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President's Message



By all accounts, our 2006 Conference and AGM was a resounding success. I would like to congratulate Ray and K3 Kensing for a job well done. I encourage all our members to mark January 18-20, 2007 on your calendars for next year in Saskatoon. I feel we

are fulfilling our mandate to provide quality CE opportunities to bovine practitioners. It was quite gratifying to see the large group of students that travelled to Calgary, as we recognize that they missed out on the national symposium that Saskatoon was hosting at the same time as our Conference.

For those who were unable to attend Calgary, some noteworthy items are as follows:

- 1) We are moving closer to forming a Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners (CABP). Our voice as bovine practitioners will have a bit more credibility when dealing with national issues such as animal welfare or government relations.
- 2) The software prototype of the WCABP Vaccination Certificate Program was demonstrated. Our hope is that this will become the standard in Western Canada,

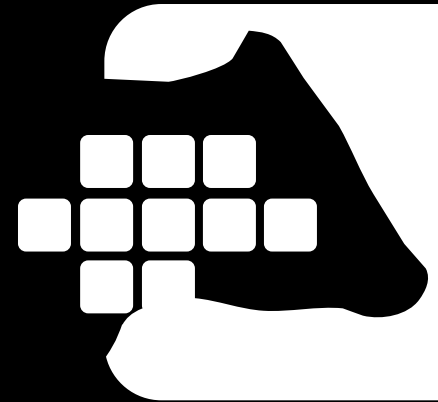
much the same as our Breeding Soundness Evaluation forms. A practitioner will be able to customize vaccination protocols for their clients and generate certificates as required. We feel this is one of those added value things you can do that benefits everyone. Please contact the office for your copy (1-866-269-8387).

- 3) The membership voted to donate \$25,000 over a three-year period towards the WCVM expansion. Given the sound financial position the WCABP is in, this is not an onerous undertaking. I know the WCVM greatly appreciates our support.

I would like to welcome Melodie Chan, Doug Bazinet, Tracey Logan and Trent Wennekamp to our Board as new members. I look forward to working with them. I encourage WCABP members to contact any Board members or the office if you ever have questions or concerns about our Association.

This spring is shaping up to be a busy one for bovine practitioners, as cattle will change from a liability to an asset on most balance sheets. It is quite easy to work more and sleep less - take care of yourself and play safe!

Doug Mann



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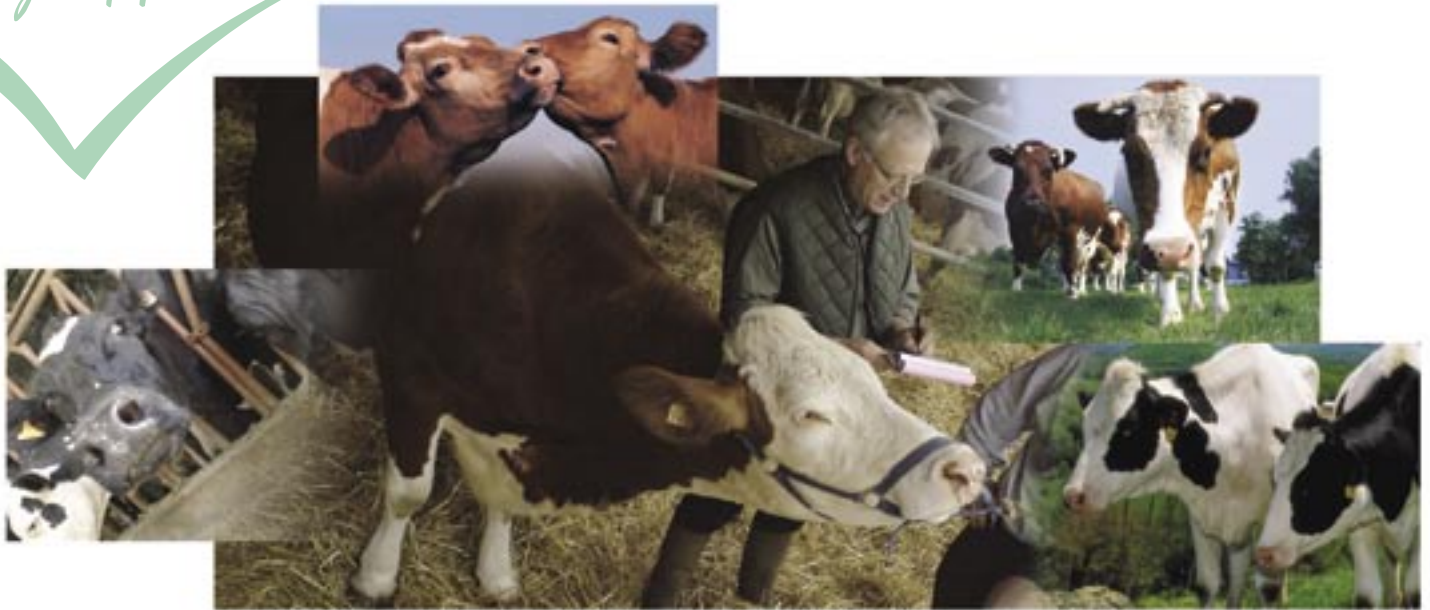
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Secretary-Treasurer's Report



The financial numbers from our 2006 conference are not yet in but early indications suggest that we may not have achieved the same healthy performance as we've seen in other years, particularly in Saskatoon 2005 and Calgary 2004. The number of registrants remained strong but there was a decrease in the number of members who

registered for the entire Conference. I suspect that this reduction in 3-day attendees was a reflection of the robust rebound people are starting to see in their veterinary practices, particularly those doing export work. In general, the feedback we received from the post-Conference surveys suggests that the Conference was very well received. However, we are always interested in improving our programs and performance. If you elected not to attend this year, then I would be anxious to hear from you, please send me an email to WCABP (info@wcabp.com) or to my personal address at murray.jelinski@usask.ca.

