



**Jones**  
FEED MILLS LTD.

**October 2023**

**Notice: Jones Feed Mills will be closed Monday, October 7, 2023, for Thanksgiving.**

## Why Do my Hens Keep Eating their Eggs?

Egg eating is not a natural behaviour in chickens – it is a learned behaviour that is easier to prevent than stop! As chickens will imitate each other, once one hen begins, others will follow suit. There are a few reasons a hen may eat its eggs: when calcium levels are low, by accidental discovery or boredom.



First, make sure to provide your hens free-choice oyster shell as a source of extra calcium if needed – this must be provided separately and not blended into the diet! Blending into the diet will dilute the formulated nutrients and can lead to many health and production issues.

When nutrition is not the cause, management is! Ensure eggs are collected multiple times a day; the longer an egg sits in the nest box, the more likely a bird can accidentally break it and learn to eat eggs. Make sure to provide enough nest box space for hens so as not to crowd – one 12-inch by 12-inch box is adequate for every 4 – 5 hens. Provide enough dry nesting material to act as a cushion for laid eggs – hard surfaces will increase the likelihood of cracks. Lastly, provide lots of clean and fresh drinking water – an egg is 70% water; if hens are not consuming enough from their drinkers, they may use the egg to meet their liquid requirements.

It is difficult to stop hens from eating eggs once they form the habit, so the best practice is prevention.

*Article by Aizwarya (Ash) Thanabalan, Ph.D., JFM Poultry Technical Services Specialist*

### Bio-Security and Management Resources Available

Small Flock Ontario (supported by PIC, Sustainable Ag Partnership Can and the Ontario and Canadian governments) are making some new resources available to assist with bio-security and management. Materials are available from JFM. Contact the office for more information.



### Packing Up for the Winter!

As migratory birds begin their trek to warmer climates for the next several months, JFM reminds all farmers to be aware of the possible return of Avian Influenza. JFM has on-going bio-security precautions in place and extended practices should they be necessary.



## FUTURES

09/26/23 Can\$: 1.34

### Live Cattle



Dec	\$253.29
Feb	\$259.44
April	\$263.91
June	\$255.68

### Dressed Hogs



Dec	\$182.19
Feb	\$190.76
April	\$204.92
May	\$217.26

Source: farms.com

### On the Calendar...

**October 26 – Poultry Industry Council AGM** - Elora

**October 26 & 27 ON Sheep Farmers AGM\*** - Nottawasaga Inn

**November 28 – JFM Dairy Producer Meeting\*** - Linwood Community Centre

**Royal Agricultural Winter Fair** – November 3-12 - Toronto

**Poultry Innovations Conf Nov 14-15** - Guelph

**November 29 – Poultry Industry Council Producer Update Day** - Virtual Meeting

**Grey-Bruce Farmers Week\*** - Elmwood January 3-9, 2024

\*JFM Exhibiting/Sponsoring Event

## Help Wanted

The following position is available at Jones Feed Mills:

Feed Bagger – Day Shift - Linwood

For more information, or to apply, please contact Matt Hogan at [matt@jfm.ca](mailto:matt@jfm.ca) or by calling 519-698-2082 x 251

**Come Join the Jones Team!**

**Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Beef Grower Pellet Booking

Jones Feed Mills is accepting bookings for its popular **1600R** 13.5% Beef Grower Pellet. Bookings will be accepted until Monday October 16, 2023, for the period of October-December. **1600R** is a balanced back-grounding feed that is fed at 1% body weight. Booking feed is often a savings and provides producers with budgeting capability. To book your 1600R, contact your JFM Beef Sales Consultant or call 1-800-265-8735.



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# Service

*You'll see it in the result!*



The Jones Beef Team knows that with today's feed prices, every penny counts. **Look to them for the services that will help your bottom line.**

### SERVICES WORTH SWITCHING FOR:

Ration Balancing  
Mixer Evaluations  
Performance Measurement  
Bunk Silo Density

Dry Matter Testing  
Bunk Management  
Manure Assessment  
Feed Inventory

**Contact a member of the JFM Beef Team to see how we can help.**

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## Nutritional Strategies for Feeding Fresh Corn Silage

It is ideal to have corn silage available from the previous year to feed through the harvest and curing period of new corn silage, though this isn't always possible. Fresh silage tends to be high in sugar and low in fermentable starch, meaning lower available energy in fresh feed compared to well fermented corn silage. Feeding fresh corn silage can cause a decline in production, so nutritional strategies should be implemented to maintain production.



- Test fresh corn silage ASAP so appropriate adjustments can be made in a timely manner. Retest and check dry matters regularly.
- Reduce the amount of corn silage in the ration until the fermentation process is complete. This can decrease the effect of the quickly changing silage pH on rumen bacteria.
- Adjust the amount of grain in the diet. Under the guidance of your nutritionist, adjust the amount of grain in the diet to maintain energy levels to support production.
- Support rumen health and pH throughout the transition period with yeast and buffers.

*Article by Trish Dunn, JFM Dairy Services Lead*

## Are you Ready? They are on their way!

Over the next few months, the roads from the west will see hundreds of livestock trailers heading east, bringing the 2023 calf crop to thousands of feedlots across Ontario. To best prepare for the receipt of your calves, the JFM Beef Team encourages you to reach out to both your veterinarian and your Jones Beef Rep now to devise calf your receiving plan. The Jones team is experienced in handling, recommending receiving feeds, water/electrolytes, transition diets and working with your vet on processing protocols. Call Jones to discuss your plan today!



## Jones Dairy Producer Meeting



Tuesday November 28, 2023  
10:00 AM - 2:30PM  
Linwood Community Centre  
RSVP November 24  
1-800-265-8735