

# AVA Newsletter

July 2017



## **Tetracycline & Residue Screenings**

Testing for tetracycline residues in milk tank trucks begins July 1. The tetracycline class of drugs includes oxytetracycline, tetracycline, and chlortetracycline. A minimum of one out of every fifteen loads will be tested. Possible sources of milk contamination include topical administration of tetracycline powder to hooves. Please contact your veterinarian to discuss tetracycline protocols.

## **Special Price on Synchsure until August 31, 2017:**

At the Attica Vet Clinic the Bohringer-Ingelheim/Merial product, Synchsure, is priced at \$69.16 for the 50-dose bottle. This special price is effective through August 31, 2017.

## **New Employee Welcome!**

We are proud to welcome the following employees to Attica Vet:

1. Dr. Noah Seward recently joined us following graduation from veterinary school at Cornell University. He looks forward to meeting everyone!
2. Jennifer Wagner - our new receptionist. Jennifer is pleased to be answering the phones and taking clients' item orders.
3. Roy Gilkinson – Roy's back! He will be doing milking machine analysis and working for Cattl-Tek.

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## **Decision Making: 4 R's of Culling a Healthy Cow**

When making the decision to cull an apparently healthy cow, we recommend considering at least the following 4 factors:

1. **Records** – In addition to milk production, reproductive history, and lameness problems, disease history should be considered. For example, how many times has an animal been treated for the same issue previously and what was the outcome following the treatment?
2. **Relative value** - When available, cow ranking may be a helpful tool. DairyComp has multiple rankings such as CowVal that can help compare a cow's relative value before and after becoming pregnant, as well as other statistics that compare a cow's milk contribution to the herd relative to other cows' milk production.
3. **Replacements** – are you overstocked or are you anticipating a lot of new animals calving in? Additionally, do the animals calving in have better genetics than the cow you're considering culling?
4. **Restrictions on herd size** – For herds that choose to overstock, optimal herd size is 110-115%. Often, when an animal enters the herd (such as a dry cow calving or a heifer calving in), another must leave to maintain the stocking density without adversely affecting more animals in a group.

## **For Sale/Wanted:**

PLEASE NOTE: Our ad policy has changed. Please contact the clinic for more information.

- For sale: Large & small square straw bales. Bob Wood 585-813-6204
- Available: Heifer raising. Call Phil George at 356-2532