

Topic of the Month

Treatment Protocols

As public perception of antibiotic and other medicines used in food animals continues to shape public policy, recognize that regulations that affect you will continue to increase. One of these regulations that we have to be concerned about today is the extra label use of drugs in food producing animals.

While dairy cows make up a small fraction of the cattle killed for beef, they make up the majority of violative residues found. As a result, beef from cull dairy cows is under the microscope. There are some things you need to do to protect yourself.

First, keep treatment records. Every cow that gets treated with medicine should be recorded on paper or in dairy software. This is not just for large dairies; it is for all dairies. Keeping records is considered a minimum standard by the FDA.

Have treatment protocols. If you are using any medicine at all, you are using something off label. Off label usage requires a written prescription for each use, unless you have written protocols. We will be distributing written protocols to all clients this month at herd checks. They can be customized to suit your preferences. Ask us about this at your next visit.

Commodity Futures

Source: CME

Corn(Jan) as of Dec 31	\$3.59
Soybeans (Jan) as of Dec 31	\$8.72
Soybean meal (Jan) as of Dec 31	\$264.30
Cheese (Jan) as of Dec 31	\$1.51
Class III (Jan) as of Dec 31	\$13.56
Class III (Feb) as of Dec 31	\$13.75
Class III (Mar) as of Dec 31	\$14.18

Practice News

• Online Pharmacy!

We are proud to announce the launch of our new online pharmacy. Go to www.whiteoakvetclinic.com for more information. You can realize substantial savings on your medicines, vaccines and supplies by ordering online.

In The News

European milk production up, pressuring global prices

By Anna-Lisa Laca, AgWeb.com

It doesn't seem like it was too long ago when [quota was lifted](#) from Europe's dairy industry. That was eight months ago, and today European milk production continues to climb.

October production was 8.1% higher than the region's three-year average. Nick Buyse of FCStone says the increase in EU milk production post quota will keep global dairy prices from rallying. In addition, he says decline in production by the U.S. or New Zealand is cancelled out by increased production in Europe because all of the excess milk in that region must be exported.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 8-16. PA Farm Show, Harrisburg, PA
- Mar. 8. Producer meeting at Sipesville Fire Hall with Renaissance Nutrition featuring talks by Dr. Paul Fricke and Dr. David Welch. Save the Date!