**NYSCHEAP Website and Email**

The NYSCHEAP website is up and running with all materials published to date, contact information for the Ag & Markets veterinarians and links to other sites. Visit the website at: [http://nyschap.vet.cornell.edu](http://nyschap.vet.cornell.edu). We also have an email address as a quick and easy point of contact for suggestions, questions, materials, etc. It is: nyschap@cornell.edu

**NYSCHEAP Displays Available**

There are 5 NYSCHEAP displays available throughout the state for use at fairs, dairy meetings, clinic open houses, etc. Contact your local Ag & Markets veterinarian, or email us to reserve a display.

**Field Veterinarian County Assignments**

With the retirement of Paul Layer and the hiring of Dwight Bruno, some county assignments for the NYS Field Veterinarians have changed. Below is the current assignment list. The website has contact information for all of the veterinarians.

- **Dwight Bruno**: Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan & Ulster
- **Lyda Denney**: Herkimer, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego
- **Cricket Johnson**: Allegany, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Orleans, & Wyoming
- **Pepi Leids**: Cayuga, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, & Yates
- **Mark McConnon**: Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie & Niagara
- **Tom Nytch**: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Tioga, & Tompkins
- **Don Russell**: Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, & St. Lawrence

Bob Scrafford: Albany, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego & Schoharie

**NYSCHEAP Signs Available**

In the same way that many dairies advertise their high quality milk with *Super Milk* signs, NYSCHEAP has developed a sign for participating farms to post on their barns or milk house. The signs read:

- **One sign** will be given to each NYSCHEAP herd.

**NYSCHEAP Member Farm**

Promoting Animal Health, Food Safety and Environmental Stewardship

Please help us by:

- Not entering facilities without permission. For permission contact: __________
- Making sure that your clothes, hands, boots and equipment are clean before entering facilities or moving between animal groups
- Not driving or walking in or near feeds or feedstuffs.

Thank you!

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**Farms, Advertise Your NYSCHEAP Participation**

One of the benefits of NYSCHEAP participation is the reduced risk of disease in your herd. For NYSCHEAP farms with animals to sell, this lower risk should translate into a more valuable animal. But unless people know you’re a NYSCHEAP herd, they
won’t know about your lower risk status. We’d like to help get the word out about the positive steps NYSCHAP herds are taking. For producers, you’ll find attached to this newsletter a yellow postage-paid card for you to fill out and return. Returning the card will give us your permission to publish your farm name in a list of NYSCHAP herds. We will not publish any farm names without written permission from the farm owner.

NYSCHAP Certified Planners

A group of practicing veterinarians has been assembled to design a process for training and certifying herd vets. Once certified, herd veterinarians will be able to develop NYSCHAP herd plans on their own. This is seen as the best means of keeping up with current demand for enrollment in NYSCHAP. To become certified to develop herd plans, a veterinarian will have to attend a local training session and develop a herd plan for a case herd. The case herd plan will then be submitted to a review panel. If you have some thoughts about this certification process, call, write or email Charlie Elrod.

Veterinarians, We Need Your Feedback!

If you’re a veterinarian, you’ll find attached to the newsletter a green postage-paid card. We are very interested in meeting your needs as this program grows. Please let us know how we’re doing. Take a couple of minutes to answer the questions so that we better understand your needs and can respond accordingly. Thanks!

Johne’s Diagnostic Discount Procedure

To streamline the NYSCHAP testing discount (available for Johne’s Disease only!) the Diagnostic Lab is now applying the discounts directly when the samples come in. Before that can happen, the herd needs to provide two forms to the Diagnostic Lab: the Baseline Survey Cover Page (with signatures) and the Herd Testing Strategy Form. If available, the Herd Plan cover page, with NYSCHAP Goals, is helpful in interpreting the test information. For new NYSCHAP enrollees, as soon as these forms are submitted, the Diagnostic Lab will FAX a custom NYSCHAP Sample Accession form to send in with the samples. Without this accession form, the discount cannot be applied! Already enrolled herds should have received a new NYSCHAP Sample Accession form in the mail in mid-May (includes your State premise number with your name.) As of June 1, the new NYSCHAP Accession form must be used to submit samples and receive the discount. Throw your old NYSCHAP Sample Accession forms away.

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Contact the Diagnostic Lab (607-253-3900) if you have any questions. Most participants have been doing a good job of enrolling with the lab, scheduling, and properly submitting samples. All of the staff at the DL appreciate your efforts!