

Topic of the Month

Use of Banamine and Other Drugs

In February Dr Santini of the PA Dept of Agriculture presented information about drug residues and the need for records and animal identification. Dairy animals going to slaughter account for the majority of violations. During a recent reporting period, Ceftiofur (Naxcel, Excede, and Excenel), Penicillin, Flunixin (Banamine), and Sulfadimethoxine (Albon), accounted for 86% of the total violative residues. In addition to contributing to the residues, Banamine given intramuscularly, causes obvious tissue damage at the site of injection, drawing attention of inspectors to the carcass for further scrutiny. It also causes pain and massive swelling at the site of injection affecting locomotion.

After the meeting Dr Santini stated that she has not had to follow-up on any residues where Banamine was given IV, but all were the result of IM or SC (subcutaneous) injection. When using any drugs, particular these four drugs, it is important to follow label directions for withdrawal. In the case of Banamine, it is important that the drug be given IV.

Commodity Futures

Source: CME

Corn(May) as of Mar 31	\$3.94
Soybeans(May) as of Mar 31	\$9.68
Soybean meal(May) as of Mar 31	\$323.20
Cheese (Mar) as of Mar 31	\$1.57
Class III(Mar) as of Feb Mar 31	\$15.52
Class III(Apr)as of Mar 31	\$15.58
Class III(May) as of Mar 31	\$15.77

Practice News

In conjunction with Dr Santini's presentation in February, White Oak will be making treatment forms available to clients to record treatments, aid on meeting proper withdrawal recommendations and as an aid in documentation of treatment times in case a producer is accused of sending a treated animal to slaughter. Metal USDA ear tags are also available to identify all animals. Though not a requirement, PA Department of Agriculture recommends all animals (including bull calves) be ear tagged. In addition White Oak will assist any client who desires to develop treatment protocols to stay in compliance and improve treatment outcomes.

Recover is back. We will have back in stock by the week of April 6th.

In The News

World milk production is starting to drop but with Chinese demand much softer than it was a year ago, larger cutbacks in output will be need to balance global dairy markets.

“At the start of 2015, dairy farmers around the world started getting the signal to slow milk production, and many of them put the brakes on output,” says Sara Dorland, analyst with the *Daily Dairy Report* and managing partner at Ceres Dairy Risk Management, Seattle. “Combined milk production in January in Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, the United States, Brazil and the EU-28 countries that have reported output was nearly unchanged compared to last year, with a slight decline of 0.07 percent.”

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Upcoming Events

Mercer County Sale, Mercer, PA April 10th

Delaware Valley Green & Gold Sale,
Doylestown, PA April 11th