



Dairy Details

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CRS Disease...

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We have had another busy month dealing with a number of different issues that go back to the time year and heat. This newsletter seems to be a hodgepodge of reminders just to help fight CRS disease. I am severely affected by this disease especially since I have had my children, so I operate with a lot of lists. If you are one as fortunate not to suffer from this disease then just enjoy some pictures that are included to break up the treatment plan.

Pastures: Rain as been very spotty this year and although the most recent hay crop was very good, pasture grass quality is decreasing dramatically this time of year. Growing heifers may begin to need supplementation this time of year. Take a good look at body condition and eyes frequently this time of year.

Picture to the right: Our youngest vet assistant enjoying her favorite drink, an ice-cold milk on a hot day.

Pink-Eye: We have been treating a surplus of pink eye as well. Check cattle frequently; treatment works best early (when eye is watering) so long-term vision is less affected.

- Check oilers...make sure they are working and refill
- Reapply fly pour on
- Mow pastures
- Write down of what you did at turn out time so we can help develop a better turn out plan next year



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Mastitis/Increased SCC: Take advantage of our in-house milk culture lab to navigate increases in SCC and mastitis cases. Bulk tank culturing has several benefits. It can help narrow down causes of increased SCC and it can serve as a report card for parlor prep and milking hygiene. Bulk tank cultures are also helpful in monitoring contagious pathogens such as *Prototheca* and *Staphylococcus aureus*.

- Take a bulk tank culture daily for 3-5 days. Place in freezer immediately.
 - Always place milk samples in freezer

Plowing out Stalls: We have been seeing an increase of gram-negative mastitis. Vaccination for gram negative mastitis is helpful for reducing the severity of cases but will not prevent them entirely. Another help tip is to plow out the back of stalls; this can help reduce these cases and contamination. Running cultures either bulk tank and or individual can help us decide the best course of action for individual farms.



Truck Route for Dropships

- Please let us know when placing the order that you would like your order to come on the truck
- Orders need to be placed by Noon on Monday – no exceptions!
- Truck will deliver to the farm on Tuesday and unpack/stock items
- You will have to show them the first time where you would keep your inventory

Current Backorder Items

- SulfaMed (Sulfadimethoxine) Injection 40%, Antibacterial, 250mL
- Triangle 10 HB Vaccine, Killed Virus, 50mL
- Clostridium Perfringens Types C and D Antitoxin Vaccine, 250mL
- Exam Gloves (XLarge) Nitrile Blue - Textured / Powder Free
- Sulfadimethoxine (Concentrated Solution 12.5%), Antibacterial, 1 Gallon
- VetriPen G (Penicillin G Procaine) Injectable Suspension, 500 mL and 250 mL
- Tetanus Antitoxin, Concentrated / Purified, 15000 Units, 20mL
- Penicillin 100ml and 250ml
- Dexamthasone – limited supply
- Strong iodine gallons – limited supply
- Predef 2X – limited supply for now but product is discontinued for future
- Bovine Ecolizer +C20 discontinued

Picture to left: Dr. Seckerson and Dr. Weisenbeck performed an interesting/sweaty surgery removing a large internal abscess from a beef heifer. This is a good reminder not to put a band on navels because you never know what is on the other side of it.

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