

April 2024

# Bugles and Orgles



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## Baa's and Bleat's

If you have not already, check out Season 3 of Baa's and Bleat's, featuring hosts Drs. Michelle Buckley and Sarah Lowry.

Episode 1: Bladder Stones with Meredyth Jones

Episode 2: Contemplating Colostrum with Robert Van Saun

Episode 3: Challenging Kidding Cases with Dr. Daniela Luethy

Episode 4: Flunixin Pharmacology with Dr. Joe Smith

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## AASRP Monthly Webinars

AASRP's Continuing Education Committee hosts live, monthly webinars providing relevant scientific CE for small ruminant practitioners for members. Most live webinars and all webinar recordings are RACE-approved. Live webinar CE certificates are stored in your member profile on the AASRP website.

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## 2024 Dairy Sheep Symposium



# DSANA

## DAIRY SHEEP ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

**Save the date!** The Dairy Sheep Association of North America announces the upcoming **2024 in-person Dairy Sheep Symposium**. DSANA's annual Symposium will be in person this year: sessions on Thursday and Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Hyatt O'Hare in Chicago, and farm tour and workshops on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> in Monroe, Wisconsin.

### Tentative presentations topics on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:

- The genetics of parasite resistance in the dairy flock
- Supplementing dairy ewes on pasture
- Record-keeping for the breeding program
- Bottled milk for retail and wholesale
- How sheep milk differs from other milks in human nutrition
- Diversifying your sales through direct-to-consumer channels
- Tracking costs of feed and labor against production
- Grant writing
- Diversifying our food systems
- The effect of high-SCC colostrum on replacement ewe lambs
- Improving milk quality in your flock
- Effective social media marketing

### Tentative farm-tour workshop topics on November 9<sup>th</sup>:

- Mastitis vaccine
- Staph. aureus screening
- Smart-phone pregnancy testing
- Identifying high-SCC ewes with the CMT
- On-farm colostrum testing

Symposium registration and links to the Hyatt room blocks are now open on the DSANA website [HERE](#).

*Note: Early Bird Registration price for registrations before June 1<sup>st</sup>*

Symposium program details will be added to the DSANA website over the course of this spring. Contact [hello@dsana.org](mailto:hello@dsana.org) with any questions.

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# LMA ALERT

April 26, 2024



## USDA Guidance on Movement of Lactating Dairy Cattle in Wake of HPAI/H5N1 Situation

Friday, April 26, 2024, USDA published guidance to supplement the federal order released Wednesday that restricts movement of lactating dairy cattle in the United States and requires certain pre-movement testing for those cattle. The Order also makes reporting of Influenza A in livestock mandatory. The Federal Order goes into effect Monday, April 29, 2024.

USDA Published  
Guidance

USDA Federal  
Order

The order applies to movements between different states and not movements within a single state. State-specific intrastate movement requirements and state import requirements that are more restrictive than the federal order still apply. LMA members that market lactating dairy cows for both continued use on dairy farms or to slaughter should read the entire guidance document linked above, but a summary of major points follows:

- **FOR SICK CATTLE:** No clinical (sick) lactating cows can be shipped across state lines either for replacement OR for slaughter.
- **FOR LACTATING CATTLE FROM POSITIVE HERDS:** Lactating dairy cattle from herds where at least one animal has tested positive are NOT eligible for interstate movement for 30 days from the most recent collection of any sample that tests positive. This is regardless of if the cow to be moved is being moved for slaughter or as a replacement or if she has tested negative. After the 30-day period, lactating animals must be tested again and test negative prior to movement.
- **FOR LACTATING SLAUGHTER CATTLE:** Slaughter-bound lactating cows that are not clinically infected and need to move across state lines may move direct to slaughter with NO premovement test. However, these animals must move on a certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) or, if agreed upon by the shipping and receiving states, an alternative movement document such as an owner-shipper statement.
  - These cattle can move to a livestock auction market in the same state as their farm of origin and then go from the livestock auction market to slaughter. For example, a lactating cow goes from a farm in state A to market in state A and then from the market in state A to slaughter in state B. Those are two movements. The first does not fall under the federal order because it is intrastate. The second falls

under the order and requires documentation but no testing because it is direct to slaughter.

- At this time, lactating cows may not move from their state of origin to a livestock auction in another state without testing, regardless of if they then move from the market to slaughter and regardless of whether that slaughter facility is in the same state as the market. LMA has made USDA aware this is challenging especially in certain areas.
- These cows may move with backtags instead of official identification ear tags as allowed by the federal Animal Disease Traceability rule.
- **FOR LACTATING CATTLE FROM NON-POSITIVE HERDS:** Prior to interstate movement, lactating cows that are NOT clinically infected, NOT from a farm with a recent (within 30 days) positive case, and NOT directly slaughter-bound must have a negative test:
  - The sample must be collected within 7 days of interstate movement,
  - The sample must be collected by an accredited veterinarian, a sample collector approved by a state animal health official, or a designated individual at a farm that was trained to collect milk and nasal swab samples,
  - The sample must be sent to an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory,
  - For groups/lots of 30 or fewer animals moving interstate, all animals being moved must be tested. If more than 30 animals are moving interstate, only 30 animals total must be tested.
- **FOR NONLACTATING DAIRY CATTLE** – Nonlactating dairy cattle – including heifers, dry cows, and bull calves – are not currently subject to testing for interstate movement due to their risk profile.

Producer questions regarding the determination of lactation status (i.e. lactating vs. dry cows) should be referred to the producer's herd veterinarian.

See state specific requirements at:

[LMAWeb.com/HPAI](http://LMAWeb.com/HPAI)

[InterstateLivestock.com](http://InterstateLivestock.com)

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