



# **Attica Veterinary Associates November 2019**

## **Bio-PRYN Schedule over Thanksgiving**

Our lab will process all the samples that are at the vet clinic on Thursday morning Thanksgiving week. Please just be aware that our office is closed on Thursday, November 28th and that there are no mail deliveries that day.



Dr. Tom Earlywine (Land 'O Lakes) recommends starting calves at full feed with auto feeders. Research shows they come up on feed by themselves with no regulated "step-up" programming needed. And, with auto feeders, there is no wasted milk. Talk with your veterinarian about your auto computer calf feeding program.

## **Reproduction– Related Services at Attica Veterinary Associates.**

- **Using reproductive ultrasonography determine pregnancy, identify twins, and determine sex of fetus.**
- **Using physical palpation determine pregnancy and identify twins.**
- **Breeding soundness exams for breeding-age heifers.**
- **Fresh cow health and reproductive protocols including fresh cow monitoring, reproductive cycle management and vaccinations.**
- **Assessment and evaluation of reproductive organs in heifers/cows to set them up for breeding.**

## **Discounts! Did you know?**

You can receive a 15% discount on supplies by leaving a credit card on file for monthly billing or by having your monthly statement automatically deducted from your bank account. Please call Allison at the clinic for more information.

## Teat Dipping in Cold Weather

These 5 tips will help in managing teat health during cold weather condition.

1. **PLAN FOR IT.** Post-dipping is equally important in cold weather as in summer. Talk with your vet about your choices.
2. **MAINTAIN A LOG.** Know your teat end conditions during all seasons.
3. **REVIEW YOUR MILKING PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT SETTINGS.** Are all the steps in your milking procedures being followed for every cow at every milking? Are scheduled maintenance jobs up to date?
4. **EDUCATE YOUR MILKERS.** How will cold weather affect teat surfaces? Rough teat ends require more care to get clean.
5. **OPTIMIZE THE HOUSING ENVIRONMENT.** Make sure cows have plenty of clean, dry bedding. This might mean using more bedding and bedding more frequently. Check for drafts and provide wind blocks. Monitor wind speed and temperature in your barns. These cautions are especially important for fresh cows as these cows often have swelling and less blood flow in the udder.
6. **TALK WITH YOUR VET ABOUT COLD WEATHER MANAGEMENT.**

## Oral Electrolytes for Calves

- The most important ingredient in an electrolyte is water. We prefer feeding them in addition to the milk ration.
- Oral electrolytes are only helpful if the calf drinks them. Drinking may be related to timing related to milk feeding, solution temperature and palatability. Bottle feeding may be necessary for some calves.
- As soon as a calf's manure will not longer stay on top of her bedding she probably is losing more fluids than she is getting from her milk ration. Time to start electrolyte feeding!
- Stress is a common issue among our youngest calves. Oral electrolytes can assist them past stresses like extremely hot or cold weather conditions, rapid wide temperature swings, dehorning, housing changes.
- Dehydrated calves may need more than one oral electrolyte feeding a day. Consider a mid-day feeding. In the PM you might try feeding them first followed by oral electrolyte at the very end of the working day.
- Talk with your vet about oral electrolyte use.

## FOR SALE

For sale: at the vet clinic 90 used fluorescent bulbs 4', 8 used fluorescent bulbs 8' for \$1 each 585-591-2660.

For sale: New Idea 325 Corn Picker, 2-Row, 12 husking rollers, asking \$2,000 Call Robert Koithan at (716) 807-1965

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