



AVA Newsletter

December 2016

Veterinary Feed Directive Review

- A VFD drug is a drug “intended for use in or on animal feed that is limited to use under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian”.
- The medications our clients use most that will be affected by the VFD are AS-700 (respiratory), Aureomycin (respiratory & GI), and medicated milk replacer.
- Extra-label drug use is not permitted for VFD drugs. The label we must follow is the label on the product; labels include reason for and duration of use, drug concentration, days fed, and withhold. Examples of extra-label drug use include feeding animals a VFD feed for a duration of time different than on the label, feeding a VFD with a different concentration than on the label (e.g. doubling the concentration), or feeding to a group of animals not identified on the VFD.

Tetracycline Milk Testing

- We anticipate that bulk milk testing for tetracyclines (including oxytetracycline and chlortetracycline) will begin in the second quarter of 2017.
- No less than 1/15 tanker loads will be tested
- Costs of disposal of a violated load will be handled between the producer and milk supplier

Letter from Dr. Becca

Dear AVA Clients,

As of Dec 21 2016, I will answer to new full-time bosses – my kids. I have greatly enjoyed working with you for the past eleven years and value all of the relationships we have built. Thank you! - Dr. Becca McNear

Holiday Hours:

Sat Dec 24, Christmas Eve – open 8-12, emergencies after 12pm

Sun Dec 25, Christmas – only emergency calls

Sat Dec 31, New Year's Eve - open 8-12, emergencies after 12pm

Sun Jan 1, New Year's Day – only emergency calls

Attica Veterinary Associates
116 Prospect Street
Attica, NY 14011
585-591-2660



Manual Cleaning in Cold Weather

It's not easy keeping colostrum and milk replacer equipment clean during cold weather. Here are some tips that make the job easier and more effective:

Prewash Rinse:

Rinsing before a thorough wash floods away the milk residue, ice, snow, and manure. If left on the equipment, all of these residues will chill the wash water. Additionally, organic matter neutralizes chlorine. Residue and reduced chlorine efficacy will result in a protein buildup and reduction in bacteria kill. When rinsing, use plenty of water. For best results, rinse with fresh water and avoid pouring rinse water from pail to pail. To better remove milk replacer residue, lukewarm water is better because whey proteins become sticky when initially exposed to too much heat, causing buildup.

Hot Wash Water:

The key to effective cleaning is the temperature of the water. Although a lukewarm rinse is initially beneficial, the water at the end of washing equipment needs to be at least 120°F. This means water needs to be even hotter at the beginning of the wash cycle. Wearing thick rubber gloves will help protect the employee while washing in sufficiently hot water, well above 120°F. To make washing even easier, try using a chlorinated cleaner. This powder preparation contains both the soap and chlorine. We stock it in 25 lb tubs. If you use 4 gallons for your wash sink (requires 2oz of powder), the cost is \$0.32/wash.

For Sale/Wanted:

- Wanted: 18.4 x 34 or larger tractor chains. Call Pat at 585-322-0768
- Hay for sale. Large square bales and silage bales. Jason Kehl at 585-297-9155
- Holstein heifers, hay, haylage, IH 2444 tractor, JD 45 combine, 1948 Chevy Stake truck. Christopher Farms 585-478-5265
- 2014 EBY Wrangler Stock Trailer 24' x 8' x 7'. Call Don Hackett 585-457-9797
- John Deere 336 Baler, twine with 30 kicker \$5800. Also for sale – New Holland 816 Chopper wagon. Like New \$8000 Robert Koithan 716-731-5657
- Hesston 845 Round Baler with net wrap. \$5500. Call Rudd Weatherwax at 409-0361

Attica Veterinary Associates
116 Prospect Street
Attica, NY 14011
585-591-2660