



Our vision is to deliver superior animal health management solutions for our patients while providing value to our clients, a rewarding working experience for our practice team and support for our community

Our team is committed to delivering the highest quality of veterinary medicine and exceptional customer service with integrity, compassion and accountability. We strive to keep up to date with advances in veterinary medicine that will enable us to stay leaders in the deliverance of high quality veterinary services to our clients and their animals.

2015 Goat Profitability Workshops

Topics include the key to kid rearing, cost of production, goat welfare and artificial insemination....

Back by popular demand, Ontario Goat (OG), along with partners EastGen and Gay Lea Foods/Hewitt's Dairy Ltd., will be hosting its second annual Goat Profitability Workshop series October 27 in Belleville; October 29 in Tavistock; and October 30 in Listowel.

The focus on productivity and profitability is critical for the growing Ontario goat industry. "It is pretty hard to have profitability without productivity and goat producers have done a great job so far getting the base of their herds built" stated OG President Anton Slingerland. "The industry is moving into the next phase of growth where it is important to have a solid genetic base to maximize farm profitability" he added.

The workshops will be of benefit to both dairy and meat goat producers; both new to the industry and those with more experience. "The Ontario goat industry is growing rapidly and producers are hungry for information to help them achieve their business goals" stated Kendra Keels, Director Producer and Industry Development. "Based on the feedback from the successful workshops last year, we have put together another great line up of speakers and key topics" added Keels.

For more information go to <http://www.ontariogoat.ca/>



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Equine *10 Tips to Aid in Colic Prevention*

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10 TIPS FOR PREVENTING COLIC

The number one killer of horses is colic. Colic is not a disease, but rather a combination of signs that alert us to abdominal pain in the horse. Colic can range from mild to severe, but it should never be ignored. Many of the conditions that cause colic can become life threatening in a relatively short period of time. Only by quickly and accurately recognizing colic – and seeking qualified veterinary help – can the chance for recovery be maximized. While horses seem predisposed to colic due to the anatomy and function of their digestive tracts, management can play a key role in prevention. Although not every case is avoidable, the following guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) can maximize the horse's health and reduce the risk of colic

1. Establish a daily routine – include feeding and exercise schedules – and stick to it.
2. Feed a high quality diet comprised primarily of roughage.
3. Avoid feeding excessive grain and energy-dense supplements. (At least half the horse's energy should be supplied through hay or forage. A better guide is that twice as much energy should be supplied from a roughage source than from concentrates.)
4. Divide daily concentrate rations into two or more smaller feedings rather than one large one to avoid overloading the horse's digestive tract. Hay is best fed free-choice.
5. Set up a regular parasite control program with the help of your equine practitioner.
6. Provide exercise and/or turnout on a daily basis. Change the intensity and duration of an exercise regimen gradually.
7. Provide fresh, clean water at all times. (The only exception is when the horse is excessively hot, and then it should be given small sips of luke-warm water until it has recovered.)
8. Avoid putting feed on the ground, especially in sandy soils.
9. Check hay, bedding, pasture, and environment for potentially toxic substances, such as blister beetles, noxious weeds, and other ingestible foreign matter.
10. Reduce stress. Horses experiencing changes in environment or workloads are at high risk

Virtually any horse is susceptible to colic. Age, sex, and breed differences in susceptibility seem to be relatively minor. The type of colic seen appears to relate to geographic or regional differences, probably due to environmental factors such as sandy soil or climatic stress. Importantly, what this tells us is that, with conscientious care and management, we have the potential to reduce and control colic.

For more information about colic prevention and treatment, contact the clinic. Additional colic information is available by visiting the AAEP's website at www.aaep.org/horseowner.



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Dairy Biosecurity Workshop

In order to apply to the Growing Forward 2 programs there is a new requirement to attend one of the Biosecurity workshops. ****This was not the case previously****

These workshops are specific to GF2 applications.

Growing Forward 2 (GF2) is a five-year federal-provincial-territorial initiative designed to encourage innovation, competitiveness and market development in Canada's agri-food and agri-products sector through cost share funding opportunities.

In Ontario, farm, food and bio-product businesses, collaborations and organizations can build their own plan and select opportunities to help grow their profits, expand their markets and manage risks.

For Ontario producers, funding applications will be facilitated through the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). GF2 funding assistance is designed to help producers capitalize on opportunities. Whether just starting out, or in business for a long time, GF2 2 offers opportunities to help you reach your business goals. GF2 offers cost-share funding assistance to Ontario producers and will support innovation as well as education, training, audits, assessments, planning and implementation activities to help improve their business.

Growing Forward 2

Producers can submit a completed application for cost-share funding during these dates:

Year 2015	Year 2016
November 16 to December 3, 2015	February 5 to February 25, 2016 June 17 to July 7, 2016 October 14 to November 3, 2016

To obtain a copy of the Producer Guide and for more information:

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Any questions and to look up future workshop dates check out the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association website:

<http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/default.htm>