Dairy RVS Exam Study Guide - 2019

This guide will help you prepare for your ABVP Recognized Veterinary Specialty (RVS) examination this Autumn.

Depending on where you are in your examination cycle, you will be sitting for one of these possible exams. The ABVP Main Office will confirm EXACTLY WHAT EXAM you will need to attend. The possible exams are:

1) **300 item Legacy Specialty Exam given in two parts on the same day. This is a multiple choice exam.**
   - a. This exam is for initial candidates who have successfully passed their RVS Practical Exam in 2016 or 2017, or
   - b. For recertifying Diplomates who are in their 10th year of their Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle who took their first recertifying exam in 2017, or
   - c. For former Diplomates who have successfully passed their RVS Practical Exam in 2016 or 2017.

2) **50 to 100 item/point Legacy Practical Exam given in one part on one day. This may be multiple choice, fill in the blank, matching, short answer or essay.**
   - a. This exam is for candidates who have successfully passed their RVS Specialty Exam in 2016 or 2017, or
   - b. For former Diplomates who have successfully passed their RVS Specialty Exam in 2016 or 2017.

3) **350 item Combined RVS Exam given in two parts on the same day. This is mostly to exclusively multiple choice. There is the possibility of fill in the blank, short answer, essay, or matching for some exam items.**
   - a. This exam is for all others not meeting the above criteria.

The AVMA best practices is that the examination items align with a Job Content Analysis (JCA) of current RVS Diplomates. The 2018 JCA identified tasks, diseases, etc. that Diplomates either saw frequently or expected a Specialist to have immediate knowledge of subject.

Additionally, it has been decided that some exam items can come from current journals and a small percentage can be at your Exam Committee’s discretion.

Please note that items drawn from current journals (with a 5 year look back period) are 1) from a journal on the RVS Reading List, 2) the question is drawn from the abstract only, and 3) the journal abstract must be inexpensively obtained.

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<th>Exam Topic Category</th>
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<td>Frequent Caseload</td>
<td>60+</td>
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Immediate Knowledge, low caseload | 30+ | 105+
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Journals | 0-5 | 0-17
Exam Committee Choice | 5+ | 18

The 2018 JCA was completed in May 2018 and the Exams are still transitioning from the prior blueprint to the current recommendations. Thank you for your understanding as our volunteers complete this task.

**Exam Topics**

- Abomasal ulcer
- Actinobacillosis
- Actinomycosis
- Allergic reaction
- Analgesia
- Animal Welfare
- Aural hematoma
- Bacterial pneumonia
- Bloat-free gas
- Bloat-frothy
- Bovine respiratory disease complex
- Brucellosis
- Calf diarrhea
- Clostridium disease
- Corona/Rotavirus
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Dehorn
- Dystocia
- E. coli diarrhea
- Early embryonic death
- Endometritis
- Environmental strep mastitis
- Estrus synchronization
- Foot rot
- Fractures
- Hairy heel wart
- Hoof trim
- Hypomagnesemia tetanies
- Indigestion
- Infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis
Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis
interdigital fibroma
Ketosis
Lacerations
Laminitis
Left displaced abomasum
Listeriosis
Mastitis
Metritis
Milk cultures
Necropsy
Papillomatosis
peripheral neuropathies
Pneumonia
pregnancy toxemia
Rabies
record analysis
rectal prolapses
rectal tears
reproductive disorders
Reproductive exams
stifle injuries
streptococcus agalactia
teat/udder injury
Tetanus
traumatic reticuloperitonis
Twinning
Ultrasound (reproductive)
uterine prolapase
vaccinations
Viral pneumonia
Vitamin E/selenium deficiency

Dairy Reading List

Texts
- Current Therapy (1-4): Food Animal Practice – Howard
- Current Therapy in Theriogenology – Morrow
- Current Therapy in Large Animal Theriogenology - Youngquist
- Dairy Production Medicine – Risco and Melendez
- Food Animal Surgery – Noordsy
- Herd Health: Food Animal Production Medicine - Radostits, Leslie & Fetrow
• Lameness in Cattle – Greenough
• Large Animal Clinical Nutrition - Ralston and Naylor
• Large Animal Internal Medicine – Smith
• Large Dairy Herd Management - Van Horne, et. al.
• The Merck Veterinary Manual, Ninth Edition
• Turner and McIlwraith’s Techniques in Large Animal Surgery, 4th ed. – Baird and Hendrickson
• Veterinary Medicine by Radostits, et al.

Journals
• American Journal of Veterinary Research
• Bovine Practitioner
• Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
• Journal of Animal Science
• Journal of Dairy Science
• Theriogenology
• Veterinary Clinics of North America: Food Animal Practice

Miscellaneous Proceedings:
• AABP, especially 1985 to current
• Dairy Production Medicine Meeting
• National Mastitis Council
• Society for Theriogenology

Continuing Education:
• AABP (especially the pre-convention seminars on nutrition, quality milk production, dairy economic health, calf rearing, records analysis, etc.
• ABVP Bovine Sessions
• ADSA Meetings
• ASAS Meetings
• AVMA Meetings
• Certification Programs (currently programs are being offered at Penn, Guelph and Ohio State that, upon completion, certify the practitioner as having completed extensive course work in dairy production medicine.)
• Dairy Production Medicine Meetings
• National Mastitis Council
• Society for Theriogenology