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Newsletter – April 2022

For Sale:

- Registered Hereford bull. Service age, ready to go to work. (716) 860-0842
- 2nd cutting silage bales – Jason Kehl (585) 297-9155

Colostrum Alert

With warmer weather on it's way (hopefully), we get more favorable conditions for bacterial growth everywhere. During very cold weather freshly harvested colostrum can chill naturally often without our assistance. Once May arrives with warmer conditions we lose our natural chiller.

Goals for low bacteria count colostrum are:

- Feed fresh colostrum within one-half hour after harvesting.
- If not fed within one-half hour, chill colostrum to be stored to at least 60° within one-half hour.

When achieved, these goals will keep reasonably clean colostrum bacteria counts from going to "sick" or "dead" calf levels.

Tips for Chilling Colostrum

- Start with clean colostrum.
- Start chilling as soon as possible after harvesting. Some farms actually put clean plastic bottles of ice (milk or soft drink containers) into the milker bucket before milking a fresh cow. This procedure starts chilling as the colostrum is being harvested.
- When adding bottled ice to colostrum, add one quart of ice for every four quarts of colostrum. Also, remember to keep the outside of the bottles clean.
- When chilling colostrum in an ice water bath, divide the colostrum up into a number of small containers rather than just dropping a large (anything 3 gallons or over) bucket into the ice bath.
- Check colostrum after four days in the refrigerator. It should still smell good – no off odors. If it's spoiling by four days tune up your sanitation and chilling program. In the meantime, you may want to consider adding potassium sorbate solution (bacterial growth inhibitor) during hot weather to extend colostrum shelf life. It takes 10 ml to treat one 2 quart bottle. We stock this in both pint and gallon containers.

2022 4-H Fair Days

Before calling to schedule – please read through this carefully to be sure you can adhere to our guidelines.

<u>Fair Days</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Pricing</u>
Thursday, May 26 th	Genesee (& preview shows)	4-H Member Health Certificate \$60 (per species / per certificate)
Wednesday, June 15 th	Genesee, Wyoming, Erie	Non-4-H Member Health Certificate \$75 <u>Plus \$5 per Rabies vaccine</u>
Wednesday, July 13 th	Wyoming & Erie	<u>\$3 per Shipping Fever vaccine</u> Each BVD Test \$10 BVD Lab Accession Fee \$5 (per group of samples) Each Additional Location \$15

THIS IS ONLY FOR 4-H KIDS!!!

You must reside or show in the counties listed above – if you are out of this area additional charges apply, call our office for more information.

- Prices valid ONLY on Fair Day, other days are subject to regular fees
- Animals that are not caught or ready, as well as paperwork not in order will be subject to regular fees
- Papers **WILL NOT** be issued unless **FULL** payment is received at the time of service
- There are a limited number of slots that will be filled on a “first come first serve” basis.
- When scheduling, please **give a phone number where you can be reached on Fair Day and the address of where the animals are located.**
- **Animals MUST be TIED UP and identified and all paperwork in order.**
- **Someone that can handle the animals MUST be present.** Animals or paperwork not organized will be subject to regular fees.
- **We cannot stress this enough – DO NOT CALL OUR OFFICE on the actual fair day to see when we will be there; we will call throughout the day with an estimate of our arrival time. Do not schedule if you are unable to be present when we come.**
- **NO ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE DONE ON FAIR DAY – ONLY DIRECTLY PERTAINING TO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR FAIR PAPERS.**
- The certificate is valid for all additional fairs during the 2022 fair season in NYS
- Please note if your tag (or even part of your tag) falls out or gets damaged you need to contact us ASAP!

Identification REQUIREMENTS FOR 2022 FAIR:

All cattle and pigs **MUST** have USDA approved official ear tags:

- **15 digit tags starting with ONLY 840 (ex. 840 123 456 789 012) – This is the preferred tag – YOU MUST GET YOUR OWN TAGS AND HAVE YOUR ANIMAL TAGGED WHEN WE COME.**

Sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie tag or official registration tattoo

- TATTOO MUST BE LEGIBLE AND MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL, NO INK STILL ON IT!
- There are new Scrapie tag forms available – e-mail atticavettech@yahoo.com for one or check with NYS Ag & Markets.