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2023
39th Annual **DRAYTON FARM SHOW**
RURAL ONTARIO'S AGRIBUSINESS SHOWCASE
OVER 100 EXHIBITORS

Admission
Adults 15, Children 10 & under, free
50% of your entry fee is donated to Cattle Disease Research

Wednesday 11AM - 10PM
APRIL 12
and
Thursday 11AM - 9PM
APRIL 13
PMD ARENA, DRAYTON

2023 FARM SHOW COLLECTIBLE
Case International 4894
7, 1992 & other Great Years

PICK UP YOURS
AT THE DRAYTON KINSMEN FARM SHOW BOOTH

Sponsored by the **Drayton Kinsmen**
Serving the Community's Greatest Needs

Mark Your Calendar

IN-PERSON EVENTS ARE BACK!

CANADIAN DAIRY EXPO

APRIL 5 & 6
STRATFORD, ON

ESCAPE TO WISCONSIN

You heard right! The bus trip is back. We are headed to the World Dairy Expo this fall and we want to take you with us! Keep an eye on your statements in April, May & June for your chance to win.

GIVEAWAY

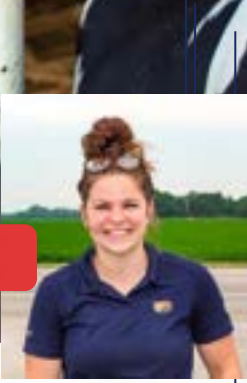
Tip of the Month

Are you adjusting nipple drinker height for your birds? Make sure you're adjusting your water lines often! Drinker lines that are too high can restrict water consumption, while lines that are too low can result in wet litter. As a general rule of thumb, remember nipples should be eye level for the first 24-48 hours. The back of the chick should form an angle 35-45° with the floor while drinking is in progress. As the bird grows, the nipples should be raised so that the back of the bird forms an angle of approximately 75-85° with the floor and so that the birds are stretching slightly for the water. *Source: Ross Broiler Handbook*



MANAGING WINTER DYSYNTERY

MEGHAN MARTIN, RUMINANT SALES & SERVICE



Winter Dysentery is a highly contagious viral disease that impacts adult dairy and beef cattle. Wondering why you've seen an increase in occurrence this year? Outbreaks of winter dysentery have been frequent due to the constant temperature swings in Ontario. The virus becomes more stable in cold and fluctuating climates, which is why outbreaks occur primarily in the fall and spring.

Here's what to watch for

Signs of winter dysentery include dark diarrhea, a decrease in feed intake, general dehydration and ultimately a drop in milk production. This decline in milk production can be up to fifteen percent for two to three days. Generally, the virus can affect fifty to one hundred percent of a herd and will run its course through the barn in two weeks. **Herd immunity will reduce the risk of another outbreak and cows exposed to winter dysentery may gain immunity for one to five years.**

How to prevent & manage

There is currently no vaccine available for winter dysentery, so preventative actions are the best option to reduce the spread. These options include sanitizing boots and clothing when travelling in between facilities, scraping stalls and adding fresh bedding frequently to reduce the growth of bacteria and ensure no tools used on manure management are used on feed. In herds experiencing winter dysentery, yeast products can help to support gut health and prevent secondary infection. Talk to a Floradale representative to discuss your options.

Experiencing signs of winter dysentery or have a question? We're here to help. Contact our knowledgeable sales and service team today.



Did you know?

The short days of winter can have an effect on colostrum production in cows. Research has shown that a shorter photoperiod, or day length, is related to lower colostrum production, particularly in older animals and coloured breeds like Jerseys. This effect gets stronger the farther from the equator you are.

FACES OF FLORADALE

What's happening in our community.



Congratulations Janet O'Rourke! Janet was the winner of our Smoker prize pack at this year's National Poultry Show. Bring on the Floradale Spice!



Some of the Floradale walking team poses at Woolwich's 'Coldest Night of the Year'. FFM is proud to sponsor this community initiative for another year.