

Attica Veterinary Associates, PC

April 2019 Newsletter

Get a Jump on Pink Eye This Fly Season

The predominant bacteria behind pink eye in our area are *Moraxella bovis* and *Moraxella bovoculi*. These pathogens are carried between animals by face flies. The flies feed around the eyes, creating wounds. These wounds allow entrance of the bacteria. Direct contact between animals can transfer the bacteria as well. Eye irritation from dust, pollen, and feed promote shedding from infected animals. A few carrier heifers can serve as a reservoir for infection for an entire pen or barn.

A vaccination program should be a consideration as part of the best management program for WNY dairies. Ideally, we like to vaccinate heifers about 28-45 days before pink eye season. Think about vaccinating by late April to early May.

We stock both injectable and pellet forms of vaccine that provide protection for both strains of bacteria. The injectable comes in 50-dose bottles. To be fully effective, this requires a booster injection 2 to 4 weeks after the initial injection. The pellet implant comes in packs of 50 and is prescribed as 1 dose per season. The animals do not have to be handled twice.

The commercial vaccine in stock that provides protection for only *Moraxella bovis* is the combination clostridial/pinkeye vaccine, Alpha 7-MB. This too, requires a booster injection to be fully effective.

For general insect control for pastured animals you may want to consider Merck's Double Barrel VP insecticide ear tags. Remember that 2 ear tags are needed per animal. We have a small stock on hand in 20-tag packages and can order large batches as needed. The tags are approved for use only on non-lactating dairy cattle and calves.

Please be aware that these tags are classified as a hazardous material. Cautions are included on the packaging.

Check with your regular veterinarian for which of these products best meets your farm's needs. Remember too, that a comprehensive fly program is part of pinkeye management.

Fly Control

We are here to help you control flies with a complete program that is sustainable for the season. We work with the experts from Kunafin, a company that has been in the business since 1959, with their help we can put together a complete program for fly control.

For Sale:

- New Holland 790 Chopper 540 PTO, 824 2 row cornhead, 890 wide hay head, \$13000.00 Robert Koithan 716-807-1965



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2019 4-H Fair Days

Fair Days	County	Pricing
Thursday, May 30	Genesee, Wyoming, Erie	4H Member Health Certificate \$50 (per species / per certificate)
Wednesday, June 5	Genesee, Wyoming, Erie	Non 4H Member Certificate \$75 (per species / per certificate)
Wednesday, June 19	Genesee, Wyoming, Erie	Each BVD Test \$10
Friday, June 28	Genesee, Wyoming, Erie	BVD Lab Accession Fee \$5
		Each Additional Location \$15

New this year: YOU CAN ONLY SIGN UP FOR 1 FAIR DAY PER FAMILY.

You must reside or show in the counties listed above – if you are out of this area additional charges apply, call our office for more information.

- Prices valid ONLY on Fair Days, other days are subject to regular fees
- Animals that are not caught or ready, as well as paperwork not in order will be subject to regular fees
- Prices include vaccinations, health certificate (one species per HC), stop charge, and hourly rate, BVD testing is additional \$10/animal + accession fee.
- Papers **WILL NOT** be issued unless **FULL** payment is received at the time of service

You **must** call in ahead of these days to reserve a slot. There are a limited number of slots on each fair day that will be filled on a “first come first served” basis; call ASAP to make sure to get the day you want. When scheduling, please **give a phone number where you can be reached on Fair Day and the address of where the animals are located.**

Animals MUST be tied up and identified and all paperwork in order. Someone that can handle the animals MUST be present. Animals or paperwork not organized will be subject to regular fees.

The certificate is valid for all additional fairs during the 2019 fair season in NYS.

REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019 FAIR

- All cattle and pigs **MUST** have USDA approved official ear tags:
 - **15 digit tags starting with ONLY 840 (ex. 840 123 456 789 012) – THIS IS THE ONLY TAG ACCEPTED NOW – YOU MUST GET YOUR OWN TAGS AND HAVE YOUR ANIMAL TAGGED WHEN WE COME.**
 - **Metal tags that begin with 21 (ex. 21ABC1234 or 21HOG tags) ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED**
- Sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie tag or official registration tattoo
 - TATTOO MUST BE LEGIBLE AND MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL, NO INK STILL ON IT!

We ask that you do not call on the actual fair day to see when we will be there; we will call throughout the day with an estimate of our arrival time. **Please remember to be flexible as we are doing this to help the 4-H KIDS.**

NO ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE DONE ON FAIR DAY – ONLY DIRECTLY PERTAINING TO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR FAIR PAPERS.