



**Jones**  
FEED MILLS LTD.

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**Notice: Jones Feed Mills will be closed Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!**



## Beef Tour Proves Educational

In August, members of the JFM Beef Team travelled to Saskatchewan to learn first hand the front end of the beef industry. Organized by Elanco Canada, the JFM Beef Team were able to see and experience the processes involved with many of the cattle that we eventually receive here in Ontario. Much time was spent talking to cow-calf producers, cattle buyers, livestock exchange personnel as well as feedlot operators. Through these discussions, the JFM Beef Team was able to learn about beef cattle genetic selection, the

calving process, calf nutrition, weaning processes and cattle marketing. The group also had the opportunity to visit several large feedlots where cattle were both backgrounded and finished. This provided our team with the opportunity to compare rations and results with how we feed cattle here at home. This trip has helped the JFM Beef Team understand how to better manage cattle that are born and raised in the West and moved to Ontario for backgrounding and finishing. JFM wishes to thank Elanco as well all of the good folks we met through the days of our travel.



The Assiniboia Livestock Exchange is well known for handling many of the cattle that find their way to Ontario feedlots



Members of the JFM Beef Team with Michelle Hutchison of Elanco

## Hog Finishing Barns Needed

**Black Creek Livestock**, a division of Jones Feed Mills, is currently looking for producers interested in building new wean to finish contract barns for our certified humane and organic hog programs. Long term contracts are available.

Black Creek Livestock is also looking for producers with existing or renovated straw-based finishing facilities to contract finish certified humane and/or organic pigs.

For more information, please contact Larry Bowman 519-502-1131



## FUTURES

September 29, 2017

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



Dec 142.52

Feb 147.27

Apr 149.07

Jun 140.90

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



Dec 134.49

Feb 147.59

Apr 159.88

May 174.09

Canadian Dollar \$ 1.24

December 2017

Source: farms.com

## On the Calendar!

**Oct 9 Thanksgiving –**  
All JFM Mills Closed

**Oct 26-27 ON Sheep**  
**Convention – Alliston**

**Nov 3 – 12 RAWF**  
**Toronto**

## Safety Reminder

JFM reminds everyone to ensure that all road tractors & implements are equipped with proper SMV signage and lights when travelling on roadways. **Safety Saves!**

# 2017 Jones Feed Mills Photo Contest Winners

The JFM Media Team is excited to announce the winners of the **2017 JFM Photo Contest**. Photos were divided into two categories; Farm Animals & Scenes and Pets. The 5-member team of judges sorted through over 70 photos. We wish to thank all who entered and congratulate everyone on their fabulous photos. Congratulations to the Winners!

## Farm Animals & Scenes

1st



Horses by Alex

2nd



Bess-Boo by Liz

3rd



Sunrise by Lori

## Pets

1st



Family Dog by Cheryl

2nd



Puppy Love by Aimee

3rd



Back of Truck by Joe

## How Dry is your Silage Corn?

With the wet summer the region experienced, this year's corn silage harvest has been delayed. The hot weather of late however has had a significant impact on the maturing ability of the corn across the province. The JFM Nutrition Team reminds both beef and dairy producers to check their fields to ensure their corn isn't drier than anticipated as members of both the JFM Beef and Dairy Teams have reported corn to be drier than what was expected when last checked. JFM further reminds producers if doing moisture evaluations on their corn to ensure their samples are representative of the field you are evaluating.

To walk your fields or to discuss your harvest dates, contact your JFM Sales Representative.



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