



**Jones**  
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**May 2018**

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**Notice: All JFM Mills will be closed Monday May 21/18 for Victoria Day**

## Jones Dairy Meeting Draws Large Crowd

Last month's Jones dairy producer meeting drew a large crowd of area producers where the day's focus was on quality of forages through management and genetics and local results on the new Jones Return Over Feed Cost program.

Ev Thomas, formally of the Miner Institute, who now consults through his own company, Oak Point Agronomics, kept the crowd's interest with his humorous approach to delivering research and management advice on forages. Below are some of the take-aways Ev offered in regard to forage cut length and width.

### Mowing Height Research for Grass and Alfalfa from The Miner Institute:

- Not much difference in quality.
- Considerable difference in yield.
- Almost no difference in drying rate.
- Mow your best pure alfalfa stands at about 2". Leave 5-6" stubble during a fall harvest.
- Adjust mowing height to field conditions.
- Grass stores nutrients in the bottom 3-4" of the above-ground portion of the plant, regrows from the cut stems.
- Mowing at 2" stubble height has no effect on alfalfa nutrient status but reduces grass nutrient reserves.
- Mow alfalfa-grass at 2½ -3" if alfalfa represents most of the yield. Mow grass and grass-alfalfa at 4".
- Mow in the AM, spread the swath to at least 2/3 of mower width, chop at 35-40% DM in the PM.



Ev Thomas of Oak Point Agronomics (Hammond, NY) addresses the crowd.

### Return Over Feed Cost

Later in the meeting, Chris Meadows, JFM Ruminant Nutritionist, explained the new Jones Return Over Feed Cost program. Chris outlined the process involved to calculate ROFC and how Producers can see how their results compare to others in the area, should they wish. To learn more or have your herd evaluated (N/C), talk to your JFM Dairy Sales Consultant.

## JFM/Metzger Vet Beef Tour a Great Success!

The joint industry beef day and tour hosted by Jones Feed Mills and Metzger/Chesley Vet Services once again proved to be a great success. Over 75 people attended the tour of NorPac Beef in Norwich, which was later followed up by a beef lunch (Norpac beef of course!) and presentations. Producers were able to hear from Matt Heleniak about the purchasing process that Norpac uses, as well as updates on Ontario Corn Fed Beef from Adam Hill. Ron Stevenson of Metzger/Chesley Vet Services then gave an update on their lameness study as well as the new regulations surrounding the purchase and use of antibiotics on farm going forward.

## FUTURES

**April 30, 2018**

**Live Cattle**  
(\$/CWT)



Jun 134.12

Aug 133.57

Oct 138.45

Dec 144.60

**Dressed Hogs**  
(\$/CKG)



May 161.70

June 177.26

July 185.18

Aug 186.21

**Canadian Dollar \$ 1.28**

**May 2018**

Source: farms.com

## On the Calendar!

**May 2- Poultry Research Day-** Arden Park, Stratford

**May 21- Victoria Day**  
*All JFM Locations Closed*

**June 12- Waterloo Wellington Annual Beef Tour\*-** Heidelberg

**June 20-21- Ontario Pork Congress\*-** Stratford Rotary Complex

**June 20- Poultry Health Day**  
Arden Park Hotel, Stratford

*\*JFM Sponsored or Exhibiting Event*

Please be sure all of your equipment is road worthy for planting season.  
Please be **SAFE!**

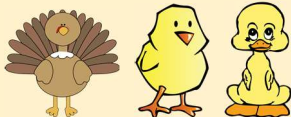
## HEIDELBERG CHICK DAYS!

ORDER DATE	PICK-UP DATE
April 12/18	<b>May 18/18</b>
<b>May 17/18</b>	June 22/18
June 4/18	July 10/18
July 9/18	Aug 14/18

### Available for Chick Days:

Chicks, Turkeys, Ducks

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Miller's Stone Store at the Heidelberg Mill



Miller's Stone is also your source for feeders,  
waters and of course, sound advice!

## The Calf Bawl



The May 2018 Calf BAWL by  
Lisa Zieleman is now available.  
Ask your Dairy Rep for your copy.

## The Importance of Naval Disinfection

The key element of disease prevention in newborn calves is making sure the calf receives enough of a high-quality colostrum. But naval disinfection has huge benefits to prevent even more diseases that colostrum cannot. The main pathogens that can cause diseases in calves (E. coli, salmonella, crypto.) are typically spread to the calf in the environment that it is in. Newborn calves are born with very little immunity until colostrum is received.

But the calf also has an opening into its body through the umbilical cord. This is the perfect place for diseases to enter the calf very fast, therefore it is very important to dip the calves naval as soon as it is born. When dipping the naval be sure to use a strong solution of iodine that is at least 7%. Do not use an iodine solution that is used for teat dip, and it is not recommend to use spray iodine because it will not cover the naval well enough. Thus, dipping the naval as soon as possible after birth and again 12 to 18 hours later will greatly decrease the chances of diseases entering the calf.



Article by Lisa Zieleman, JFM Calf Specialist



Fall 2017 Farm Animals & Scenes Winner

## Photo Contest

### Contest Categories

- Farm Animals
- Farm Scenes
- Pets



Fall 2017 Pets Winner

Submit your photos to [mediateam@jfm.ca](mailto:mediateam@jfm.ca) or through [#JonesFeed](https://twitter.com/JonesFeed)

Winners will be announced through social media/newsletter. Open to Everyone! Various prizes will be awarded.

**Entry Deadline: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Please no photos previously submitted.

Our team would like to request your permission to use your photo(s) in Jones promotional posts and materials, where we will, where possible, submit your name for the photo credit. If you prefer we not use your photos, please let us know.

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