

valacta

Feeding well to optimize  
production, health and  
the margin per cow.

WORKSHOP

# When the rumen works, everything works!

COME RUMINATE  
WITH US  
ABOUT FEEDING  
MANAGEMENT  
AND BEHAVIOR

DURATION:

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The  
Menu  
Concocted for  
you by our chefs!



THE STARTER



THE APPETIZER



THE HORS-D'ŒUVRES

**Objective: To interpret various rumen health indicators.**

- What is a healthy rumen?
- How do I interpret the indicators that can give me information about my cow's rumen health?
- Do my results compare to common benchmarks and provincial averages?

**Activity: Group brainstorming and taking a look at the situation on your farm.**

**Objective: To explain the role of various nutrients that are used to make concentrates and discuss their influence on the rumen health indicators.**

- How do cows use starch, protein, fat and fibre?
- What about rumen microbes?
- How much is enough?
- What's new?

**Objective: To look at the situations where various additives can be the most useful.**

- How do these products work?
- What benefits can I expect and how long will it take for them to be measurable?
- Under what conditions would these products be most pertinent to my farm?



### THE UTENSILS

**Objective: To use the proper tools to prevent problems and monitor herd performance.**

- How do I use analyses to predict the risks associated with forage preservation and its possible consequences on the rumen?
- Digestibility, what does that really mean?
- What can a fatty acid profile tell you?



### THE MAIN COURSE

**Objective: To apply the best feeding strategies in order to optimize performance.**

- How does a cow's feeding behaviour influence her intake?
- Why do my cows eat more or less than what is predicted by their feeding program?
- Am I using the sources of fiber in my rations to their full potential?

**Activity: Case studies: small groups reflect on actual cases.**  
**A great way to look at situations similar to your farm.**



### DESSERT, AND CHEESE!

**Objective: To combine various segments of the training session.**

- Tools designed for reflection and decision making.



### COFFEE AND THE BILL

**Objective: To make educated choices and optimize profit per cow.**

- Can I estimate the “cost: benefit ration” of certain ingredients?
- Does equipment exist that could help make my life easier while remaining profitable?
- Which practices could improve my profit per cow?

**Want to reserve your spot?**  
Contact your technician,  
advisor or call us at 1-800-266-5248.

**Place:**

**Date:**

**Schedule:** 9:30 to 15:30 • Including the meal

**Rate:** \$150 reduced to \$100\* for dairy producers.  
\$50 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> person from the same dairy farm.

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## Valacta “When the rumen works, everything works” Workshops - Schedule

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** – Lion’s Club, 134 Otis Drive, Nackawic, NB E6G 1G9 (Emily Ingraham, Nadine Othberg)

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** – All Seasons Inn and Restaurant, 1015 Main St, Sussex, NB E4E 2M6 (Philip Thorne, Nadine Othberg)

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Amsterdam Inn, 2550 Mountain Rd, Moncton, NB E1G 1B4 (Jenny Mutlow, Clayton Brooks, Philip Thorne)

**Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Rodd Royalty, 14 Capital Drive, Charlottetown, PE C1A 8C2 (Byron Andrews, John Meerburg)

**Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Royal Canadian Legion, 94 Main Drive, Miscouche, PE C0B 1T0 (Michael Trowsdale, Ashley Egyedy)

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Claymore Inn, 137 Church St, Antigonish, NS B2G 2E3 (Yvonne MacIssac, Kristin Thibodeau, Brittany MacDonald)

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** – Extended Learning Department, Haley Institute, Dal AC Campus, Bible Hill, NS (Kristin Thibodeau, Clayton Brooks, Andrea Hamilton-Van Kroonenberg)

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Berwick and District Lions Community Centre, 250 Veterans Drive, Berwick, NS B0P 1E0 (Jen Crouse)