The AGM was well attended and we managed to get through a significant amount of business in a timely and efficient manner. Due to the increased activity of the Board we felt it necessary to increase the size of the Board of Directors by two members; we now have eight (8) voting members. A motion was passed that the Board use its best judgment to enjoin all its members into a Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners (CABP). A small fee (~\$10.00) will be added to your 2007 annual membership dues to

pay for your registration in the CABP. Dean Rhodes (WCVM) provided the members with an update on the WCVM expansion. It was noted that what started out to be a \$43 M project has blossomed into a \$57 M project; this increase was almost entirely associated with escalating construction costs. It was noted that a number of other Associations have made donations to the WCVM expansion and Dean Rhodes asked the members to consider such a donation. A motion came from the floor to donate \$25,000 over a three-year period; there was unanimous support for this motion. The draft minutes from the 2006 AGM can be accessed through our website (www.wcabp.com).

The Conference concluded with a number of awards and the installation of new members. Dr. Chris Clark (WCVM) was a very deserving winner of the Boehringer-Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year Award. Service plaques were awarded to Valerie Smid and Richard Harland for their years of service on the Board of Directors, and Craig Dorin was recognized for his very successful year as President of the WCABP. Because the Board was increased by two additional members, four new members were installed: Doug Bazinet, Trent Wennekamp, Melodie Chan and Tracey Logan. Tye Perrett was elected President-Elect and Doug Mann was installed as President.

I am looking forward to working with our new Board members and the incremental relaxation in trade restrictions bodes well for our membership in 2006!

Murray Jelinski

Meetings of Interest

ULTRASONOGRAPHY AND EMBRYO TRANSFER WORKSHOP - May 1-6, 2006 - Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK.

Ultrasonography and Embryo Transfer Workshops for veterinary practitioners, research scientists and students are being conducted in tandem at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine May 1 to 6, 2006. The primary emphasis will be on cattle, but species comparisons will be provided. As principal instructors for the Ultrasonography Workshop, Drs. Gregg Adams and Jaswant Singh will review ultrasound equipment, operation, imaging of the normal and diseased reproductive tract of both males and females, early pregnancy diagnosis, fetal sex diagnosis, and transvaginal ultrasound-guided techniques. Company sponsors will make the latest ultrasound equipment available to participants. As principal instructors for the Embryo Transfer Workshop, Drs. Reuben Mapletoft and John Hasler will present new approaches to manipulation of ovarian follicle wave dynamics for superovulation and estrus synchronization, as well as embryo collection, handling, freezing and transfer. Both workshops will involve lecture and hands-on lab sessions, and participants may register for both workshops or each individually.

For more information, contact Reuben Mapletoft (reuben.mapletoft@usask.ca), or Gregg Adams (gregg.adams@usask.ca), Register on-line at <http://rsm.usask.ca/events.html>, or contact: Anne Ruholl (anne.ruholl@usask.ca), tel: (306) 966-7267, fax: (306) 966-7274.

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Retiring Board Members

Thank you Val and Richard!

The 2006 AGM saw Richard Harland and Valerie Smid complete their terms of service on the WCABP Board of Directors. Richard spent six years on the Board, most recently as Past-President. Val was a three-year Board member who sums up her Board experience as follows:

The Conference and Annual General Meeting of the WCABP in mid-January marked the end of my three-year term as a Board member for the organization.

I want to take the opportunity to thank each and every one that I worked with on the Board in that time for making it an enjoyable and enriching experience for me. I met new people and got a much better feel for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make things happen - not only in organizing the Conference, but just how much work the "everyday" tasks take. I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to get involved in the workings of the Association to do so, whether that be as a board member or if called upon to participate in subcommittees. This Association is doing a lot to further our interests as bovine practitioners with valuable CE, products to support quality practice (Bull Soundness Evaluation forms and upcoming Vaccination Certificates), as well as the drive to unite the voices of Bovine Practitioners across the country.

Thank you for letting me be a part of it. To those who have just joined as new members of the Board - enjoy your time and congratulations on getting the opportunity to work with a fabulous bunch of people.

Valerie Smid



Richard Harland



Valerie Smid

thank you





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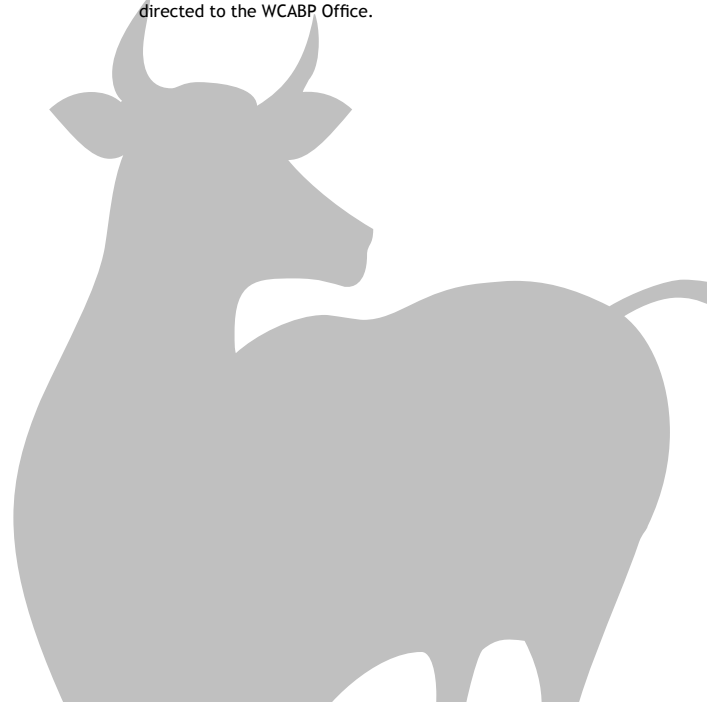
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2005 Boehringer-Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year

This year's recipient of the Boehringer-Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year award was Dr. Chris Clark as nominated by Karla Huber. Chris graduated from the University of Cambridge Veterinary School in 1996 and immediately came to Saskatoon to complete a one-year internship in Large Animal Medicine. He then returned to the UK and worked for a year in a rural food animal practice on the Scottish border.

