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To Ontario's bovine practitioners:

OABP and DFO have been working together to develop a program to train veterinary practitioners to become CQM Advisors. This notice is about the upcoming training dates for veterinarians.

It has been mandated by Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) that all Canadian dairy producers become registered in the Canadian Quality Milk (CQM) program. In Ontario, the DFO have been charged with delivering the program for Ontario's dairy producers and have received some funds to help them do so. The OABP Board of Directors and the DFO staff have drafted an understanding (the MOU) of how the two organizations can work together to help Ontario's producers achieve full CQM involvement. The MOU is posted at www.oabp.ca.

In Ontario about 25% of producers will be asked to register, prepare and become validated in CQM each year over the next 4 years. November 1st 2010 has been set as the start date for Ontario's program. Once each producer has received their individual "start date" for CQM they have the option to become trained (seek assistance to get ready) with an approved CQM Advisor. It is not mandatory for a producer to take training. Training a producer is estimated to take about 2 to 2.5 hours on average. There are various ways to fulfill this described in the MOU document.

Veterinary practitioners, who would like to become approved CQM Advisors, can take the Advisor training offered during October 2010. Instruction will be by an OABP veterinary practitioner who has trained producers, and by DFO staff. Only Approved Advisors, those attending these seminars, will be eligible for reimbursement for conducting producer training, provided they train five or more producers.

Please note that the sessions listed below are for TRAINING TO BECOME A CQM ADVISOR and are not planned as general CQM information sessions (there will be one of those Wed evening at the OABP CE meeting on Nov 17th, if you would like to become better informed about the CQM program).

The dates and locations for the training are as follows.

Preregistration is required

Wednesday Oct 13th, Listowel Golf Course, 6 to 9pm (dinner provided)

Tuesday Oct 19th, Woodstock OMAFRA office 6 to 9pm (dinner provided)

Monday Oct 25th, Trenton Holiday Inn, 6 to 9 pm (dinner provided)

Tuesday Oct 26th, Kemptville, WB George Centre, 9 to 12 (lunch provided)

There will be a limit on the number of training spots at each location.

You can register by emailing your wishes to ann.godkin@ontario.ca or phoning our Elora OMAFRA office and asking for Carolynne (519-846-0965). We need:

- your name,
- email (if possible),
- a good contact phone number and
- the location you would like to attend.

Registrations will be confirmed by phone 7 days before the course.

We are also in the process of planning a course on Wed Nov 17th from 1 to 3pm, just prior to the OABP Fall CE meeting, but will do this only if it is required.

Registration in this course will be very limited and priority will be given to those who are not geographically close to the other locations.

The MOU between DFO and OABP which has been developed to fully describe the options producers have for training with Advisors and to fully describe payment for Advisors who participate in this program, has been posted to the OABP website.

PLEASE NOTE, only veterinarians who take this Advisor training and who complete the training for at least 5 producers will be reimbursed for taking the ADVISOR training.

If you have any questions please email - if we don't have all the answers we can help steer you to someone who does.

Best wishes, Ann Godkin (OABP Secretary)

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