

## *Colorado's Bovine Voluntary JD Control Program*

In April the Colorado Agricultural Commission adopted the The Colorado Voluntary Bovine Johne's Disease Control Program. The main objective of this program which officially begins this summer is to educate livestock producers about Johne's Disease and give them the tools to prevent, control and even eliminate the disease from a livestock operation. Participation in the program is completely voluntary and the confidentiality of test results will be maintained within the limits of Colorado law.

The goal is to have all Colorado dairy producers participate in the program at some level. Since participation is voluntary, you can decide at which level you will participate: education, management, or herd testing/classification.

A brochure which provides an overview of the program in a question and answer form, recommended management practices for preventing and controlling JD and a risk assessment for you to perform on your operation will be available soon. For more information contact the Colorado State veterinarian Dr. Wayne Cunningham at (303) 239-4161 or on-line at:

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