



Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

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### Anthrax Information Sessions Update

Saskatoon, Nipawin and Naicam each held free evening Anthrax information sessions last week. Due to growing interest, Regina, Prince Albert and Foam Lake will also be hosts to Anthrax Information Sessions.

7:00 p.m. - Wednesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Heartland Livestock Services, Number One Highway, East, Regina, SK

7:00 p.m. - Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Travelodge, 3551 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK

7:00 p.m. - Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Foam Lake Community Hall, Foam Lake, SK

The Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan continually strives to ensure the most up-to-date information on topics relevant to animal care is available. “Obviously Anthrax has been a growing concern, so it is very timely that we work with our many partners in providing Anthrax Information Sessions. As with past such sessions, FACS is ensuring experts are on hand to provide the most recent information but also to address questions from the audience,” states Adele Buettner, Executive Director of the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc.

“The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has worked closely with FACS in the past in providing public information sessions addressing a range of very timely topics and issues. CFIA feels this partnership is very important as together we will get the much needed information out to the public,” states Dr. Sandra Stephens, of the CFIA.

“Collectively, several hundred producers attended our information sessions last week. These joint sessions are an excellent way to get information out but also provides a venue where experts can address questions,” comments Dr. Chris Clark, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan.

Each location will have a veterinarian provide information on what Anthrax is and what options are available to producers. CFIA will provide attendees with an update on the outbreak – location, numbers etc., and will include information on the regulatory policy for Anthrax. Following the session will be a question/answer period.

Sessions sponsored by the Farm Animal Council of Saskatchewan Inc. in partnership with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food, the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

For further information check the FACS website ([www.facs.sk.ca](http://www.facs.sk.ca)) as it is serving the industry as the Anthrax information center.

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