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Linwood Agriculture Day

We want to thank everyone who attended the Linwood Agriculture Day. Ag Day has evolved from a customer appreciation day to an opportunity to provide information and exchange ideas as well as we show our appreciation. We hope everyone found the talks informative and useful. We are always open to suggestions for next year and we would appreciate your input.

Clinic News

We will be closed Friday, April 2, 2010 for Good Friday. Please try to plan ahead for your pharmaceutical needs previous to that date.

Bovine

Baby Bull Calf Drug Residue Issue. It has been recently been brought to our attention that baby bull calves are going to slaughter. Producers must be made aware to this because of drug residues in meat in these baby calves. Borgal and Calf Span boluses are commonly used in the treatment of calf scours, and will leave residues in calves slaughtered within 10 days of the last treatment of Borgal and 28 days after the last treatment of Calf Span Boluses. Know where your baby bull calves are ending up, a reputable buyer is the best choice.

Swine

As we head into March and April everyone looks forward to warmer weather and the spring planting rush. However these months are often challenging from a barn environment stand point and disease risks. Warmer days and cold nights make ventilation a challenge.

Weaned pig temperature requirements:

<5.5 kg b.w., start temperature should be 28.5°C – 29°C.

>5.5kg start temperature should be 27 – 28.5°C.

Maintain relative humidity at 65% or less. Monitor ventilation closely over the next 2 months and adjust for temperature swings.

Disease threats: This time of year we often see PRRS outbreaks and it is the high risk time for TGE, so pay close attention to farm Biosecurity. Pigs, pig trucks and barn entrance are the big three to focus on!

This fall and winter we have seen some early PCV₂ presentations in nurseries. In each case vaccination was delayed or put in the "I'm going to" list. It is a good time to review your vaccination program to ensure that timing and product choice are the best bet for your herd.

Upcoming Pfizer Animal Health Meeting

Udder Health and Quality Milk

Pfizer Animal Health and your veterinary clinic are pleased to invite you to attend a very informative meeting focusing on the production of quality milk by making udder health a priority on your farm.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ynte Schukken

Professor of Epidemiology and Herd Health
Director of Quality Milk Production Services
College of Veterinary Medicine
Cornell University

Topics:

1. Best procedures for harvesting quality milk
2. Using Somatic Cell Counts to monitor udder health
3. New research on treating mastitis

Locations: (Chose the one that suits you best !)

Thursday, April 8 - Listowel Agricultural Hall, Listowel
Friday, April 9 - Pyramid Recreation Centre, St. Marys

Agenda:

12:00 – 1:00 - Soup and Sandwich lunch
1:00 – 3:30 - Dr. Schukken

To make sure we have space and lunch for you, please RSVP to:

- Dennis Eagles 519-843-4630 or 519-939-3136
- Ron Stevenson 519-887-8863 or 519-525-0166
- Your veterinary clinic