Showing an uncanny ability at foresight he injured himself and left just before the foot and mouth disease outbreak decimated farming in the area. He returned to WCVM and completed a residency in large animal medicine and has been there ever since. Initially he was filling in for sabbatical replacements but he is now on faculty. He recently became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Since his student days one of Chris' main interests has been cattle lameness. He has a Diploma of Bovine Hoofcare from the University of Liverpool and his master's project for his residency looked at Sandcracks in western Canadian Beef Cattle. He is currently finishing a PhD in Clinical Pharmacology.

Chris is perhaps best known for his dealing with the media during the recent BSE problem when he demonstrated that if you speak in a British accent you are much more believable!

Congratulations Chris on being named the 2005 Boehringer-Ingelheim WCABP Veterinarian of the Year! 🐾

Chris Clark >



Report from the WCVM Bovine Club

Another WCABP Conference has come and gone and was fully enjoyed by all 26 students that attended. It was nice to be able to go on a road trip to Calgary, listen to some very good speakers, and co-mingle with bovine practitioners. The students also wish to extend a very big thank you to Dr. Ted Clark who donated his speaker honorarium to cover student-travelling expenses for the Conference. This was most appreciated by all the students who attended.

The students are looking forward to the WCABP Student Seminar, which will be held in March. Plans are still underway, but we are very excited that Doug Price is going to be the speaker. This event will be held at WCVM and will be sponsored by the WCABP and Novartis.

The WCVM Bovine Club & WCVM Pathology Club held the annual Lung Pathology Lab on January 26th, which was a good opportunity to examine fresh specimens and learn about the different patterns of pneumonia caused by a variety of bacterial agents. This was especially helpful for the second-year students who were preparing to be examined on this material in their pathology class. A big thank you goes out to Drs. Fritz Schumann, John Campbell, and Gary Wobeser for their help with this lab.

Plans for the year-end banquet and proposals for some exciting activities for next year are underway, while most of the students are looking forward to ending another year of their education and starting a summer break full of new experiences.

Since this is the last student report from the 2005-2006 school year, I would like to finish by thanking the WCABP for their continued support of the WCVM Bovine Club and we look forward to working with them again next year. Thanks also to the staff of the WCABP who have made the students such an important part of their activities and have made my job an easy one. The WCVM Bovine Club has enjoyed working with the WCABP and their members, and we look forward to working together again next year!! 🐾

Jolene Meindertsma
WCABP Rep for the WCVM Bovine Club
(Vice President)

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Link to Canadian Cattlemen's Monthly Report

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Another Conference has come and gone. The total attendance figure was 183, which included: 92 active members and 32 student members.

Our commercial supporters continue to be major players in WCABP Conferences and we thank them for their interest and support.

Based upon the responses received it would appear that most people were very satisfied with the content and organization. Phyllis compiled all the statistics and responses, which are presented below; I did do some editing to save space, but the responses are representative of the feedback we received. It was fairly obvious from the returns that people are interested in more than just scientific talks, with a lot of positive responses to Kit Grant's motivational seminar. I would be remiss if I did not mention Doug Mann (Conference Chair), Ray Butler and the staff at K3 Consulting: Phyllis, Cheryl, Deborah, and Ken - there was a plethora of comments stating how well the Conference was organized - well done!

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINARS (BEEF AND DAIRY)

Excellent -	9
Very Good -	21
Fair -	4
Needs Improvement -	1

- Chris Clark was excellent - very practical!
- Very practical and useful information. All speakers were excellent.
- A lot of very useful information that I can incorporate into my practice.
- The afternoon was exceptional - I always like the more practical topics.
- Interesting topics and very good speakers. May be nice to cover a couple more different topics within the given timeframe.
- Very good current topics in the Dairy section. Dr. Tremblay did an excellent job filling in. Very relevant topics and easily understood by students. Both speakers were dynamic and left us with very practical information.

FRIDAY PROGRAM

Excellent -	6
Very Good -	29
Fair -	5

- Kit Grant was very interesting!
- It was a full day. Some presentations did not have a "take home message".
- It's a nice break to put in a non "cow" related talk, i.e. Kit Grant. It breaks up the scientific sessions, which helps not to just remember the first or last talk.
- Good topics, great speakers. I liked the information provided and Kit Grant was excellent.
- The motivational speaker was a great break to the scientific research. The morning speakers were great. The industry presentations need to be a bit more regulated in their length (some were the appropriate length).

SATURDAY PROGRAM

Excellent -	4
Very Good -	20
Fair -	9
Needs Improvement -	2

- A very relevant topic to the beef and especially the dairy industry. It was great to see the swine industry's experience and think of ways to implement biosecurity in bovine practice.
- It was unfortunate that Dr. Evans could not attend. Hats off to Dr. Connie Argue who did a great job of "pinch hitting" on very short notice.
- Talk on Salmonella outbreak a good eye-opener! Especially enjoyed Drs. Tremblay and Sheridan's talks on biosecurity. Further recommendations specific for producer level biosecurity would be appreciated.
- Good and timely information. All contributed good conference notes.
- Very tough topic. Did not take away as much from this day as other sessions. Information provided was not as practical (no real practical suggestions/solutions given). Case studies were pretty good.
- Length is at its max after 2 days of talk.
- Mostly good but some topics were kind of dry.
- Dr. Gay's presentation was worth the trip! Also Mike Sheridan. Case report afternoon program was very good.

Comments on the location, facilities and organization of the Conference

- Very good location/facilities. Saskatoon is closer but Calgary still drivable. Good food!
- Good site, easy access, good facilities
- Well-organized, good timing of breaks, end of the day. Ran smoothly.
- Good location, very well organized, good food, hotel very good. Good audiovisuals. I believe it is important to go to Saskatoon every second year.
- Food and organization is superb. Great job. Room was adequate but potentially small.
- Very well organized conference.

Do you enjoy the Friday evening hors d'oeuvres buffet or would you prefer a more traditional dinner?

