

# AVA Newsletter

November 2017



## Holiday Hours:

*Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23* – Closed for routine work, available for emergencies

*Christmas Monday, December 25* – Closed for routine work, available for emergencies

*New Year's Day Monday, January 1* – Closed for routine work, available for emergencies

## BioPryn Scheduling

*Thanksgiving Thursday* – normal schedule, samples must be at the clinic by 10am

*Christmas & New Year's* – We will be plating on Wednesday with Thursday results and as normal we will be plating on Thursday with Friday results. Charles will only be picking up samples on Wednesday.

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## **Calf Blanket Tips**

As temperatures fall below 55°F for an extended period of time, young calves have to burn extra energy to maintain their body core temperatures; blankets cut this energy loss. Here are three conditions for use:

1. The smaller the calf, the greater the potential for her to lose body heat. That's because her ratio of surface to body mass is much greater than for even a 100 pound heifer. These small calves may be the youngest ones or calves with especially low birth weights like small breeds or twins.
2. The greater the air movement around the calves, the greater potential benefits of calf blankets. Group pens often have lots of drafts.
3. The colder the weather, the greater the potential for benefits from using calf blankets. November to April are blanket months in western NY.

Blanket management tips include:

1. The drier and cleaner the blanket, the better it will insulate a calf.
2. Blankets are more effective when put on dry calves rather than wet ones. Aim for a "fluff-dry" hair coat to take maximum advantage of blankets.
3. Aim for bedding that keeps blankets relatively clean and dry.
4. Blankets are most cost-effective for short-term use. If you have a limited number of blankets, give priority in cold weather to blanketing smaller and younger calves. By the time most calves are eating 2 quarts of calf starter a day they benefit very little from blankets except in extraordinarily cold weather.

The average cost of a blanket is \$28-\$45. They are available in a variety of sizes and styles, with various fasteners, such as straps, ties, Velcro, and buckles, and in fabrics like wool, polyester blends, and insulating foams. We carry blankets that are machine washable to encourage easy to maintain, good hygiene, as well as regular washing and maintenance to ensure optimal function and reduced disease spread.

## **For Sale/Wanted:**

For sale:

- New Holland 357 Grinder/Mixer 120 bussel and auger extension. Asking \$3000. Please call Robert Koithan at 716-807-1965

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