

Topic of the Month

Vaccination

Fall has arrived and it's time to think about some important things like harvesting, deer hunting, the presidential election and vaccination.

Ok, vaccination might not be as exciting or interesting as the others, but it may be more important than even harvesting, deer hunting or the election. Every year in late fall and early winter when the weather changes often, cows become susceptible to pneumonia. It's not the weather that causes it but the viruses and bacteria are better able to cause infection when the air is humid and the animals are stressed.

You can't control the weather, but you can prevent outbreaks. It's as simple as providing adequate ventilation for the cattle and vaccinating with the appropriate vaccine for your herd. If you're on a regular vaccination program at herd check, you're already covered. If you're on an annual or semiannual vaccination program, make sure to call us to order the vaccine, or simply order it from our website soon. If you're not on any vaccine program at all, by all means, please call us to get started. A small investment in vaccines this fall can literally save thousands of dollars in medicine, lost milk and dead animals.

Commodity Futures

Corn(Sept) as of Sept 30	\$3.01
Soybeans(Nov) as of Sept 30	\$9.54
Soybean meal(Oct) as Sept 30	\$297.90
Cheese (Sept) as of Sept 30	\$1.75
Class III(Sept) as of Sept 30	\$16.39
Class III(Oct) as of Sept 30	\$15.21
Class III(Nov) as of Sept 30	\$15.63

Practice News

- Congratulations to Justin and Ashley Kaufman on the birth of their daughter, Avery Faith, on September 7, 2016!

In The News

U.S. Milk Quality Using Bulk-Tank Somatic Cell Counts, 2015

According to USDA's study of bulk tank somatic cell counts for four of ten Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMO), average bulk tank somatic cell counts (BTSCC) have plateaued since 2012 at approximately 194,000. 99.8% of milk shipped, 99.4% of shipments and 96.6% of shippers were less than 750,000 BTSCC. Between 80 % and 90% of milk from the FMO were under 400,000 BTSCC.

Veterinary Feed Directive

We have attached an FDA flier outlining producer requirements for the VFD which goes into effect January 1, 2017. Please read the flier and discuss particular issues of concern with your herd veterinarian.

Upcoming Events

. Stretching Your Dairy Dollar is a Penn State Dairy Extension meeting scheduled for November 17th at Hoss's Somerset 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Topics will include facilities, reproductive management and milk quality. Especially when milk prices are down, it is important to make the most of every dollar on the farm. This workshop will provide producers with strategies that can be used on their farms to increase production and efficiency while minimizing associated costs. Contact phone number is [814-865-1362](tel:814-865-1362) please register by November 14th. Online registry is: <https://www.cvent.com/events/stretching-your-dairy-dollar/registration-c1c94c2ce519412682af4a76d0adc2a2.aspx>