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MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Clinic News

Please call in any *emergency* drug orders required on a Saturday by **9:00 am**. Thanks!

Announcements

Waterloo Cattlemen Bus Tour

Jones Feed Mills asks you to keep **JULY 20th** open for this tour opportunity.
More information to follow.

3X Points – Pfizer Loyalty Program Special

Earn **triple points** on the following products purchased from **April 1 to June 30th** 2010 on the Pfizer Loyalty Program. Save your invoices; you can still apply for this program.

Bovi-Shield® (all)	Dectomax® Pour-On (all)
CattleMaster® (all)	Dectomax® Injectable (all)
One Shot® (all)	Synovex C (50 Implants)
Resvac® 4/Somubac® (all)	Spectramast DC® (12)
Ultrabac® 7/Somubac® (all)	Orbeseal® (24 and 144)
UltraChoice® 7 & * (all)	Enviracor J-5
Vibrin™	

BOVINE NEWS

Management Can Reduce Incidence of Johne's Disease

Two simple steps: hygiene and testing

The hygiene component includes:

- 1) prompt calf removal from the cow
- 2) feed high-quality colostrums from a **test-negative cow**, “best” management move
- 3) feed pasteurized milk or milk replacer until weaning
- 4) implement a hygienic rearing system that has feed and water free from manure contamination

The testing part involves testing all cows once in each lactation, labeling ELISA-positive or “suspect” cows and using separate maternity pens for ELISA-negative cows.

These management practices undertaken on dairies have been proved to be wise investments of time, labor and dollars and while it was hard to sell the strong-positive cows and a big challenge sometimes segregating newborn calves, both of these changes in management are smart moves. Resulting in infection rates moving from 10 -13% down to 3 - 3.5%. Controlling Johne’s results in healthier cows producing more milk over the longer term.

A complete review and more information can be found at <http://www.johnesdisease.org/> where you can read a Johne’s testing brochure, a Johne’s prevention and control brochure for *dairies* and a Johne’s prevention and control brochure for *beef* producers.

SWINE NEWS

Update on the Swine practice move to St. Clements. The building location is 1010 Industrial Drive, St. Clements. We are doing some interior renovations and hope to have the place up and running by July 1, 2010. By the time we have the next newsletter we hope to have phones etc. working. Once we have more detailed information expect a call from Sylvia or Cindy. We will contact all swine clients with this information. It would be very helpful if everyone could work towards bringing their account current as we make these changes. We thank you in advance and look forward to the coming changes.

On a more practical note we have seen some early cases of Circovirus. Make sure you do not delay vaccine timing. Erysipelas has shown up in a few finishing barns. Respisure One + Erbac is a Mycoplasma/Erysipelas combo vaccine and provides very good protection from both diseases. In higher challenged pig flows it is very important to get Mycoplasma vaccine timing right (3-5 weeks post weaning). The program of Circoflex at weaning followed by Respisure One + Erbac 3 –5 weeks post weaning will give you good early coverage for Circovirus and optimal timing for Mycoplasma as well as the added benefit of Erysipelas protection.

LINWOOD WELCOMES DR. IAN BISHOP

Recently Ian was touring with us, so some of you will remember meeting him on your farm. Ian has agreed to join us at Linwood and we expect him at the beginning of August.

Ian and his wife, Vicki, are looking for a pet friendly home to rent as they resettle in the area. They would particularly like a country home, south or east of Linwood. If you or a neighbour knows of a suitable place that will be available in late July, Ian would really appreciate the information. Please call or drop by our office with the particulars and we will pass it along.