



Molesworth Mill News

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By the chill in the air and the shortening of the days, it appears that fall is here and winter is coming. We have had a great growing season for the corn and beans. If the rain would let up, both beans and corn are ready to start hitting the bins. It would appear that a record North American crop is imminent. We are thankful!

Ten years ago, we were starting to see the beginning of what turned out to be a huge recession in the economies of North America and most parts of the world. Now, we have a new Canada, US, Mexico trade agreement and none of us know how it will affect the various stakeholder groups. We will know better in a couple of years whether it was good or bad for agriculture in general.

The hog market has fought off the bearish supply figures to move up significantly from its low a couple of months ago. It appears that by hither or by thither the pork is disappearing despite China's move to not purchase American pork. We'll hope the US can now work on the US-China relationship to get that supply chain going again.

THE DAIRY TEAM

Wow, hard to believe that October is here. I would like to start off by thanking Mornholme farms (Paul and Marilyn Frey) for hosting our corn chipper day in September. Now that we have our corn silage off, let's talk a little bit about this forage. Corn silage quality is mostly determined by the energy content, protein, minerals, and its intake or digestibility potential. It seems strange to me to think that corn silage with less than 30% grain can have the same energy value as corn silage with 50% grain just based on the digestibility of the stover or fibre of the silage, but that is very possible. The chop length, the particle size, and the variety of corn silage are what affect the digestibility of the forage the most. If we have not already sampled your corn silage please phone and one of our dairy team members can pick up a sample and get it analysed. One thing we can do on farm is a particle separator test. Penn State guidelines are to have less than 8% on the top sleeve, over 50% in the middle sleeve, and less than 50% in the pan.

Corn silage can be fed to all dairy cattle on your farm although we need to limit it in some of the diets we look at. You want to restrict it in the growing heifer diets and pay close attention to the amount being fed to the dry cows. Corn silage works great when fed in conjunction with straw in the dry cow diets. If at all possible try to stay away from feeding fresh corn silage.

MISSION STATEMENT

We at Molesworth Farm Supply Ltd. strive to exemplify professionalism and leadership in the livestock feed industry. We do this by exceeding the expectations of the people we serve. Our current and future success depends on this commitment to you, the customer. We achieve it as a team, employing fairness, honesty, innovation, and understanding as our guiding principles. These simple yet critical principles keep us on the leading edge of the feed industry.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

The Government of Canada (Health Canada) is making changes to regulations in order to ensure the responsible use of Medically Important Antimicrobials and to have veterinarians prescribe the majority of medication used in livestock production. These changes will be in effect as of December 1st, 2018 and will affect all types of livestock production.

The main change you need to be aware of is that ALL Medically Important Antimicrobials will now require a script for use in feed. This includes products that did not previously require a script when they were fed according to label specifications, e.g. 0.50 kg/tonne Tylan 40 in swine grow-finish feed. This change will apply to a large number of medicating products that have not previously required a script.

For more information about medicating ingredients and those that are affected by this change, please follow the link included here (<http://mfsltd.ca/>) and click "Learn More" on the home page to get a full list of the medicating ingredients in question. Any product in Category I, II or III (as shown in that list) will require a script for use in feed. Further, these products will not be available for direct purchase (e.g. as bagged medicated premix or water medication) from anyone other than a veterinarian. Medications in Category IV will be the only medicating products feed manufacturers (including on-farm mills) are able to use in feed without a script, provided they are being used according to label specifications. If you are unable to access that website, please feel free to contact us at MFS and we will get you a copy of this list.

We recognize that this will be a substantial change for some and we will work hard to assist in the implementation of these changes. In order to ensure the transition to these new regulations goes as smoothly as possible, you will need to communicate with your veterinarian when you feel you need to medicate your herds/flocks in order to place feed orders in a timely fashion. MFS cannot ask a vet for a script to be generated on your behalf, but we will work with you as best we can to facilitate this process as we all get used to the new regulations.

Thank you. If you have any questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Despite the fact that Thanksgiving weekend is behind us, we need to be continuously thankful for the good harvest and the abundance of food on our tables – something many people around the world still cannot claim. We are thankful for the nice relationship and the privilege of serving you and your family. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ron

Everyone loves praise. Look hard for ways to give it to them.

Anonymous