- Very good
- The entertainment and hors d'oeuvres were great. It is a great opportunity to socialize with practitioners.
- Hors d'oeuvres were well-received and chocolate fondue made my day.
- This type of meal is fine and it encourages more conversation.
- A more traditional dinner please.
- Buffet was just fine. Lots of choice - you could pick and choose and go back for more.

Suggestions for Next Year's Conference:

- Trish Dowling - practical and responsible antimicrobial therapy for common diseases seen.
- The issue of antibiotic and vaccines sales by non-veterinary sources and the consequences in terms of food and herd health and safety.
- Should bring practice tips back. Try and use WCVM for a wet lab. Bovine lameness wet lab. Anaesthesiology update. Presentation on the use of RFID technology in practice. Trish Dowling on pharmacology. Dealing and treating with calf scours.
- A BRD specific topic and epidemiology based topic.
- Practice management (providing value for your clients) from more of a consulting viewpoint (doing more than just day-to-day medicine). Seminar on "Incorporating a New Grad Into Your

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- Practice” and how to make a smooth transition, national averages, how to promote your practice, etc.
- BSE update
- More of Cheryl Waldner’s survey presentations
- Ecosystem health. Get students more involved from all years. 12 min + 3 min questions (from students on various topics). New research from vet school, etc.
- More case presentations
- Dairy - lameness - relationship with nutrition, foot care, barn and stall design, lying time, etc. (Jon Shearer, Roger Bkasey)
- Beef - cow/calf integrated herd management data collection - Troy Drake
- Update on new vet college and how it will work
- Monitoring herd performance in dairy - tools, goals, parameters, etc. Johne’s disease section
- Managing GCS as a tool to prevent reproductive problems, e.g. Dick Diven. Also, someone who participated in FMD outbreak in Great Britain.
- In-clinic biosecurity - materials, disinfectants and proper use of disinfectants, flow of animals, panel discussion
- Johne’s speaker from Australia that Tremblay recommended. Something from processing industry. How are new packing houses making out? Problems? Opportunities? How is verification program progressing? Vaccination Certificate - what is next? RCID update. How to export dairy heifers? Getting over the magic of 30 months of age and BSE. Is Toxoplasma in beef a public health concern? Ted Clark found it in cows from gas study. Alberta Feedlot Study AMR CIPARS.

Suggestions for topics for Regional Meetings?

- Bull evaluation, Ted Clark on PM technique, Guterbock - dairy seminar in Manitoba
- Specific biosecurity topic(s) of interest to dairy. Infectious mastitis seminar.
- Water/feed/minerals
- Business/personnel night
- DHI records analysis

Any Other Comments:

- Should be proud of a well-organized, well-attended conference.
- Continue to gear the program to practitioners and try to encourage practitioners to present topics.
- The organizing committee did an excellent job - unfortunate that 2 of the scheduled speakers were unable to attend.
- Great support staff with execution of event.
- Like the Ontario Bovine Practitioners Association - have industry booths around the room.
- Update on new vet college would have been interesting
- Possibly some type of event or way to make it easier to mingle between students and practitioners.
- Do some thinking on how to provide an action plan that practitioners can use immediately after the meeting.
- One of the best conferences one can attend. 🐾

Murray Jelinski

2007 Conference

Dates for the 2007 Conference dates have been set: Thursday to Saturday, January 18th to 20th. Conference planners are off and running by booking meeting rooms and accommodation at the Saskatoon Inn, site of many successful WCABP conferences.

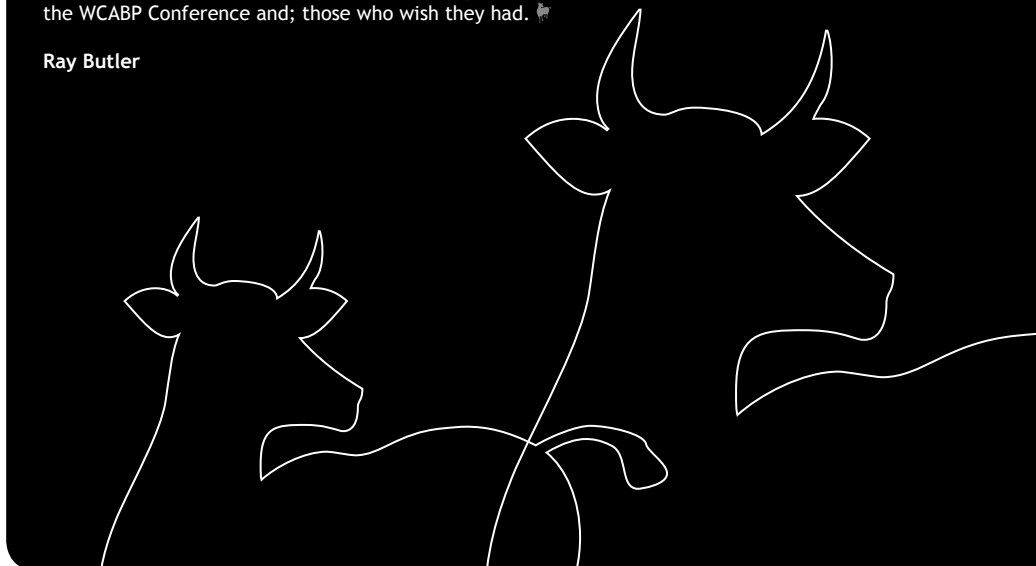
Responses to the evaluation of the 2006 Conference (see previous article) were very encouraging. Planners for next year’s conference have been provided with a number of suggestions to help them assemble a first-rate program for 2007.

Those who were unable to be at the Calgary meeting are encouraged to forward their comments and suggestions to Phyllis Mierau (info@wcabp.com) or toll-free telephone at 1-866-269-8387.

Dr. Tye Perrett, WCABP President-Elect, and 2007 Program Chairman has already done some long-term planning on themes, topics and speakers. He would appreciate your thoughts, particularly on the feasibility of using the expanded WCVI facilities for hands-on sessions and wet labs.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend WCABP ‘07. One thing can now be assured. On January 21, 2007, there will be only two kinds of bovine practitioners in Western Canada: those who attended the WCABP Conference and; those who wish they had. 🐾

Ray Butler





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IN APPRECIATION

The interest and support of the following
organizations are gratefully acknowledged.

