal move ins ( purchased cattle) – premise ID from where the animal came from & license plate # of trailer (and report to database within 7 days)
  - Record animal move outs (cattle going for beef, deadstock pickup, cattle sold for dairy) – this doesn't have to be reported to the database just recorded on farm
  - Tag retirement or tag replacement (lost tags, animals disposed of on farm)- report to database within 7 days
  - Remember- if you don't have internet access you don't have to report to the database until they have a non-internet reporting option in place