



Johne's Education &  
Management Assistance  
Program

## **Important Testing and Program Information**

### **Program Guidelines to receive testing reimbursement of \$8 per cow:**

- 1.** Complete a **milk or blood test** of all current lactating cows for Johne's during your herd's assigned testing window.

#### **To use the milk test:**

**DHI herds** contact your CSR, and send **Submission Form** with your milk samples.  
**Non-DHI herds:** Contact CanWest DHI at 1-800-549-4373 for sampling options and related fees. Non regular DHI herds will be required to submit a **Herd Information Form** (cow ID, birth dates, calving dates) with their samples. See website or CSR for form.

#### **To use the blood test:**

**DHI or non DHI herds:** Contact your veterinarian for sampling options and related fees. Please submit a **Herd Information Form** (cow ID, breed, birth date or lactation number, and calving date) (found on website of from program coordinator) and the **Johne's Testing Submission form** with the samples to your veterinarian.

- 2.** Review test results and check for **high titre (HT)** cows. These are cows with milk or blood ELISA test results greater than or equal to 1.0.  
If one (or multiple) **HT** is present:
  - a.** Permanently remove **HT** cow(s) from the farm and food chain, within 90 days of testing, or before calving again, whichever comes first.
  - b.** Submit an **Animal Disposal Certificate** to the Program Coordinator. This form and removal directions are on the program website or available from the Coordinator.
- \*NEW\* - Note:** After **removal of all HT** animal(s) is confirmed, the program will provide you with \$500 based per **HT** cow(s) identified, for assistance with managing your Johne's problem.
- 3.** Complete an on-farm **Risk Assessment & Management Plan (RAMP)** herd veterinarian and submit to the Program Coordinator. In the year that your herd is tested on the program, the RAMP must be done within 90 days of your test day.

**Paying for testing:** Producers are responsible for initial direct payment of testing costs to CanWest DHI or their veterinarian or the Animal Health Laboratory.

**Testing reimbursement:** Cheques will be issued on a quarterly basis. Funds will be mailed to you after reception of the:

- Completed farm RAMP form, faxed by your herd veterinarian.
- Animal Disposal Certificate (**only** needed if **HT** animals are identified and removed).

### **For more information:**

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