



Jones Feed Mill

Information Update



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Corn Quality

As many of you will know, this year's corn crop is quite different from many previous years. Bushel weights on corn this year are lower on average than normal. Immature corn that was harvested wet and dried down leads to lower grade corn. We are doing our best to source grade #2 and #3 corn however the majority of corn available is #3 and #4. Nutritionally, cattle and pigs will not be greatly affected by the lower grade of corn. Research has shown similar livestock performance between these grades of corn. When lower grades of corn are processed however, there tends to be more fines. The lower grade corn is more brittle and breaks up faster than higher grade corn. We clean our micronized and cut corn after processing to remove as many of the fines as possible, however the more this brittle corn is handled (mixed, blended, trucked, blown) more fines will result.

Certain areas of the province have corn with high levels of mould. We are being selective to not accept this corn at the mill. Fortunately, these moulds do not seem to be producing high levels of mycotoxins. We continue to test corn that comes into the mill for toxins and have tested on farm corn for some of our customers. We are also monitoring corn by-products for toxins. Corn by-products are not necessarily the result of local corn and there are certain areas of North America that have high toxin levels in the corn. If you have any questions or concerns about the corn or corn by-products you are using on farm please ask your sales rep or the mill.

Royal Winners

A number of our customers were very successful at the Royal Winter Fair. We have listed some of them below. This list will not be complete as I am sure we have missed some.

Paradise Farms, Allan Hargrave, David Hunt Farms, McQueenvue Farms, Brian Witwell, Rob Hasson, Helen Hawke, Vancise Cattle Company, John Stephens – Yellow Briar Farms, Matt & Kerry Fraser, John Duivenvoorden, Marty Scott, Bob Robertson

Christmas Holidays

All 3 mills will be closed the following days:

Thursday Dec 24 at noon

Friday Dec 25 all day

Friday Jan 1 all day

Please order well in advance so that we are able to get the feed you require to get through the holidays. Also remember that winter weather can make delivery more difficult, please ensure that your laneways and yards are clear of snow and ice and laneway markers are in place. Barn doors and man door entrances should also be clear of snow and ice to ensure we are able to get your feed where it needs to be.

Livestock Futures

Dec 3 / 09

Live Cattle - \$ /cwt

Dec. 86.21

Feb. 88.58

Apr. 91.72

Jun 89.09

Dressed Hogs - \$/ckg

Dec. 118.98

Feb. 133.19

Apr. 140.89

May 147.65

Canadian \$

1.0537

Feed Bookings Available

Bookings on our regular beef and hog feeds can be booked until the end of April 2010. By booking you lock in a specific price for a specific number of tonnes for that time period. It is expected that you will use all of the booking and take the feed at regular intervals throughout the booking period. We can also offer bookings on commodities and custom formulas. Our booking prices are based on what we can buy ingredients for over the next 6 to 12 months. A quoted booking price may change as the commodity markets move.

Calendars Available Now

We have house calendars and swine breeder calendars available.

