



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.



Jones Feed Mills Ltd. Ag Day and Open House

9am – 4pm at the Linwood Community Centre February 24, 2009

Sponsored by Jones Feed Mill and Linwood Vet Services

Lunch to be served from 10am – 2pm

Confirmed Speakers:

Dr. Ken Bryant from Akey Nutrition

Subject to be announced

Dr. Roxane Pardiac

Equine Health

Dr. Martin Misener

Swine Health

More speakers to be announced

There will also be a trade show with displays from numerous agricultural organizations and businesses throughout the day.

Door Prizes

Free Food

Industry Professionals

Final Rule for US Mandatory Country of Origin Labelling Announced

This rule is believed to be more favourable to Canadian livestock producers than the earlier version. COOL will allow American processors more flexibility in the use of livestock from Canadian origins. The rule now allows the processor the ability to use one label for those animals imported or killed that are born in Canada or born in Canada and raised in the US. The final version of COOL was published on January 15 and was to take effect on March 16, however the new Obama administration has put a hold on this rule until it is approved by an Obama appointee, potentially leading to a delay in the implementation date and possibly to further adjustments to the rule.

Today's Fact

A donkey's eyes are placed so that it can see all four feet all of the time.

Livestock Futures – January 28, '08

Live Cattle - \$/cwt

April	\$103.69	-4.38
June	\$101.11	-3.09
August	\$101.85	-2.32
October	\$106.57	

Dressed Hogs \$/ckg

April	\$140.86	-16.34
May	\$166.00	-14.00
June	\$168.87	-13.52
July	\$168.36	

Canadian Dollar \$1.2256 +0.0086

Upcoming Events

Linwood Ag Day Feb. 24
Linwood Community Centre



Ontario Cattlemen's Association – Annual Meeting Feb. 25-26
Doubletree International Plaza – Toronto

Ontario Spring Discovery – Dairy Show March 25-26
Western Fair Agriplex – London

London Swine Conference April 1-2
London Convention Centre - London

Driver Safety on the Farm

Jones Feed Mills Ltd prides itself as a company that takes initiative in the safety of its employees. Our safe and productive work environment for all employees can be found at each of the mills, but extends to the various truck drivers who deliver to farms across Ontario. In keeping with this, Jones is asking all farmers to provide the safest conditions possible for our workers while on their property.

During the winter months, we ask that property owners keep their laneways and yards clear from ice and snow buildup. This also includes keeping barn entry doors clear for drivers to bile bags, and blow pipes clear for bulk drivers to hook onto. In the spring, summer and fall, please try to keep these areas clear of excess water and mud.

Jones also strives to prevent drivers from having to climb on ladders, bins, gravity wagons, etc as much as possible. We strongly encourage all farmers to have a permanent set of blow pipes and bin structures whenever possible. In situations where this is not possible, we ask that all ladders be kept in excellent working conditions with no broken boards, rungs, protruding objects, etc. We also ask that all gravity wagons and self feeder units be kept in good condition and situated within easy reach of where the bulk truck will be parked while blowing feed.

It is in your best interests to provide the safest possible working conditions while a Jones Feed Mills Ltd employee is on our farm or property. Thank you for your cooperation.

North American Cow Herd Shrinking

The Canadian cow herd is down 7% from one year ago to 4.63 million head. The American cow herd is down 2% during the same period to 32 million head. Overall, the total herd size is the smallest since 1963, according to Anne Dunford of Gateway Livestock Exchange.

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..

Lower Gas Prices Not Helping Ethanol Producers

The ethanol industry took a hit when corn prices went up and have not been able to cash in on lower corn prices now, partially due to lower gas prices. Profits are at a minimum for the ethanol industry and are not expected to increase for at least two years.

Family Day 2009

All three locations of Jones Feed Mills Ltd will be closed on February 16 for Family Day. The mills will resume regular hours on February 17.