



FALL 2022

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It's a Girl!

We are excited to share that our family grew with the addition of Anneliese on Aug 5th. She is doing great and we all absolutely adore her!



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!

We were beginning to finalize our plans for an open house celebrating our wonderful customers however after the positive HPAI case in the area we have decided to hold off for the time being. Stay tuned for a customer appreciation day in the future!

Thank you to all our wonderful customers! Your support and trust in us are greatly appreciated!

FRESH TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

We are taking orders for fresh turkeys for your Thanksgiving dinner. Turkeys will range from 15-20lbs and are non-GMO, pasture raised from Bethel Farm. Orders can be picked up from our store on Oct 7/8. Please pre-order by Oct 3rd!



FRESH FROM THE FARM

Our on-farm store is filled with pork again! We have a variety of cuts available; bacon, chops, roasts, hams and sausages. We are happy to put custom packages together for you or stop by our store to pick up individual cuts!
In stock:

- Speckle Park Beef – variety of cuts
- deBoer Popping Corn
- Pancake & Waffle Mix
- Organic All Purpose Flour
- Stranks Wildflower Honey
- Meaford Maples Maple Syrup
- All Purpose Flour (P&H)
- Millbrook Whole Wheat Flour

And more flours available!

Pre-order your locally grown products and we'll bring it along with your next feed order!

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WEANING CALVES – QUIET WEAN

Weaning is just around the corner and we are stocked with Quiet Wean Flaps; A **two-stage, low-stress** method for weaning calves;

Step 1: Calves wear a lightweight plastic, non-invasive nose-flap, which prevents them from nursing but allows the calves to graze and have full social and physical contact with their mother. This helps prepare both cows and calves for life after weaning by effectively reducing the bond between pairs!



25 flaps/bag

Step 2: After calves have worn the anti-sucking device for a few (4-7) days, remove the nose-flaps and separate cows and calves as you would normally only now, without all the usual uproar! Calves bawl less, spend less time walking in search of mom, and spend more time eating. These quiet, calm cattle are much easier on fences too!

RECEIVING CATTLE – SET UP FOR SUCCESS!

Very shortly feedlots in Ontario will begin to fill up with replacement cattle from Ontario, the West and East. Newly weaned and transported calves are under immense stress. Getting cattle on the best plane of nutrition as quickly as possible is going to make the difference between successes and failures through the receiving period.

Having a plan in place for newly received cattle ahead of their arrival is critical. Planning ahead of time ensures cattle arrive and are given the best chance at starting off the way they are supposed to.

Replacement cattle arrive hungry and thirsty. Having free choice dry hay and ample water available is the best way to get new cattle settled in. This, coupled with JFM's Stress-fighter products—which are specifically designed to combat the stress of the receiving period is a winning combination to get your cattle off to the races as quickly as possible.

JONES FEED MILL RECEIVING CATTLE PROGRAM

BSTPX Premix: 0.33 lbs/h/d

Stressfighter 737 Supplement: 2 lbs/h/d

Stressfighter 730/740 Complete Feed: 4 lbs/h/d

Use for 30 days after receiving cattle

HPAI –

HPAI has been confirmed in a site in Grey County. The fall migration is well underway and it is reasonable to expect the virus to be present in the environment where migratory birds are found. The incubation period of AI ranges from 2 to 14 days. Symptoms of HPAI are;

- Drop in egg production
- Hemorrhages on the hock
- Quietness and extreme depression
- Wattles and combs become swollen and congested
- Diarrhea
- High and sudden mortality rate
- Swelling of the skin under the eyes

Biosecurity protocols that can be implemented on farm whether a small flock or commercial poultry flock:

- Keep poultry away from area frequented by wild birds
- Maintain strict control over access to poultry houses and your premises
- Make sure equipment is cleaned and disinfected before taking it into poultry houses
- Do not keep bird feeder or create duck ponds close to poultry barns

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COST DRIVERS IMPACTING MILK REPLACER

Grober, August 2022

As we enter the second half of 2022, our partner Grober Nutrition has provided an update on some of the key challenges and cost drivers impacting milk replacers. Dairy protein markets have been resilient, with many component prices at or near record highs, including Skim Milk Powder (SMP), Whey Protein Concentrate (WPC) 34% and fat-filled powders. Tight global milk supply has limited the output of dairy ingredients, while population growth and expanding international markets continue to drive demand and support higher prices.

