



Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) Bovine Expert Network Industry / Producer Report

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Introducing OAHN

The Ontario Animal Health Network, or OAHN (pronounced "Owen"), is a new, collaborative approach to animal disease surveillance in Ontario.

We've set up a Bovine Expert Network – a group of veterinarians and specialists working in government, university, laboratory and in beef, dairy and veal practice – to monitor and discuss disease trends in Ontario. Every three months, this group surveys practicing veterinarians on the diseases they are seeing in the field, discusses these findings on a teleconference and reports back to all bovine veterinarians in Ontario.

This approach has been used to deal with outbreaks and animal health emergencies. It helped the Ontario swine industry limit the spread of porcine epidemic diarrhea and it was also used to help the sheep industry deal with the recent detection of Bluetongue in cattle in Ontario.

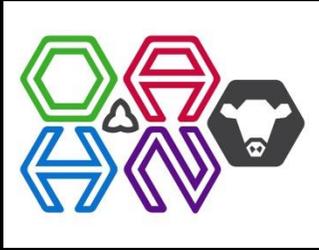
We want producers and industry to be involved as well. We'll be sending a summary of our quarterly meeting with information relevant to producers. Check out our website at www.oahn.ca for more information on OAHN.

Q3 Teleconference

This report covers the time period from August to October of 2015. Veterinarians reported an increase in respiratory disease on visits to dairy and beef farms all across Ontario. Both bacterial and viral causes were involved. On beef farms, the top syndromes reported were respiratory, lameness, and neurological/down animals. On dairy farms, the main reported syndromes were respiratory, abortion and mastitis. For veal farms, the top syndromes were diarrhea and pneumonia.

Salmonella Dublin

Several cases of *Salmonella* Dublin have been reported on one dairy farm and nine veal farms in Ontario since December 2012. *Salmonella* Dublin affects cattle of all ages but is most severe in calves ranging from two weeks to three months of age, with clinical signs including pneumonia and sudden death. The Bovine Expert Network is conducting a one-year project to survey for *Salmonella* Dublin on farms across Ontario.



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Premises Identification

A Premises Identification Number (Premises ID) is a unique number assigned to a parcel of land associated with agricultural activities. Premises ID is important for animal disease emergencies, food recalls and disease surveillance and research activities. Make sure your veterinarian knows your Premises ID. More information on Premises ID can be found at: www.ontarioppr.com or by telephoning 1-855-697-7743.

Thank You to Dr. Laurent Viel

The OAHN Bovine Expert Network wishes to thank Dr. Laurent Viel for his participation in the network. Dr. Viel has recently retired after a long and successful career at the Ontario Veterinary College. We wish Dr. Viel all the best in his retirement!

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