



HOLSTEIN CANADA

Travel Surcharge

Due to the current economic environment, The Board of Directors of Holstein Canada approved a travel surcharge of \$30 to each classification visit. This will be effective August 8th, 2022. As a national member organization, it is important to be fair and equitable across the country.

The travel surcharge is a temporary measure to address the high increase in national fuel costs and other travel related expenses since the beginning of this year. It will show as a separate line item on your invoice. The Association will continue to revisit the surcharge relative to the national cost of fuel and other travel costs.

Q&A

What is a travel surcharge?

This surcharge includes various costs: Increases to fuel, airfare, rental cars and accommodations.

Why is HC charging a flat travel surcharge of \$30?

A surcharge of \$30 is fair and equitable for all producers. The cost to arrive on farm is the same, no matter the size of the farm.

Are HC service fees changing?

No, HC prices for service remain the same. The surcharge is a temporary 'add-on' to the current fee structure and is only relevant to classification visits.

What is the travel surcharge applied to?

The surcharge is applied to all classification visits where a standard herd visit fee of \$125 is charged. It is an additional item on your invoice and is not subject to Branch or Breed levies.

Why did we start to charge a travel surcharge?

The cost of travel nationally has increased significantly over the last 7 months. Holstein Canada has been monitoring this inflation. The Association is not exempt from these cost increases. This temporary surcharge is implemented to alleviate unpredicted increased travel expenses.

Why did Holstein Canada choose August 8th as implementation date?

Holstein Canada has been monitoring this inflation regularly. At this time, there is not a clear vision as to when prices related to travel will subside. As such, Holstein Canada needed to take quick action and implement this temporary measure.

Will the surcharge always be there or will it go away when travel costs start to subside?

Holstein Canada will continue to monitor the situation regularly and will revisit the surcharge as the situation changes.

As a member, do I need to be concerned about the financial health of my association?

The financial health of the association is always at the top of the board of directors' mind. This temporary surcharge is a measure taken to insure the continued viability of the associations financial situation.

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