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ANIMAL NUTRITION COURSE TO BENEFIT SUPPLIERS

Two of our Farm Services Advisors, Simon Adams and Nadine Markham, are currently undertaking Dairy Australia's Advanced Nutrition in Action program. This program builds on their existing technical skills in dairy nutrition and will add considerable value to the support services they can provide to suppliers. The course helps participants develop nutrition strategies that support farm business goals.

Simon Adams says they are finding the course extremely valuable.

'It is giving us the opportunity to revisit our past learning in nutrition', he says. 'It gives us a more comprehensive look at animal nutrition and formulation of different diets for lactating and transition animals. There is a lot of value in being able to brainstorm and speak to the different people in the group, such as vets, nutritionists, farmers and farm service advisors. The program material is also very well put together. As part of the course we are looking at a program for formulating dairy cow diets, Rumen8. We are now using this program with suppliers and finding it is helping us to put into practice what we have learned in the course.'

Nadine adds that one of the areas they have been learning about that is very relevant at present is the management of heifers from birth to first calving to ensure they develop well-grown frames.

'The course is taking us through best management in heifer nutrition to achieve specific weight gain targets', she says. 'We have also been looking at setting mature body weight milestones and age-at-first-calving goals, so that heifers maximise lifetime milk production and economic returns.'

Dairy Australia's Advanced Nutrition Program is being run by Westvic Dairy. Simon and Nadine look forward to sharing their key learnings from the program with suppliers over the coming months.

QUALITY MATTERS

By Anne Prince, Farm QA Manager

Congratulations to all Victorian WCB suppliers who have successfully participated in food safety audits in the past two years. Any Victorian suppliers who have not yet been audited, and are not already booked in with an auditor, need to contact me on 0447 467 303 as soon as possible.

The Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV) 2016 to 2018 dairy farm licensing period is coming to an end. Every dairy farming operation must hold a dairy licence to enter the dairy industry and supply milk to processors or factories. The licence is specific to a property and is not transferable to new premises. Now is the time for suppliers to inform DFSV if there are any changes needing to be made to details on their licences, such as removing the name of a person who is deceased, or transferring the licence to another person's or company's name. Watch for your new licence to arrive in the mail and keep it in a safe place – perhaps inside the cover of your quality assurance (QA) folder. Auditors will ask to see the current licence at each visit. Suppliers may also like to refresh their knowledge of the conditions that must be met for them to hold a dairy farm licence. These are conveniently printed on the back of the licence but are also available from DFSV.

Dairy farms supplying WCB must maintain records to verify that the business is being conducted in accordance with their food safety program – Warrnambool Quality Plus, version 4. This is to ensure that the risks associated with handling a high-risk food ingredient (milk) are properly managed and controlled. Your WCB diary contains record sheets for every control point in each section of your food safety program and it is important to fill in all the details in the records to ensure you can demonstrate compliance. Your records will be reviewed closely during a QA or food safety audit. For advice on how to create records, what to include, what format is acceptable, or to obtain extra record sheets, please consult your WCB Farm Services Advisor.

BULK MILK CELL COUNTS

The Top 25 recognises the efforts of suppliers in keeping their average monthly BMCC to low levels.

Top 25 April 2018

1	Cyril & Marjo Nijskens	45,000
2	C & C Simpson	48,000
3	Paringa View Park	57,000
4	C & C Costin	62,000
5	Darren & Kaylene Jewell	64,000
6	D C Johnson Pty Ltd	65,000
6	Hans & Susanne Vogel	65,000
7	Lance & Lynette Greenwood	66,000
8	Mark & Tania Nevill	67,000
9	AJ Trigg & Sons	69,000
10	Lyndon & Joyce Cleggett	70,000
11	Michael & Nicole Uebergang	71,000
12	Gerard & Jo McNamara (Nathan)	72,000
13	RG & TA Morey (Rachael)	73,000
13	Robinfield Farm, Nathan Collins	73,000
14	Lex & Rachael Moloney	75,000
15	Bidgemah Trust	77,000
15	Araluen Pastoral Holdings	77,000
16	John & Mary Meade	79,000
17	Stephen & Allira Smith	80,000
18	Rod & Libby Swayn	81,000
19	Andrew Buckley	82,000
19	PW & JG Blacklock	82,000
19	Triple T Farms	82,000
20	Les & Vicky Farrer	83,000
21	Luke Benson & Susan Rea	84,000
22	MA & MF Fleming	85,000
23	Jacob Kelly	86,000
24	RF & NP Bourk	87,000
25	Craig & Annette Smart	88,000

Factory Average BMCC April: 173,000

CLASSIFIEDS

TO PLACE OR CHANGE AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS:

Please contact your WCB Farm Services Advisor before the 24th of the month to place an advertisement or to advise if your ad is no longer required for the following month. Each ad will run for a maximum of two editions, space permitting.

EMPLOYMENT:

Afternoon milker required for 250-cow farm 7 km from Macarthur. 20 double-up with ACRs. Ph Martin 0417 109 009.

FOR SALE:

Five purebred Kelpie puppies. Both parents have excellent working skills and quality purebred bloodline history, pups ready to go at end of May microchipped, vet checked, wormed and vaccinated, \$600 each inc GST. Ph Chris 0427 547 519.

WANTED:

Pellet silo wanted for calf pellets. 8-10 tonne capacity. Ph Gerard 0408 284 232.

Allflex MK II cup removers. Ph Brent 0466 984 969.

GREAT SOUTH WEST DAIRY AWARDS

Tickets for the Great South West Dairy Awards Gala Night on 11 July are now on sale.

The awards celebrate the achievements of the dairy industry in Western Victoria and the event offers a great opportunity to network and socialise. WestVic Dairy's Regional Manager Lindsay Ferguson says the event has become an important part of the dairy calendar.

'It is important to recognise those that are driving the industry and are striving to improve their own business, as well as the industry as a whole', he says.

The winners of each category will be announced at the gala evening in July at the City Memorial Bowls Club in Warrnambool.

Tickets are \$60 and include a three-course meal, as well as a pre-dinner drink. To purchase tickets, phone the WestVic Dairy office on 03 5557 1000 or email awards@westvicdairy.com.au.

