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We will provide industry-leading, reliable, knowledgeable service, in a friendly, courteous and timely manner, to benefit our clients and the communities we serve.

St Clements Clinic Hours: Mon-Fri 7am to 5pm Open Saturday 7am-12pm

Hwy 89 Clinic Hours: Mon-Sat 7am to 1 pm

CLINICS ARE CLOSED SUNDAY and NO DELIVERY SERVICE SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Orders for Delivery: Please, call BEFORE 9:30 am, for same day local delivery Monday to Friday

24 Hour Emergency Vet Service - call 519-698-2610 519-323-9002 519-699-0404 1-800-663-2941

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



A VERY MERRY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR WISHES
FROM ALL YOUR VETERINARIANS
AND STAFF AT
HWY 89 AND LINWOOD VETERINARY
SERVICES!

HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that Friday Dec 24th only emergency veterinary services are available. The clinics will be closed and there will be only emergency services available following days:

Saturday December 25th Monday December 27th Friday December 31 Saturday January 1st

Please think about ordering to have essential veterinary supplies on hand for the holidays and potential winter road closures or bad weather.

Zoetis 2022 calendar books will be on hand mid December. Add one to an order or vet visit.

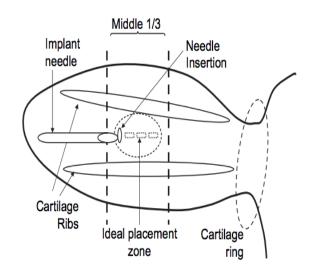
CATTLE IMPLANTS

Implants are small pellets that contain a growth stimulant that is slowly released over a period of time. They work by increasing circulating levels of somatotropin and insulin-like growth-factor 1 to cause an increase in the secretion of growth hormone, which promotes muscle growth. Of the hormones used in beef cattle implants, three are natural (estradiol, progesterone and testosterone) and two are synthetic (zeranol and trenbolone acetate). Estradiol, progesterone and zeranol are estrogenic (affect female characteristics), whereas testosterone and trenbolone acetate are androgenic (affect male characteristics). Most implants are specifically designed for a certain sex, age or stage of production so reading the product label and following the manufacturer's recommendations is important. Implants are not approved for use in bulls, and will reduce testicular development and future reproductive productivity. **Implanting returns more revenue per dollar invested than any other management practice.**

All animals must have adequate nutrition to realize the improved daily gains from an implant. Implanting nursing calves that have been banded or castrated, with a growth stimulant is one of the most economically justifiable practices available in the beef industry. Implants have been shown to increase weaning weights of nursing calves, stockers and feedlot animal in hundreds of research trials. Calves meant for finishing/terminal market benefit greatly from implants, showing a 4-6% increase in average daily gain; cull heifers tend to benefit more (20% greater response) than steers of the same initial size. Implants have a variable effective life before they need to be replaced, so calves which are implanted early in life often require re-implantation before weaning to continue the improved daily gain. Stockers have the greatest response to implants, showing a 10-20% improved daily gain over non-implanted animals. As stockers, steers tend to have a better response than heifers.

To get the best response possible out of your implant, you must use proper implanting technique and good hygiene. Improper, or dirty implantation can result in abscesses, lost implants, incorrect placement, or physical damage to the pellets. Known side effects, such as raised tailheads, udder development, bulling, and vaginal prolapses, are often associated with crushed implants as the hormone is released too rapidly. The key steps for implantation are:

- 1. Restrain the animal's head, ideally with a head gate. Adding a halter to restrict head movement is helpful to prevent injecting your implant onto your barn floor!
- 2. Check your needle! Make sure it is firmly attached to the implant gun, assess the point to ensure it is sharp and undamaged, and finally, disinfect the needle (carefully) between each animal.
- 3. Clean your implant site of any mud/manure brush off any dry material, and use a disinfectant.



- 4. Aim to place the implant in the center third of the ear (underneath the skin but not into the cartilage), slowly pull the needle out of the ear as you are injecting to provide space for the pellets (reduces physical damage), and finally, using a finger, press firm down on the injection site to close the opening.
- 5. Examine the implant, you should be able to move the pellets under the skin slightly

Diagram from University of Minnesota https://extension.umn.edu/beef-news/growth-promotinghormones-beef-production-and-marketing

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^{**}Revalor XR and Revalor XH are relatively new products which boast a DELAYED and EXTENDED release. They are effective from day 70 to day 200 from implantation. This delayed effect allows for a single trip through the chute and shows equivalent production gains to a 2-implant protocol.