The increase in skim price is the direct result of slow global milk production, combined with international demand.

In 2022, Skim Milk Powder has increased 50%, resulting in month-over-month increases for milk replacers. The year-to-date increase in SMP represents an aggregate increase of \$26.40 per 20kg bag of skim milk powder and approximately \$13.20 per 20kg bag of milk replacer, the largest contributor to the increase in price.

Consumer spending will also be a factor in determining supply. As consumers are impacted with inflation and interest rates hikes, spending may shift demand away from dairy products and provide some relief to dairy commodities.

Prices for Whey Protein Concentrate 34% also continues to move to new highs, a key component in acidified milk replacer formulations. The whey protein market continues to show moderate signs of price improvement. COVID restrictions in China are limiting consumer demand and volume into the country, resulting in increased availability. With strict COVID lockdowns in China relaxing, demand for exports is expected to bounce back.

On a positive note, the Canadian Dairy Commission announced an increase in farm gate milk receipt of 2.5% that will take effect Sept 1, 2022. A further milk price increase is also expected in 2023. The increase in farm gate milk price is timely and will help alleviate increasing production costs.

Forecast: “We are optimistic that global milk supply will improve; however, until we see a material increase in supply, the market is expected to remain tight.”

DFO – FREE FATTY ACIDS

Starting Oct 1, DFO will be providing Free Fatty Acids (FFA) results available to all dairy producers in Ontario. FFAs are the building blocks of bovine milk fat and can be impacted by a variety of factors, nutrition, genetics, management, and milk handling system.

If you have any questions or concerns about FFAs and your herd, please reach out to us and we'd be happy to assist you!

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GOAT MANAGEMENT – PREPARING FOR WINTER; HEATING, VENTILATION & INSULATION

Excerpt from the Goat Gazette, Winter Preparedness

The primary goal for winter is to keep goat facilities dry and draft free. Good insulation will help keep heat in over the winter and out during the summer. To reduce the potential for building deterioration, the inside air in the winter must be kept above the dew point to avoid condensation on the walls and ceilings.

A key to keeping goats healthy is ventilation through either natural or mechanical systems to remove moisture from indoor air, with a minimum of four air changes per hour recommended.

“Ensure your barn is well ventilated; it’s better to have cold and dry goats rather than wet and slightly warmer goats,” says Beadle. “And don’t forget about the floor – have plenty of clean and dry bedding.”

The comfortable temperature range for mature goats is from 7 to 27°C (44 to 80°F) and from 13 to 29°C (55 to 84°F) for kids less than one month old. A thermometer in the barn will help determine whether supplemental heat may be necessary in the winter, especially for groups of young kids or kidding does. A maximum/minimum type thermometer will indicate the temperature extremes that the thermometer has experienced since it was last reset. It’s handy because you may not be in the barn at the hottest point in the day, or at the coldest point in the night, to read the thermometer. The information can be used to fine tune your heating or ventilation system or change some aspect of your management.

Options for supplemental heat vary, including simple heat lamps, infrared tube heaters or forced air heating, but whatever technique is used, make sure the equipment is clean and in good working order before winter hits and to avoid any fire hazards.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE – NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Did you know we provide **nutrition and management support**? We have a close relationship with the feed companies we represent which allows us to ensure you receive the best care and support. Together, we build rations and can build custom minerals/supplements/rations, bagged or bulk, tailored to your exact needs! .

Now is a great time of year to sample your feed and update your ration for your herd whether beef, dairy, meat or dairy goats or sheep! Call Ava to schedule a time or drop off feed samples for testing at the store!

BIRD SEED

Don’t forget to fill up those bird feeders! We have a variety of bird seed in stock;

- Premium Wild Bird Seed – blend of striped sunflower, black sunflower, cut corn, hard red wheat, white millet, red milo, peanut pick-outs. 18kg bag
- Suet – birdwatchers blend (ultimate energy formula) & songbird (high energy blend) 300gm ea.
- Sunflower – 50lb
- Nyjer Seed – 50 lb

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