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**ProAction Updates and MMS**

We have had many questions lately regarding new changes to the proAction program as well as DFO’s new Milk Management System (MMS) login platform. This newsletter will summarize some changes you will see in the upcoming year!

**DFO’s New Milk Management System (MMS)**

Many of you have already pre-registered for DFO’s new MMS when you were prompted on your producer dashboard. The new system will launch on February 8th and will replace DFO’s current IT system including your login page and the producer dashboard. Additionally, any industry advisors who used your secondary password will no longer have access to your pickup information or test results. All of the veterinarians at the Kirkton Veterinary Clinic can be found in the dropdown menu and we would like to encourage you to share some of your daily pickup information with us! Giving us access to your test results and pickup information can help us partner with you and your other advisors in the investigation of many herd problems involving production, nutrition, mastitis, ect. This additional information is very valuable and can give us a better overall picture of herd performance and health on a daily basis. If you have already pre-registered for MMS it isn’t too late to add us as an advisor on your account. If you have any questions as to how to do this or would like more clarity on what benefits this would provide, please talk to your herd veterinarian or contact our office!

**ProAction Updates**

**March 1, 2021**

**Animal Care Assessment Changes**

The peer report given to you following your animal care assessment is currently based on percentile zones which are determined by how you ranked with respect to all other herds in Canada. With information gathered from previous assessments, the peer report will now have fixed zones based on the percentage of your herd ranked as “acceptable” for each of the animal based measures. In addition, a new “dark red zone” has been added. Below is an outline of the new zones.

Measure	Zones			
	Green	Yellow	Red	Dark Red
Body Condition Score	≥95%	80% to <95%	60% to <80%	<60%
Hocks	≥90%	75% to <90%	60% to <75%	<60%
Knees	≥90%	75% to <90%	60% to <75%	<60%

<b>Neck</b>	≥90%	75% to <90%	60% to <75%	<60%
<b>Lameness</b>	≥90%	75% to <90%	60% to <75%	<60%

\*Percentages based on # of cattle in sample scoring acceptable

Farms falling in the new Dark Red zone will be required to have another cattle assessment in 1 year (instead of 2 years) and this assessment will require a larger sample size to ensure greater accuracy. In addition, after 3 consecutive dark red zone results for the same animal based measure, the farm must demonstrate improvement to the yellow or green zone to avoid a major non-conformance and maintain herd registration.

## June 1, 2021

On-farm proAction validations will no longer be done by your FSR. Lactonet will now be the independent third party validator. If you milk test through DHI, your proAction validator will not be the same person who performs your milk test. The format to the validation will not change and there will be no additional fees. Grade-A inspections will continue to be done by your FSR.

## September 2021

### 1. Dairy Trace

Reporting to Dairy Trace is required by ALL producers regardless of when their proAction validation date is. This can be done through the DairyTrace APP, website, or by phone. An account needs to be made prior to September 2021. For producers that have dairycomp on-farm, once set up, information regarding births, additions and tag retirements will be directly reported to Dairy Trace. Holstein Canada will also report all registered animals to the database. DHI will report all heifer births, animal additions and tag retirements that are routinely collected on testing day. Neither Holstein Canada or DHI will be collecting bull calf births which must be reported prior to them leaving the farm.

### 2. NLID Beef Tags

White single button NLID tags need to be purchased through Holstein Canada for all animals destined for BEEF (i.e. all bob calves). These are the only tags that work with the DairyTrace system and can be ordered when ordering the double tags for heifer calves. Yellow button tags will NO LONGER BE PERMITTED for bull calves as of September 2021. Cost for the white button tags is \$3.25/ tag when purchased in a set of 30.

### 3. Environment Module Roll Out

In-depth packages will be sent to producers by mail but the main components of this module are the following:

- a) Valid environmental farm plan updated every 10 years
- b) Completed self-questionnaire (11 questions)
- c) Proper milkhouse water disposal
- d) Proper manure storage
- e) Valid nutrient management plan (including soil testing every 3 years)

Unlike previous modules, formal training will be provided by your FSR not through KVC, however, we will be available to answer any questions you may have.

As you can see there are a lot of updates rolling out this year! If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your upcoming proAction validation requirements, please don't hesitate to contact our office!