

Topic of the Month

Wild Cherry Poisoning and Other Culprits

In the majority of cases, livestock will not graze on poisonous plants if alternative feedstuffs are available and if they are not hungry. In the late summer and fall we need to pay special attention to poisonous plants and make sure conventional forages are available at all times. As pastures become eaten off, cattle will eat almost anything. One of the worst plants is wild cherry. In the fresh state, the leaves are not toxic. After they begin to wilt, they are a source of hydrocyanic acid, which may cause death within an hour if enough is consumed. Poisoning from wild cheery is common after a storm takes down tree limbs. Other common poisonous plants include mountain laurel, poison hemlock, Indian tobacco, white snakeroot, buttercup species, milkweeds, bracken fern, jimsonweed, and corn cockle. Be diligent to look for these plants, and always offer forages if pastures are heavily grazed.

Commodity Futures

Source: CME

Corn(Sept) as of Aug 31	\$3.64
Soybeans(Sept) as of Aug 31	\$8.97
Soybean meal(Sept) as of Aug 31	\$320.90
Cheese (Aug) as of Aug 31	\$1.74
Class III(Aug) as of Aug 31	\$16.30
Class III(Sept) as of Aug 31	\$16.21
Class III(Oct) as of Aug 31	\$16.50

Practice News

Distinguished Veterinary Service Award

On August 13 Bill Croushore, DVM was presented the 2015 Distinguished Veterinary Service Award by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association for distinguished service to the veterinary profession over a period of years in recognition of his many contributions to the advancement of veterinary medicine through his outstanding committed service to PVMA, as a member of the Board of Trustees and Scientific Program Committee, his passionate work in the field of embryo transfer, and his dedicated efforts to educate the public.

AABP Embryo Transfer Seminar

Bill Croushore was one of the instructors of the AABP Embryo Transfer Seminar held August 17-19 at Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine Blacksburg, Virginia. This seminar is presented to teach inexperienced practitioners to performs embryo transfer services.

In The News

Benefits of Raw Milk??

John Lucey, a professor of food science at the University of Wisconsin and director of the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research reviewed more than 50 studies and the websites of raw milk proponents who claim health benefits. His conclusion: No evidence of any additional nutritional benefits. More worrisome: There is a huge downside to consuming unpasteurized milk. Between 1993 and 2006, there were 121 food borne disease outbreaks where the pasteurization status of the produce was known. Sixty percent of these involved raw milk products involving 1,571 reported cases, 202 hospitalizations and two deaths. Three fourths of these outbreaks occurred in states that permitted the sale of raw milk, says Lucey.---Dairy Today

Upcoming Events

- .September 11-17. All-American Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA