

Joe French  
123 Smith Road  
Smithville MB  
N0B 2K4

Assessment region: MANITOBA SOUTH  
CQM #: 312651

May 25, 2017

Dear Mr. French,

Holstein Canada is pleased to inform you that Dairy Farmers of Canada and your provincial milk board have contracted Holstein Canada to be the service provider for Cattle Assessments on farms across Canada for two years, starting October 2016 and running until September 2018.

Animal Care validations will be conducted at the same time as Food Safety (formerly CQM) validations. A Cattle Assessment is one of the requirements of the Animal Care program in the proAction® Initiative. Starting in September 2017, every producer must have a completed Cattle Assessment report for their next on-farm proAction validation (see handout for more details on the assessment process).

You are due for a proAction validation in [June 2018], and we would like to schedule your Cattle Assessment at a convenient time for you prior to your validation.

The Cattle Assessment involves a qualified assessor from Holstein Canada, trained by DFC, evaluating a random sample of your lactating cattle for body condition score; hock, knee and neck injuries; and lameness. The purpose of the assessment is to provide a benchmark for your farm from which you can measure improvements over time. Sample size will be based on your herd size and assessments will take approximately 4 minutes per animal assessed.

Please note that a Cattle Assessment should not be done within the week following hoof trimming as trimming may affect cattle gait. Additionally, if animals' hocks or knees are excessively dirty – hindering the assessor's ability to complete the evaluation – the assessor will score that parameter as requires corrective action. If more than 20% of your herd has dirty hocks or knees, you may want to address this prior to your Cattle Assessment.

We are contacting you well in advance so we can better accommodate your schedule, when possible, for your Cattle Assessment. We have included two to three timeframes in the provided survey that correspond with when we anticipate our assessors will be in your area. Along with completing your farm information, please indicate your preferred timeframe and return the completed survey to Holstein Canada.

Holstein Canada staff will follow up closer to the date to schedule your Cattle Assessment.



Cattle Assessment questions:  
Holstein Canada  
1 855 756-8300 x275  
animalcare@holstein.ca



proAction provincial coordinator:  
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba - Seylene Chestley  
204-833-3407  
seylenec@milk.mb.ca

Please return completed form to Holstein Canada at your earliest convenience

Phone	Fax	Email	Mail
1-866-756-8300 x275	519-756-3502	animalcare@holstein.ca	The survey is prepaid

<b>Nandale Farms</b>	<b>53625</b>	<b>312651</b>
Farm Name	DHI Number	CQM Number
<b>123 Smith Road, Smithville MB</b>	<b>HC06561931 / NANDALE</b>	
Farm Address	Holstein Canada Account # and/or Prefix	
<b>Joe French</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> (204) 234-5645 <input type="checkbox"/> (204) 234-5568	
Farm Contact for Animal Care	Phone Numbers (check preferred)	

A. Please provide answers to the following questions regarding your **MILKING HERD**:

1. Indicate # of milking cattle in herd \_\_\_\_\_
2. A. Barn type (check all that apply)  
 Tie-stall  Free-stall  Bedded-pack  Pasture  Other  
B. If loose housing, do you have locking headgates?  
 Yes  Partial Herd  No
3. Milking System  
 Tie-stall  Parlour  Automatic Milking System (robot)  Other
4. Indicate milking times:  
AM \_\_\_\_\_ Midday (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do all cattle in the milking herd have visible and numbered ID (tags, chain number, etc.)?  
 Yes  No  Other: Explain \_\_\_\_\_

B. a. Select preferred timeframe\*:

- July 11-22, 2017  
 November / December 2017  
 March / April 2018  
*\*All timeframes are subject to change.*

OR

b. I am declining to have Holstein Canada provide my Cattle Assessment, knowing that, as a consequence, I will not comply with the requirements of DFC's Animal Care module of proAction®. Note: You should contact your provincial organization to ensure you are aware of your province's non-compliance penalties.

Reason for decline: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!