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CLEAN FARMS OBSOLETE COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

Expired veterinary drugs and pesticides will be collected by

HOEGY'S FARM SUPPLY- BRODHAGEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRO-ACTION - WHAT'S COMING

Starting next month Holstein Canada Classifiers will begin conducting the Animal Based Assessment component of PRO-ACTION. Herds that are assessed during the next 12 months will not receive a final report at the assessment because a large group of herds must be evaluated to determine the dairy industry's animal assessment baseline. You will receive a copy of the Classifiers evaluation. After September 2017 when you have your on farm validation, you will have to have the animal care assessment complete and available to the validator.

The Animal Assessment will evaluate a random proportion of the cows in the herd for lameness, body condition score, swelling and sores on the knees, hocks and neck. For body condition score, more than 90% of the lactating cows evaluated must score above 2.0 for you to receive an acceptable rating on herd body condition. Cows will be evaluated for lameness and scored from 1 to 5, with 5 being a non-weight bearing lameness. Cows with an obvious limp or worse are scored with a lameness score 4 or 5. The target is to have 90% of the cows evaluated with a lameness score of 1 to 2. Cows scoring 3 will have an arched back when standing and walking, bear weight on all 4 feet but have no head bob when walking and should be monitored to ensure the lameness doesn't worsen.

Tie stall cows will be evaluated standing in the stall based on weight bearing and movement while standing in the stall.

To evaluate hocks, both hocks will be scored and the score of the worse hock will be recorded. On a scale from 0 to 3, cows with no swelling (score 0) or swelling less than 1 cm (score 1) are acceptable. Hock swelling 1 to 2.5 cm and/or sores in the hairless spot will score 2 and swelling more than 2.5 cm and/or sores will score 3. The target is 90% of the cows evaluated, score 0 and 1 to be acceptable.

Knees are also scored 0 to 3 and the worse knee is recorded to evaluate the cow. Scores of 0 and 1 have no swelling and may have bald, hairless areas as long as there are no skin sores present. When knee swelling occurs with bald areas and broken skin, the cow will score 2 or 3. Cows scoring 0 and 1 are acceptable while cows scoring 2 or 3 require corrective action. The target is 90% acceptable.

For evaluation of a cow's neck, a score of 0 is given to cows with no swelling and no hair loss. Cows with no swelling, but some hair loss will score 1. Cows with a swelling on the neck and bald spots with sores or scabs are scored 2 which requires corrective action. Ninety percent acceptable is cows scoring 0 and 1.

The Holstein Classifier will tabulate the evaluation results and provide them to you for your CQM validation visit. When you have the report, we will discuss it with you as your CQM advisor. We will be holding Pro-Action meetings this winter to explain the expectations of the program. You can also receive information online by logging into www.canadianqualitymilk.org.

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***Please support the Food Drive
by dropping of non-perishable
food items at the clinic.
September 1st – 30th.***