Ray Butler Seeing Practice Bursary Recipients

Large animal practitioners and livestock owners in many rural communities have expressed concern for a number of years that new veterinary graduates are not being attracted in the numbers needed to adequately serve the agricultural sector. Some veterinarians, wishing to retire from practice, have been unable to find a replacement and have left their community without veterinary service.

In an effort to address the problem, the WCABP established the Ray Butler 'Seeing Practice' Bursary program in 2001 to "encourage first year students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine to pursue careers in bovine practice".

This year's bursary winners are: **JENNIFER SEXSMITH, GAYLE LONGSON, AND ALCYIA CHRENEK.**

Each will receive a bursary of \$1,000 to support a visit with a large animal practitioner.

The bursary winners have agreed to spend a minimum of 12 days accompanying a large animal practitioner to gain a better appreciation of the benefits and shortcomings of rural practice.

Two previous award winners were unable to find practitioners who would be willing allow them to visit their practices. In order for the program to work effectively, veterinarians should think back to the time when they were in the same position and go out of their way to accommodate these young people. 🐾

JENNIFER SEXSMITH, GAYLE LONGSON, AND ALCYIA CHRENEK.



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Administrator's Report

Since printing of the 2005 December newsletter our energy was devoted to preparing for the 15th Annual WCABP Conference that was held in Calgary January 19-21, 2006. We truly enjoyed our involvement with the Conference and the pleasure of seeing so many of you again. We also enjoyed making several new acquaintances.

Since our return from the Conference we cleaned up any loose ends from the Conference, and have posted the Proceedings on the WCABP website (www.wcabp.com). Contact us for directions on how to access the Members Only section.

We look forward to releasing the Vaccination Certificate Program within the next month. Please call to order your copy (1-866-269-8387).

If you have occasion to be in Saskatoon please feel free to drop by our office at any time (112G - 116 Research Drive) - we would be more than happy to see you! 🐾

Phyllis Mierau/Cheryl Pasulyko



Ray Butler 'Seeing Practice' Bursary Program

Have you considered a donation to the Ray Butler 'Seeing Practice' Bursary? Donations are used to provide bursaries to budding veterinarians who have shown an interest in large animal practice. The future of your practice may well depend upon someone who has taken up large animal practice as a result of a Bursary.

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Report from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP)

The new AABP office is only partially unpacked but Linda Van Dyke, our new Administrative Assistant is doing well. Linda has had 15 years of experience working with associations.

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The AABP meeting had a registration of 1,700 and some really great presentations in a very amenable facility. The city was great. Student attendance has risen from a handful to about 200. Tangible benefits to students include: Amstutz Scholarships, financial support to student organizations, financial support to students doing cattle extern ships (about 2 dozen yearly), grants for students and new grads attending cattle oriented CE, and student focused sessions at the annual meeting.

The Food Supply Veterinary Medicine Coalition (FSVMC) has continued to remain active. AABP is represented on the Food Animal Supply Task Force (FASTF). Much of the activity of the last 6 months has been the ongoing oversight of the study that was commissioned entitled "Estimating FSVM Demand and Maintaining the Availability of Veterinarians for Careers in Food Supply Related Disciplines in the United States". This study has been carried out by a consulting group of Drs. David Andrus, James Gwinner, and Bruce Prince from the College of Business Administration at Kansas State University. The study is contracted to cost \$300,000 and began in June 2004. AABP contributed \$50,000 to this study. We expect a final report to be received no later than November 1, 2005 and the conclusions will be captured in a series of articles to be published in the AVMA journal. Drs. Andrus and Prince are generally optimistic about the potential for opportunities in the field of food supply veterinary medicine but they indicate that it may not totally occur in the traditional types of food animal practice, with the areas of food safety and bioterrorism being important growth opportunities.

The AABP agreed on a tail docking position statement as follows: "The AABP is not aware of sufficient scientific evidence in the literature to support tail docking in cattle. However, if tail docking is deemed as necessary for proper care and management of production animals in certain conditions, veterinarians should counsel clients on proper procedures, benefits, and risks".

The goal of next year's program committee is to, "Have enough science to make it credible but to have a practical program that everyone can take something home to go to work".

Make plans to attend the 39th AABP Annual Conference on September 21-23, 2006 in Saint Paul, Minnesota. 🐾

Sjoert Zuidhof
District XIII

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The following emails were received by the WCABP. If you are able to be of assistance, please contact the individual directly.

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My name is Jennifer Reid and I am a 1st year DVM student at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island. I have a keen interest in large animal medicine, particularly that of cattle. I would like to work out West in the summer and see how operations are managed out there as I am sure there are differences from here in Atlantic Canada. If there are any clinics in northern Alberta (Rochester region) that might be interested in hiring me for the summer would they please get back to me! Thanks a lot! I appreciate it!

Jennifer Reid
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I am applying to veterinary medicine at the University of Calgary and I appreciated the link on your website for your "Think Large" program.

I was wondering if your Association could recommend some resources for large animal veterinary volunteer experience this summer. I am in Calgary and looking for a volunteer placement, mainly around the Calgary area, but I am unsure where to begin. Any help or advice is welcome.

Thank you!

Brooke Berard
bberard@ucalgary.ca

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Member News

MISSION STATEMENT

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To elevate standards of bovine veterinary practice by:
 - a. presenting one or more continuing education conferences on bovine practice each year;
 - b. preparing and distributing information bulletins;
 - c. otherwise encouraging a personal professional development program on the part of each member.
2. To promote research into bovine diseases by:
 - a. identifying areas of needed research of special interest to the bovine industry;
 - b. bringing this information to the attention of the Dean of the WCVM, and any other appropriate organizations,
 - c. otherwise encouraging research into bovine production.
3. To establish and maintain liaison with appropriate organizations as designated by the Board.

