



Jones

Feed Mills Information update



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Reminders:



Please place your order by 9:30am the day before the feed is required for out of area orders, and the day before for local orders to help us have the feed delivered when you require it.



There is a 20 bag or a half tonne minimum for bagged custom feeds and premixes, and a one tonne minimum for bulk feeds. Please keep this in mind when you call.

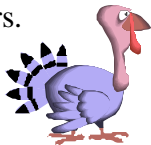


Please label your bins to reduce the risk of an error when feed is delivered. Bin labels are available from Jones Feed Mills.



Today's Fact

Turkey consumption has increased 116% since 1970. Turkey has been eaten at Christmas for approximately 100 years.



Christmas and New Year's hours



Christmas is arriving quickly, and we would like to remind you that Jones will be closed Dec. 25, and will have limited staff and services on Dec. 26 for emergency orders. We will be open on Dec. 27. Please plan your feed orders in advance so that you do not run out over the Christmas holidays. Jones will also be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Thank you for your cooperation, and Merry Christmas.



Weather Watch



With winter comes snow and an increase in bad driving conditions. Jones will try our hardest to get feed out for the time it is ordered. However, if the roads or visibility are too bad, our drivers will be instructed to wait for better conditions before delivering the remainder of their load. Please order your feed in advance so that you have a better chance of it being delivered when it's needed, and keep your laneways and yards clean.

Calendars have arrived



Calendars are once again available for the coming year. If you would like one, feel free to pick one up at any of our mills, or to speak to your sales representative.

Booking Prices

Booking prices are available for feed until April 30. Please contact your sales rep or the mill for a price. Markets are extremely volatile, and therefore booking prices can change without notice. A booking price quoted today may not be available tomorrow. Booking prices are based on the availability of buying ingredients in the future to cover the booking, and as the market changes the commodity ingredient prices will change also. When booking feed, we need to know the tonnage you expect to use for 6 months.

Improved Hog Outlook in 2009



A decrease in feed prices combined with large cuts in North American hog production is pointing towards higher profits for hog farmers in 2009. According to Informa Economics vice president, there will be increasing stability in hog markets from contracts made in the past 12 months. It could take six to nine months for markets to reflect this, but times are promising.

Livestock Futures – Nov. 28 '08

Live Cattle - \$/cwt		Dressed Hogs \$/ckg	
December	\$108.05	December	\$135.86
February	\$108.95	February	\$152.30
April	\$110.87	April	\$167.87
June	\$105.89	May	\$185.65

Canadian Dollar \$1.2360

Upcoming Events

Southwest Ag Conference Jan. 6-7 '09
Held at the University of Guelph Ridgetown campus. For information, visit www.southwestagconference.ca



Ontario Cattle Feeders Association Jan. 8-10 '09
Annual Beef Industry Convention held at the Sheraton Hotel, London. For information, visit www.beefindustryconvention.com/index.htm



Grey-Bruce Farmer's Week Jan. 8-13 '09
Held at the Elmwood Community Centre. For information, phone 519-986-3756

Waterloo Cattlemen's Meeting Jan. 14 '09
Held at the Linwood Community Centre 10:45 – 3:00. Registration required
Topics include: animal health, COOL update and beef cattle nutrition. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for a tour of Cargill Meat Solutions, but spaces are limited.
For details or to register, call Steve Foster 519-746-0258



Corn Toxins



Toxins have been found in corn and corn silage this year. Toxin is a form of poison, and has adverse effects on animal health and reproduction. There are options available if toxins are found in your corn. If you suspect toxins, or would like to learn about feed options to combat them, please contact your sales representative.

Jones is testing corn coming into the mill for toxin levels, and rejecting loads over the toxin threshold. Between maintaining a low toxin level at the mill and working together with our customers who have grain on the farm from other sources, we hope to minimize the risk of toxin poisoning.

Barley and Mixed Grain Needed



Jones is looking to buy barley and mixed grain. If you have some available, please contact Brad at the Linwood mill Monday to Friday, 7am to noon. If you would like to sell mixed grain and buy corn back at a profit, that is also possible.

Royal Results



A number of Jones Feed Mills Ltd. customers achieved high placings at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. We would like to congratulate these customers on their achievements, and have highlighted some of them below. If we have missed you, we are sorry for the error. Please contact Patricia and a second list will be distributed in our next newsletter.

Senior Division Champion (Black Angus) – Lyle Dudgeon
Grand Champion Angus Bull – Lyle Dudgeon
Supreme Champion – Lyle Dudgeon
Reserve Grand Champion Female (Shorthorn) – David Hunt
Senior Champion Bull (Shorthorn) – Rick Salzsauler



For information on the feeding programs these breeders use, or for contact information to buy breeding stock, please contact Mike or Paul at the Linwood location, or speak to your sales representative.

Top ten placings in class and division:

Lyle Dudgeon (Black Angus)
Gord McArthur (Black Angus)
Cody Walker (Black Angus)
Fred Hopkins (Brown Swiss)

Rick Salzsauer (Shorthorn)
David Hunt (Shorthorn)
Bar 5 (Simmental)
Fantasy Lane Farms (Shorthorn)
John Stephens (Ayrshire)
Walkerbrae (Holstein, Jersey)
Rexlea Jerseys (Jersey)