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## Pro-Action Highlights

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Dairy Newsletter

Starting on September 1, 2017 ProAction comes into effect for all dairy producers regardless of your validation date. For anyone who has not yet been able to make it out to a training session at the clinic we will have another one this month if there is enough interest. DFO covers the cost of the in clinic training so it is no cost to you; please call the clinic at 519-348-9711 to get your name on the list if you are interested in attending a training session.

The two components of ProAction that start this month are Animal Care and Traceability; while Biosecurity comes into effect in 2019 and Environment in 2021. Some of the highlights are as follows:

### Animal Care

This section will cover:

- Housing for calves and cows which includes; bedding management, stocking density, calving area, and sick pens.
- Feed and water including; calf feeding Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and water sources.
- Animal health including; health practice SOPs, euthanasia SOP, and no docked tails.
- Animal based measures assessed by Holstein Canada including; hock, knee, and neck injuries, as well as lameness.
- Shipping SOP and handling of cattle.
- Staff training.

### Traceability

Requirements for this section include:

- A premises ID (which can be found on DFO).
- Recording all births in your on farm records within 7 days of birth or before they leave the farm (whichever occurs first).

- Reporting all births to the national database within 45 days of birth or before they leave the farm. NOTE: The FSRs will ask to see this as of September but the mandatory start date for national database recording has been pushed back to SPRING OF 2018.
- Double tagging all new dairy heifers with NLID tags.
- Maintain on farm records of all animal move ins.
- Report animal move ins to the national database (mandatory as of spring 2018).
- If you are disposing (composting) dead animals on farm, tag retirement records must be kept on farm as of this month and recorded in the national database as of spring 2018.

For further information the detailed booklet of all ProAction requirements is on the DFO website or you can request the booklet to be mailed to you by calling DFO. If you have any questions please ask Rick, Phil, or myself.

Have a good month,

Rachel Poppe