



Topic of the Month

Imrestor

A new product called Imrestor (pegbovigrastim injection) has been approved for use in dairy cattle, and according to Elanco, should be available shortly. This product is classified as an immunostimulant and is labeled for reduction in the incidence of clinical mastitis in the first 30 days in milk. The product is designed to function in three ways. First, it increases the number and function of neutrophils at freshening, when the cow's immune system is at its weakest. Second, studies have shown that it reduced the incidence of clinical mastitis. Third, as a result of the first two functions, it helps to protect a cow's potential by preventing that case of mastitis, allowing a cow to peak normally instead of reducing milk production and leaving her more vulnerable to future cases of mastitis. Imrestor is given as two injections within a week of freshening and has no milk or meat withhold.

Practice News

A new product, Lutalyse HighCon is now available through White Oak Veterinary Clinic. This product is 2.5 times the concentration, thus providing the same active ingredient in 2 ml as was previously delivered with the 5 ml dose of Lutalyse.

Animal Rights Group Protests Sanders

Zach Groff of the grassroots group Direct Action Everywhere told ABC News that they have been targeting Sanders because of his message about caring for the most vulnerable.

"His campaign has promoted itself based on this idea of progressivism and rejecting discrimination and inequality," Groff said, "but when it comes to the animals in the United States and around the world, discrimination and violence is the name of the game every single day."

"He claims to be a progressive, but you cannot be a progressive if you oppose animal rights," he said.

In a statement, another one of the Berkely-based group's organizers, Aidan Cook, said that "Sanders claims to oppose 'factory farming,' but what he hides is that virtually all farms in the United States, including farms he supports, are essentially factory farms."

"What we've learned in the case of human oppression applies to animals too: when we see someone as an object, all sorts of horrors, notably factory farming, are not just possible but inevitable," Cook said.

The group is seeking an endorsement of full "personhood" for all animals and has previously disrupted Sanders' events.

Note: This is not an endorsement of Sanders for president but is meant to demonstrate how radical and serious the animal rights crowd is when a candidate we all would label as liberal on most issues, is attacked for being too weak on animal rights.

Upcoming Events

Somerset County 4-H Dairy Roundup and County Holstein Show July 6-7 Meyersdale Fairgrounds

Commodity Futures

Soybeans(July) as of May 31	\$10.78
Soybean meal(July) as of May 31	\$396.60
Cheese (May) as of May 31	\$1.41
Class III(May) as of May 31	\$12.80
Class III(June) as of May 31	\$12.79
Class III(July) as of May 31	\$12.98