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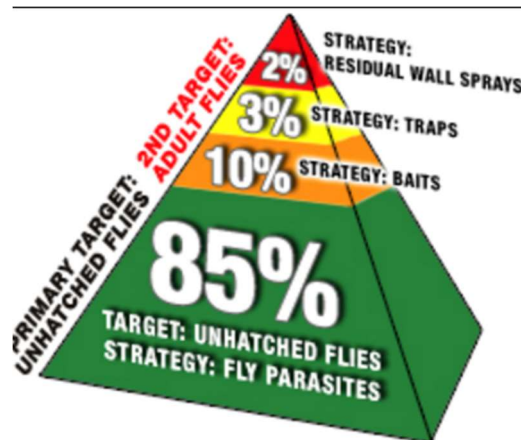


Newsletter – March 2024

**Please note – our office will close at noon on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Eclipse. Thank you for your understanding.**

## **Fly Management Protocol For Your Farm:**

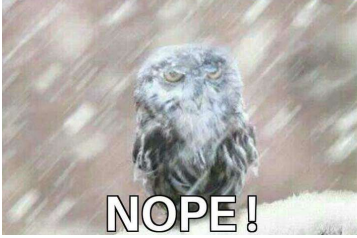
Attica Veterinary Associates, partnered with Kunafin, can help set your farm up to reduce the flies. Every week, or bi-weekly, a shipment of bags with fly parasites will arrive at your farm, expecting to start on, or around May 1st. We can ship weekly or bi-weekly. Once the parasite bags arrive at your farm, release that day in the morning or late afternoon. Lightly scatter around perimeter and by feed areas. Release along areas of fly breeding, fence edges, manure piles, crusted lagoon areas, bedded straw packs, around water troughs, calf facilities or calf hutches. Even distribution is the key. Call us to set up a program. Kunafin is the leading producer of fly parasites for fly management. They have earned a well-deserved reputation for straight forward representation of Biological Integrated Insect Control (BIIC) programs. No method of insect control is 100% but BIIC has proven to be cost-effective while still providing consistent, long term control of pest insects. Visit [www.kunafin.com](http://www.kunafin.com) to learn more. Call our office or email our front desk - [avacattltek@icloud.com](mailto:avacattltek@icloud.com) for more information or to get signed up to receive the shipments.



## **Spring vaccinations:**

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time again for spring vaccines and deworming. Remember, if it is the first time the animal has ever been vaccinated, they must receive a booster 2-4 weeks after the initial vaccination. Also, some animals may have an acute anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine components, so be sure to keep Epinephrine on hand just in case. If you have any questions or would like us to design specific protocols for your herds talk with your veterinarian. Everyone's busy these days, if vaccinating your herd just isn't something you have time to do, we would be happy to do it for you.

SPRING, IS THAT YOU?



NOPE!

## Winter or Spring? We are sure hoping spring is almost here!

This week sure feels like winter, but since it is officially spring, everyone will soon want to start shedding heavy winter clothes, but remember that our calves have to burn energy to maintain their body temperature of 101F any time the temperature around them is below 60F! Let's keep the calf coats on these girls for another month. And, remember to maintain our winter milk feeding rates – it is still getting below freezing at night time until mid-May.

## 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. Be sure to discuss with your veterinarian your best action plan to getting your herd vaccinated and protected. Don't wait until pinkeye has a foothold in your herd.

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