

Notice: Jones Feed Mills will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labour Day. We wish all of our customers a safe and happy holiday weekend!

### <u>Monica Duyvestyn Joins JFM Customer Service Team</u>

A journey from farm to tech and back again. Growing up on a farm, Monica developed a deep connection with agriculture from an early age. Her parents immigrated from Holland to pursue dairy farming, instilling in her a strong work ethic and love for the land. Active in various 4-H clubs, including dairy, rabbit, and poultry (ask about her blue pullet!), she honed skills and values that



would shape a diverse career path. After exploring a career in excavating and mastering the art of operating a bulldozer; life made a 180 when she transitioned to the post-secondary sector. Here she excelled in customer service, developed innovative applications for student awards, and led continuous improvement initiatives.

A brief stint in the consulting world further broadened her analytical expertise, but the call of the agricultural sphere was too strong to resist. Now, Monica is thrilled to be back in the world of farming, bringing with her a wealth of experience and a love for agriculture. With a deep commitment to continuous improvement and applying this passion to everyday tasks and projects, she hopes to become a strong member of the Jones Feed Mills customer service team. In addition to Monica's professional pursuits, a love for horses plays a significant role in her life. Whenever possible, you can find her working as a western style dressage scribe or show groom - combining a passion for equestrian activities with a dedication to excellence.

## **OFA'S FARMER WELLNESS INITIATIVE**

According to the Do More Agriculture Foundation, 75% of farmers report they have mid to high stress levels. The OFA has launched a telehealth line to provide mental wellness support to all Ontario farmers and farm families. It is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Through government funding, free counselling sessions (in-person, virtual, or by phone) with a mental health professional are available. These professionals have received training to understand the unique needs of Ontario farmers. The program is open to all farmers regardless of farm organization membership.

Call 1-866-267-6255 to speak to a counsellor.





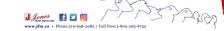


One of the best times to overseed your lawn is September through mid-October. Not only does it help produce a nice looking lawn; a thicker lawn will crowd out weeds. Fall seeding also allows seedlings to grow and establish through an autumn and spring season before reaching the hot summer weather. The Miller's Stone Store carries Speare Seeds in 55 lb bags, 10 lb bags and in a bulk bin for you to purchase the perfect amount for your seeding needs.

### **HELP WANTED**

The following full-time positions are available at Jones Feed Mills:

- Customer Service
  Representative Linwood
- Beef Sales Consultant SW, ON For more information or to apply, please contact Matt Hogan at matt@jfm.ca or by calling 519-698-2082 x 251 Come join the Jones team!





# **ADVANTAGES OF WHOLE CORN VS ROLLED**



## **CORN VS GROUND CORN**



We were asked recently while in the field about the use of whole corn vs rolled corn vs ground corn. Our head of nutrition, Chris Meadows, has drafted a brief explanation. which follows:

- 1. The energy from the starch in grains can't be made available to the animal until it is soaked with water so the bacteria and enzymes can release the energy.
- 2. Whole corn takes a long time to soak with water, so bacteria and enzymes have limited time to work on the starch. Often the grain/corn will end up in the manure only partially digested.
- 3. Coarse grinding grains/corn will increase the surface available to let water in so bacteria and enzymes can access the starch. The finer the grind the more surface is available for water to enter and for bacteria and enzymes to work on the starch releasing the energy and giving a more complete grain/corn digestion.
- 4. The caveat is that the finer the grind, the faster the digestion of the starch and more acids are released. Fine ground grains will require more fibre in the ration and less grain.
- 5. The ideal would be a mixture of coarse and fine ground grains. A ration with fine ground grains benefits from readily available protein such as from haylage or urea.
- 6. With finer ground grains it is possible to get similar gains to coarse ground or whole corn with less grain and more forage in the ration but this requires better management with frequent feedings etc.

We hope you find this useful. Jones Feed Mills are here to help you achieve your performance goals!

Jones Feed Mills Beef Team 1-800-265-8735

#### **FUTURES**

#### Can \$: 1.35 (08/30/24) **Live Cattle**

\$ 241.26 Oct \$ 240.11 Dec Feb \$ 240.95 **April** \$ 243.22 **Dressed Hoas** 

\$ 209.29 Oct \$ 184.91 Dec Feb \$ 190.93 \$ 201.44

Source: farms.com

April

## **ON THE CALENDAR**

- Sept 6 BFO Cow Calf **Management Tour - Brant** and Oxford Counties, ON
- Sept 10 Canada's **Outdoor Farm Show -Woodstock. ON**
- Oct 25 & 26 Ontario **Sheep Convention \*-**Cambridge, ON

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