PRESS RELEASE

New Researcher Appointed to Alberta Chair in Beef Cattle Health at U of S

The University of Saskatchewan has appointed Dr. Murray Jelinski to the Alberta Chair in Beef Cattle Health and Production Medicine. The Chair is located in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM). This appointment is for a five-year term effective January 1, 2006.

The Chair was initially established by a \$1.5 million grant from the Government of Alberta. A major impetus for the establishment of the position was a need to encourage veterinarians to consider beef cattle practice. Since the inception of the Chair, the Alberta Cattle Commission and the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund in Saskatchewan have contributed \$500,000 and \$250,000, respectively.

"The establishment of this position shows that the Western College of Veterinary Medicine is committed to educating future veterinarians, and also to the support of the livestock industry," said Dean Charles Rhodes. "Dr. Jelinski will liaise between the College, the beef industry and government agencies to enhance education and research opportunities in beef cattle health and production."

Beef production contributes almost \$25 billion annually to Canada's economy and there are 68,000 farms/ranches raising beef cattle in western Canada. Maintaining a high level of animal health and helping to ensure a high quality product is a critical role for veterinarians.

"Dr. Jelinski's experience in beef practice, combined with his longstanding interest in veterinary manpower issues in western Canada and his business credentials, bring a unique skill set to this important position," added Dr. David Wilson, Head of the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

Dr. Jelinski graduated from the WCVM in 1985 with his DVM degree. He operated the South East Veterinary Services mixed animal practice in Moosomin for seven years before returning to the University of Saskatchewan for postgraduate training in 1992.

After completing his Master of Science degree, Dr. Jelinski was the Manager of Product Development and Regulatory Affairs at Hoeschst Roussel Vet in Regina; Director of Regulatory Affairs at BIOSTAR Inc., a vaccine company specializing in veterinary vaccines for food animals; and most recently, he was General Manager at MetaMorphix Canada Inc., which he left to return to the University of Saskatchewan on January 1, 2006.

Dr. Jelinski has served as President of the Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association and chaired their Economic Survey Committee. Currently, he is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Think Large!

THINK LARGE materials are available from the WCABP Office. These include:

- Brochures, which highlight some of the attractive features of a career in bovine practice. Twenty-five copies are available to each member free of charge. Additional copies will be invoiced to you at our cost (approximately 43 cents/copy).
- A 23-slide Power Point presentation that expands on the theme presented in the brochure. The presentation can be downloaded from the WCABP website www.wcabp.com
- A 12½-minute video presentation (VHS) also titled Think Large. In addition to the standard VHS tapes, we have DVDs as well as CDs (suitable for use in exhibits), which may be borrowed for your use.

Please contact the WCABP office for any of the THINK LARGE materials.

Think Large!

Update on WCVM Expansion & Thank You from Dean C. Rhodes

It was a real pleasure to attend your recent Conference and Annual General Meeting. I want to thank President Dorin for the invitation to attend and for the great hospitality.

My reason for this note is really twofold. First, I want to thank the membership of the WCABP most sincerely for the commitment to contribute \$25,000 toward the WCVM VTH Expansion Fund over the next three years. This donation is very much appreciated and will be put to very good use. As I mentioned to those present at the AGM, this gift is important financially as we move toward our fundraising goal. However, it is also critical, when we speak to other potential donors and those in government. At the end of the day, we need both financial and moral support to move ahead and achieve our goals. This gift from your highly respected Association provides that valuable support. So again, thank you most sincerely.

Secondly, I wanted to provide a brief update on the Expansion and Renovation Program. There is no shortage of construction activity around the College. I will run down the list very briefly. Two new classrooms were completed in late summer and have been in regular use all fall. Construction started on expansion of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (eastside of the building) in early summer. This included a major excavation out to the existing street to allow for a full basement as well as two stories of exam

rooms and offices. Thanks to badly needed, but badly timed rains in June and July, this addition was delayed by about 37 days. It is moving ahead very nicely now. Construction has also been occurring on the northside of the building with a renovation and expansion of the facilities to house research animals - commonly called the Animal Care Unit. These facilities will all be at Level II biosafety standards to expand our animal research capability. It is expected these facilities will be completed by May or early June. A new building has been constructed in the paddock area currently called the Food Animal Teaching Centre. This provides teaching space for medical and surgical techniques, as well as reproduction. It has progressed very well, with half the building finished in January to allow for bovine palpation laboratories. It is a great facility for students, faculty and the cattle. The entire building is expected to be commissioned within a couple months.

During the winter months, renovations have also started on new equine isolation rooms and also the large animal receiving area. We had expected the receiving area to be completed for calving season. However, delays in equipment design and delivery have put us slightly behind schedule.

The other major new activity is on the southside of the building. This is the new two-story research wing. Construction started in late

September and has progressed very well due to unseasonably mild weather to date. Foundations are nearly complete, with the first floor being poured today (February 9, 2006). It is expected this research area will be completed by early December. There are a number of smaller internal renovation projects that will occur during the summer months to avoid disturbing classes.

As you will understand, the construction part is pretty straightforward. The challenge is to phase the activity so we can continue to teach and provide clinical services to our small and large animal clients. This will be further complicated when we begin major renovations of the diagnostic laboratory area early next year.

We are excited with the opportunities these changes will provide. The entire project is scheduled for completion in 2008, so there will still be considerable disruption ahead. But I am convinced it will be well worth it. You can follow our progress in photos, by going to www.wcvm.com, click on the calf with the hard hat, and then on "construction updates." There is a new set of photographs each month recording the construction activity.

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This issue we are profiling the new members of our Board of Directors as well as our President-Elect.



PROFILE #1 Tye Perrett



I am originally from Evansburg, Alberta where I graduated from High School determined to be a veterinarian. I did my undergraduate work at the University of Alberta, which resulted in a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. I graduated in 1999 from the WCVN and went into practice in Lethbridge, Alberta where I practiced for 5 years. In July of 2004 I joined the team at Feedlot Health Management Services.

