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## **NYSCHAP Coordinator Hired**

Starting January 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Charlie Elrod will assume responsibility for coordination of the NYSCHAP program. Charlie will help guide the development of NYSCHAP modules; design and deliver NYSCHAP training and informational programs for Ag & markets personnel, dairy practitioners and producers; and evaluate the effectiveness of the program. One of his main roles will be to ensure good communication among all the parties involved in NYSCHAP: producers, veterinarians, agriservice advisors, university faculty and Ag & Markets staff.

If you have questions or suggestions about NYSCHAP, contact Charlie by any of the following means: Phone: 607-255-8202; FAX 607-257-8485; or Email: cce1@cornell.edu.

## **Diagnostic Discount**

There has been a lot of discussion and some confusion relating to the discount being offered to NYSCHAP Farms for diagnostic testing. Currently, there is ONLY a discount being offered for Johne's Disease testing performed at the Cornell Diagnostic Laboratory. The discount is for 30% off the normal price for both ELISA and fecal culture and is sent as a rebate check to the herd veterinarian. The Cornell Diagnostic Lab has the capacity to handle all Johne's ELISA (blood) testing in a timely manner. Fecal culture capacity is limited, requires more time, and must be scheduled 4 weeks in advance. See the following article to help make the most of your herd testing program.

## **Submitting Samples to the Diagnostic Lab**

In order to take advantage of the diagnostic discount for Johne's Testing, the following conditions must be met:

- Farms must be enrolled in NYSCHAP
- Enrollment form plus testing strategy description submitted to Diagnostic Lab
- All herd or group testing must be scheduled in advance according to this timeline:
- Serology (ELISA)
  - <200 samples, anytime before shipping
  - >200 samples, 2-5 days in advance
- Fecal Culture
  - All submissions scheduled at least 4 weeks in advance
  - Samples *must* be in Diagnostic Lab sample cups
- Every sample must have a clearly marked, sequential sample number and corresponding animal ID. These must match the sample and ID numbers on the submission form.
- Samples must be submitted with the NYSCHAP submission form (discount is issued based on this form)
- Provide complete information on the sample submission form to ensure accuracy of results and correct interpretation.

If you have any questions about Johne's sample submission, contact the Diagnostic Laboratory (Dana Schneider) at 607-253-3836.

## **Module Development Timeline**

There are currently two NYSCHAP modules ready for publication: the Core and BVD. Each module consists of informational brochures, risk assessment tools, control protocols, and educational materials (slide sets & case studies). Johne's Disease and Salmonella modules should be completed and published by spring. Other modules to be developed soon thereafter include: Bovine Leukosis Virus, Low Risk Cow Additions,

Dairy Beef Quality, Environmental Pathogens, Feet & Legs and Mastitis.

## NYSCHAP Core Best Management Practices

- ✓ Maintain an accurate animal identification system and record all health events
- ✓ Minimize the risk of disease introduction when animals are purchased or re-enter the herd
- ✓ Prevent manure from being ingested, especially by young animals
- ✓ Ensure that equipment used with animals or their feed is clean
- I. ✓ Insist that all visitors and advisors have clean clothing, and disinfect their boots
- II. ✓ Manage manure to minimize run-off
- III. ✓ Prevent antibiotic and chemical residues in milk and beef
- IV. ✓ Ensure low-stress, comfortable cows

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