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Newsletter – October 2022

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## October Brings Fall Weather & Calf Challenges

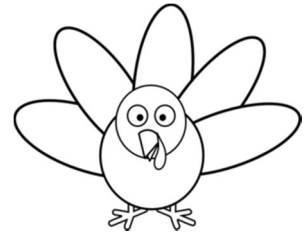
October is always a month of contrasts - cool mornings and warm sunny afternoons. Calves often bounce around in the noonday warmth but may have to work to keep warm at night. We often don't notice them shivering at 4AM when the air temp is 40°F and they are trying to maintain a 102°F temperature.

- Nutritional Challenges – At the beginning of October, about ten percent more energy is needed to maintain the same growth as in the summer. By the end of the month, feeding twenty percent more energy will just keep us even with our June-August growth rates.
- Feeding Whole Milk – For every quart of whole milk we fed for the summer, ten percent more to maintain growth rates means an extra three ounces per feeding. Most calf raised just add an extra pint per feeding. An extra twenty percent would add six ounces per quart. Adding an extra quart per feeding will accomplish this extra volume.
- Feeding Milk Replacer – Farms that use milk replacer have two options. One is to feed extra volume, as a person would do with feeding whole milk. Start adding an extra pint per feed at the beginning of October and work up to an extra quart by the end of the month. Alternatively, the same volume may be fed, thereby requiring an increase in powder concentration per quart. A ten percent increase means using a rounded cup of milk replacer when measuring by volume. The additional powder is even easier to calculate for farms who use a scale to weigh milk replacer. If summer feeding means mixing milk replacer using 8oz of powder to make 2 quarts of mix, then a twenty percent increase in energy means using 10oz to make 2 quarts of mix.
- Feed Clean & Wholesome Milk – If we increase feeding rates, then to ensure good calf health we must be sure to feed clean, wholesome milk or milk replacer. Using a sterile sample bottle, fill it half full of whatever you are feeding calves. Freeze the sample and give it to your vet or bring it to the clinic. Get the facts – is it clean and wholesome? If the sample has a high bacteria count, please consult with your veterinarian to discuss feeding and cleaning protocols for improved calf health.



## Notes:

- Thanksgiving Schedule:
  - ❖ Wed Nov 23 – 7:30AM-5PM
  - ❖ Thurs Nov 24 – Thanksgiving – Closed for routine services
  - ❖ Fri Nov 25 - 7:30AM-5PM



We are available for emergencies 24/7/365 at 585-591-2660. Wishing you a happy and festive Thanksgiving!

- Our text line – 585-356-3420 is for orders only, if you need to schedule an appointment or have an emergency, please call our main office number 585-591-2660.
- BioPRYN samples need to be in the office by noon Tuesday or Thursday to be run that day, with results the following day.
- Want your results delivered by e-mail? Drop us your e-mail address – [atticavettech@yahoo.com](mailto:atticavettech@yahoo.com)
- Thanks to all those that utilized Kunafin, shipments have stopped at this point for the year.
- Headed to a show or sale? Interstate and Intrastate Health papers are good for 30 days from issuance. During fair season there are special allowances from New York State for them to last longer, but only May-Sept. 1st. So if you are going somewhere now, you need a health paper. Be sure to plan ahead and give yourself PLENTY of time, especially if special testing is required.

## Local Upcoming training - Dairy Farm Feeder School:

### *One-day on-farm program offered by CCE and PRO-DAIRY*

This one-day program provides on-farm training for dairy farm employees and managers who want to learn more about and improve the feeding process. Each site will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations, presented in both English and Spanish.

Topics: Economics and importance of feeder center analysis; Dry Matter and feeder math-basics, how to measure, work it into ratio, refusals, adjust ration based on DM, feed software; Feed consistency - TMR audits; Troubleshooting mixer wagons; Bunker management, drone demonstration/map out bunk, bunk silo management, packing density and preservation. Safety!

### Dates

*Northern NY* - November 2 - Jefferson County

*Central NY* - November 3 - Herkimer County

*South Central NY* - November 4 - Cortland County & November 8 - Cayuga County

*Northwest NY* - November 10 - Wyoming County & November 11 - Ontario County

Registration Cost: \$50 per person

Contact your local regional CCE ag team to register –

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