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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.

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CLINICS ARE CLOSED SUNDAY and NO DELIVERY SERVICE SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

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24 Hour Emergency Vet Service - call 519-698-2610 519-323-9002 519-699-0404 1-800-663-2941

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Clinic News: Monday February 15, Family Day, is a Statutory Holiday. **There will be no delivery service that day.** Clinics will be open only in the morning and vets will be available for emergencies. Please note some milk testing for drug residues takes 3 hours so samples would need to arrive between 7-9am to be completed on the holiday.

MMS Update for Milk.org (DFO Website)

Starting early February, DFO is updating the way they offer secondary access to producer's online milk pickup information. We can assist you in sending in your MMS form if needed. We would like secondary access to your milk pickup information for a number of reasons, such as water test information for ProAction validations, monitoring of SCC and MUN data to help you manage the health of your herd and milk production information as we can help drive milk production up. Please use the linwoodvet@linwoodvet.ca email for our secondary access. If any questions, please don't hesitate to call the clinic and ask for Glenna.

ProAction Update

Traceability (Dairy Trace)

- To register please go to the dairy trace website or call 1-866-558-7223
- There is a copy of the DairyTrace poster with this newsletter which has all the information needed listed on it
- Reminder- reporting all pertinent traceability information (births, move ins, purchased cattle, tag retirements and replacement tag #s) to the DairyTrace database is a requirement by September 2021. You can report by various methods as outlined in the poster (online, phone app, over the phone or by mail)
- Any questions please call the clinic.

Animal Care

- Effective March 1st, 2021 all producers scoring in the red zone(s) on their Dairy Cattle Assessment performed by Holstein Canada will be subject to more frequent cattle assessments and will be required to improve in order to pass subsequent validations. A 'Smart Goals' style corrective action plan is required for any categories in the red zone & our vets can help you create that corrective action plan.

Environment

This is the final section of ProAction, slated to come in effect September 2021 regardless of Validation month. DFO's FSRs will be offering training for the Environment section but you can always ask us for clarification or further training. There is a reference manual and workbook for the Environment section.

There are 5 requirements:

1. The first and most important requirement is to have an updated Environmental Farm Plan. This plan must have been completed in the last 10 years from your validation date. It can be done either as a farm self assessment (workshop or online) or can be completed by using an independent advisor on farm.
 - o Ontario Soil & Crop runs the courses for the Environmental Farm Plan, and they are asking producers who wish to take the course to contact them at 1-519-826-4214 to get your name on the list. They hope to start running courses in February pending Covid-19 numbers. You can also register and complete your Environmental Farm Plan online, if you are due for a renewal.
2. Environmental Questionnaire dealing with soil health, greenhouse gases, biodiversity, silage seepage and plastic waste.
 - o The final draft of this questionnaire is not completed yet- hopefully we will have a completed final copy soon
 - o This questionnaire will be similar to the Biosecurity questionnaire and will need to be completed every 2 years.
3. Milking Center Wastewater
 - o Is your milk center wastewater managed in a manner that doesn't contaminate soil, groundwater or surface water? It should not flow into a ditch or stream.
 - o There are various ways to achieve this goal, the most common is pumping waste water into your liquid manure storage. There are other options including septic tanks, sediment tanks and constructed wetlands/vegetated strips
4. Manure Storage
 - o Is your manure storage adequate to avoid contamination of surface and ground water and to avoid spreading manure on frozen, snow covered or saturated ground?
5. Manure Management
 - o Do you manage nutrients on your farm to make optimal use of manure and or fertilizer?
 - You must have a provincially approved nutrient management plan **OR** test soil every 3 years/work with a licensed agronomist