My wife and I enjoy living in Okotoks with our 3 boys and one on the way in July.

Tye is the WCABP's President-Elect and Chair for the 2007 Conference to be held in Saskatoon.



PROFILE #2 Doug Bazinet



Doug Bazinet graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1982. After graduation Dr. Bazinet practiced in a one-veterinarian mixed practice in St. Claude, MB for 3 years. He then practiced as an associate veterinarian in Melita, MB for two years. Dr. Bazinet then moved to practice in Steinbach in 1987, eventually establishing a private, large animal only, practice in Steinbach in 1996.

The Steinbach practice, Livestock Health Services has expanded and presently employs three associate veterinarians and operates two satellite clinics in addition to the central facility in Steinbach. In response to the BSE crisis, the practice has expanded to provide small animal service through the two satellite clinics.

Dr. Bazinet has a special interest in food animal production and profitability. This interest has been evident in all areas of food animal practice, including swine, beef and dairy production. Dr. Bazinet has pursued his interests in dairy herd management, nutrition and production. He recently completed the Dairy Herd Management Certificate Program through the Ontario Veterinary College in 2004.

Dr. Bazinet is married to his business partner and wife Grace. They have two children, Danielle and Bradley. Their house is full of pets, 4 dogs and 1 cat (named "Dog Food"), and one of Doug's hobbies is owning a few Holsteins.



PROFILE #4 Tracey Logan



Tracey Logan graduated from WCVN in 1993. She returned to her hometown to work for Dr. Cec Ruschkowski at Oyen Vet Services. Tracey and husband Cal run a 250 head cow/calf operation 28 miles south of Oyen. They have 3 children: Justin (9), Brendan (5) and Alyssa (2). Tracey is also the Secretary for Oyen Minor Hockey and is a director for the Oyen and District Curling Club and the Oyen and District Food Bank.



PROFILE #5 Trent Wennkamp



Trent grew up on a beef ranch near Lloydminster, Alberta. Trent took his pre-vet at the University of Alberta, then took his veterinary training at WCVN and graduated in 2001. He then went with his wife over to New Zealand and practiced there for a year mainly working on dairy cattle. Trent came back to Canada and started working at the Lloydminster Animal Hospital in 2002, where he still practices and is a partner in the clinic.

Trent is married to Rebecca and they have 2 young boys - Luke aged 2½ and Gabe, 3 months old.



PROFILE #3 Melodie Chan

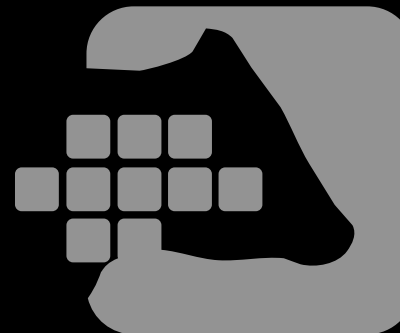


Dr. Melodie Chan graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. Under the guidance of strong mentors at the Greenbelt Veterinary Clinic in Chilliwack, B.C., Dr. Chan developed a passion for progressive dairy production medicine and preventative herd health programs. Upon graduation, she completed the Ambulatory and Production Medicine internship at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York with Dr. Chuck Guard. Dr. Chan is currently in a mixed dairy practice in Warman, SK, situated 15 km north of Saskatoon.



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REMINDER

The Canadian Radio Frequency Identification (CRFID) Reader Program is an investment of \$1.8 million, which will facilitate the implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader reimbursement program aimed at eligible cattle facility operators.

The CRFID Reader Program is a reimbursement program. Eligible applicants purchase an eligible RFID reader and then apply for reimbursement for the costs of RFID reader(s). Reimbursement is up to 50% of the total actual costs of the reader less the refundable portion of GST or HST up to a maximum of \$1,000 for each hand-held RFID reader and up to a maximum of \$3,000 for each panel RFID reader.

All applications must be post-dated no later than March 31, 2006. Applications will not be approved for purchases made prior to the commencement of the CRFID Reader Program.

To obtain additional information about the Canadian Radio Frequency Identification (CRFID) Reader program call: 1-800-667-8567 or visit their website at http://www.agr.gc.ca/fd_al/crfid-pclirf/index_e.php?page=applicat

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Enhanced Controls for Cattle Exported to the United States

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1. Pregnancy Diagnosis

Only animals confirmed not to be pregnant are eligible for export under the U.S. Minimal Risk Rule. Palpation, ultrasound, blood test and a pregnancy termination agent are the four accepted methods for completing pregnancy diagnosis. The requirements for each of these methods are as follows: a) Pregnancy Diagnosis by Palpation, b) Ultrasound Technology, c) Blood Test, and d) Pregnancy Terminating Agent.

2. Spayed Heifers

Spayed heifers are exempt from pregnancy requirements. A declaration from the veterinarian who performed the surgical procedure must be obtained in order for the animal to be certified for export. Any information that assists in confirming the identification of the animal must accompany the declaration, including the official tag number from either the CCIA or ATQ.

3. Age Requirement

Only animals confirmed to be younger than 30 months of age are eligible for export under the U.S. Minimal Risk Rule.

Exporters must present to accredited veterinarians only appropriately aged animals. Accredited veterinarians will then visually inspect all cattle to screen-out animals that appear to be overage on the basis of physical characteristics such as size. Such animals must be removed from the group and clearly identified. These animals must not be reconsidered for export unless registered birth date information is provided.

The age of all animals which pass this preliminary screening must then be confirmed through dentition examination by the accredited veterinarian.

4. Enhanced Certification Control

Normally, veterinarians accredited by the CFIA are responsible for the major part of the export certification process. However, in certain higher-risk situations CFIA veterinarians may perform an on-farm visit in order to discuss with the accredited veterinarian or the exporter, to check the records or the facilities, to supervise the accredited veterinarian's work or to inspect a part or all the animals within a shipment to verify cattle identity and dentition.

In the case of shipments from previously suspended exporters, the additional oversight by CFIA staff will be applied on a mandatory basis until further notice.

