

Understanding Organic Livestock and Poultry Health

Are you looking for opportunities to expand the services your practice offers?

Do you avoid treating certified organic animals because of ambiguity between regulations and treatment options?

Are you unsure how to comply with the organic standards and other government regulations while supporting the health of animals and needs of your clients?



Veterinary Extension within **The Ohio State University's Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine** and the **Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association** have joined together to provide education and resources to veterinarians, Extension educators, and other professionals who work with certified organic livestock herds and flocks.

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Event and Networking Learning Opportunities

Experience Hands-on Learning at a Certified Organic Livestock Farm

Gain hands-on experience in conducting an audit using an instrument designed to identify and rank risk factors. After completing this workshop, you will be able to offer this valuable service to your clients.

Network with Other Professionals Working with Organic Livestock and Poultry

Join a professional network that will be an ongoing resource for ideas and answers to your questions. Your work will be strengthened as this network bridges the gaps between educators, certifiers, farmers, and veterinarians.

Come for a Training, Stay for So Much More

A day long intensive training will precede OEFFA's annual conference, which features keynote speakers, workshops (including small and large livestock tracks), and a trade show. The conference will host a meeting of the network of organic livestock and poultry health care professionals. (Details available in December at www.oeffa.org)

Earn Continuing Education (CE) Hours

Veterinary CE credits will be granted on an "hour for hour" basis.

Organic Livestock and Poultry Health



Increase your:

- Confidence and competence in treating certified organic animals
- Understanding of best herd health practices for organically and conventionally raised animals
- Knowledge of the federal rules regulating certified organic animals

An educational series for veterinarians and other professionals who are interested in working with certified organic farmers

In-Depth Learning While Respecting Your Time

Series topics include:

- Transition cow management, emphasizing calving-related disease prevention and on-farm risk assessment
- Organic standards for livestock, allowed inputs, and the certification process
- Management of somatic cell counts and mastitis control
- Parasite management and control
- Pain management, regulatory medicine, and science-based treatments
- Organic poultry flock health
- Nutrition-related diseases
- On-farm health audits to assess herd risk factors
- Defining, monitoring, and recordkeeping of health events



Organic Demand Means Opportunity for Those in the Know

Farmers need professionals who understand that an organic livestock system relies on preventive health practices to reduce the risk of common diseases and to ensure animal welfare and productivity. This series builds that understanding, and includes these free upcoming events in 2014:

CSI for Dairy: On-Farm Audits to Assess Risk

Monday, June 23 • 1 p.m. EDT

Led by OSU Extension Veterinarian Dr. Gustavo M. Schuenemann, during this webinar you will learn about transition herd management with an emphasis on calving-related disease prevention and on-farm risk assessment.

Certified Organic Dairy Tour and Workshop

Thursday, June 26 • 1 p.m. EDT

Pleasantview Farm
20361 Florence Chapel Pike
Circleville, OH

OSU Extension Veterinarian Dr. Gustavo M. Schuenemann will teach you about herd health monitoring and record-keeping, and perform an on-farm risk assessment with an emphasis on herd health and productivity, to identify areas for improvement.

Certified Organic Livestock Standards

Thursday, July 10 • 1 p.m. EDT

This webinar introduces the standards for organic livestock. It includes a pre-course assignment, exercises, and time for discussion.

Organic Livestock Inputs

Wednesday, October 1 • 1 p.m. EDT

This webinar covers commonly used organic inputs, what organic inspectors look for, and how livestock inputs are evaluated. It includes a pre-course self-study; in-class discussion and questions, examples, and exercises; and a post-course evaluation. Participants who meet minimum requirements will receive a Certificate of Completion. Limited space is available.

Attend webinars from the comfort of your home or office or on the road—you just need a computer with an Internet connection.

Space is limited. For more details or to register, go to www.oeffa.org or <http://vet.osu.edu/extension>, call (614) 421-2022 Ext. 209, or email education@oeffa.org.

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