For additional information: Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Web Site www.inspection.gc.ca

Update on the U of C's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Progress is continuing on getting the University of Calgary's newest faculty - the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine - up and running. With the goal to open the doors to the first class of students in September 2007, the current priorities are on recruiting outstanding faculty, developing curriculum and designing the facilities that will be used to house junior clinics.

The university has been successful in hiring over 23 faculty and staff members to date, drawn from across North America. Interviews are underway to fill the remaining vacant positions. The search for a full time dean continues with Dr. Eugene Janzen, Associate Dean, Clinical Programs, continuing to act as Interim Dean until the position can be filled.

In terms of facilities, progress continues on the plans for the Spy Hill Facility (the Veterinary Clinical Center), which will be used to house junior clinics. In November, faculty representatives and the Prime Consultants for the Spy Hill junior clinics

facility toured three veterinary schools - Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Missouri University. This provided an opportunity to view these schools' state of the art large animal facilities as well as consulting with individuals with experience in facility construction.

Since that time, a building committee has been established, comprised of faculty members, representatives from campus infrastructure, construction managers and architects. Community representatives with expertise in particular areas of veterinary

medicine have recently been added to this committee and are contributing their knowledge to this process. This cross-functional team perspective is proving to be extremely helpful to providing input into the facility design. Initial schematic drawings have been prepared and are now being reviewed by the Building Committee along with a functional construction timeline.

Work is also continuing on curriculum development for the three-year DVM program. Two task forces, made of faculty members and educational consultants are currently working to prepare Integrated Foundations Introductory courses, with a focus on teaching basic sciences through the use of clinical cases. With the curriculum development progressing well, the faculty continues to strive to make its accreditation submission to the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education in summer 2006.

For more information about the program, go to www.vet.ucalgary.ca.

In an ongoing effort to keep you informed about the program and our progress, we will be providing regular updates to this newsletter. Additionally, the University of Calgary's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine's website is currently being redesigned with the new site being launched in March. It will feature a special section that focuses on keeping the veterinary community updated about our progress and keeping you informed about continuing education opportunities and other ways to become involved. Go to www.vet.ucalgary.ca to check out the new site.

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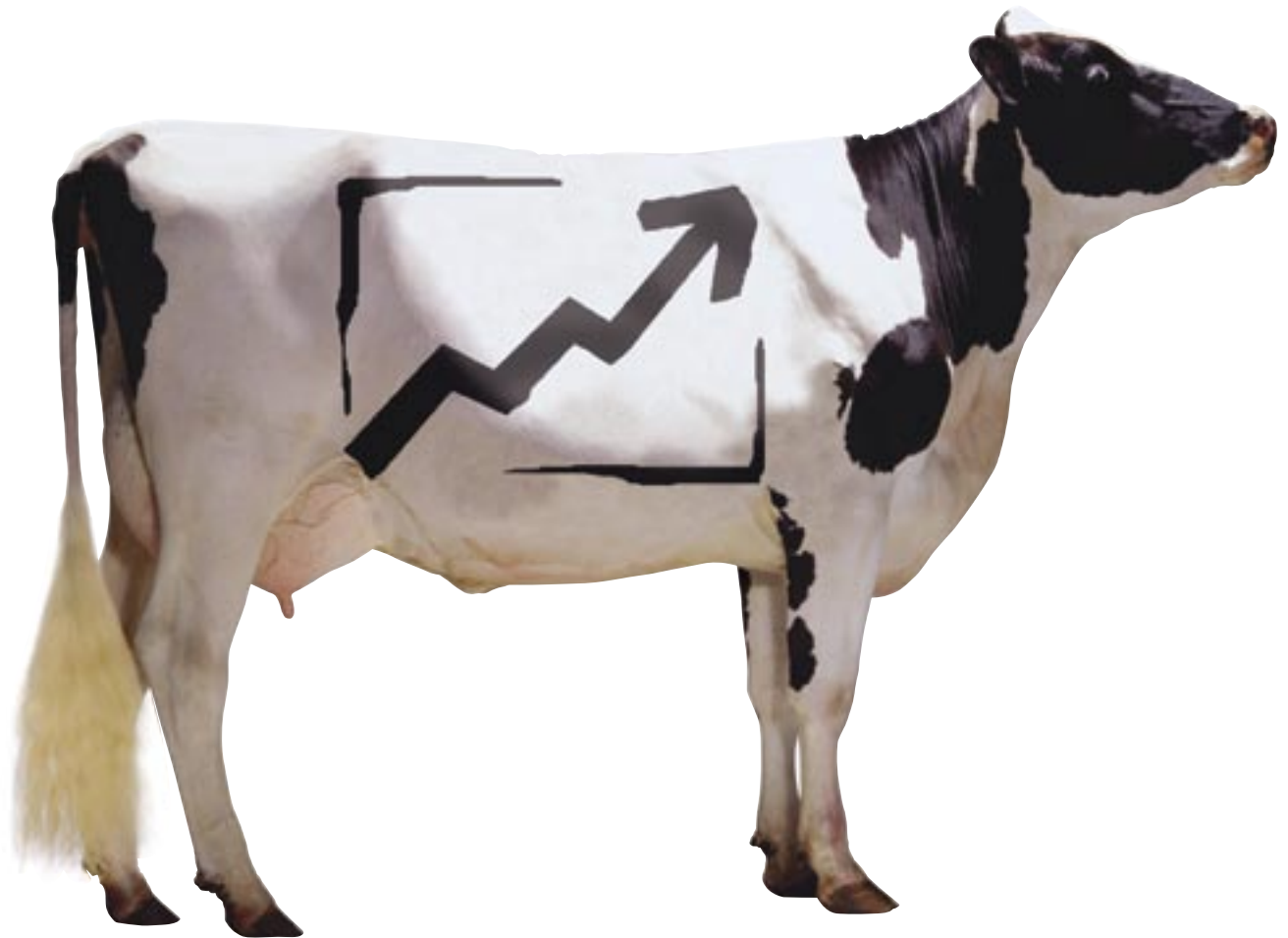


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