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Dairy Newsletter
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JANUARY KETOSIS/FATTY LIVER SYNDROME

January's cold weather increases the energy requirements of close up dry cows that are housed in cold barns. Our current dry cow diets are controlled energy rations to prevent the dry cows from becoming over-conditioned (too fat). These rations have worked very well. However, in extremely cold weather where dry cows are exposed to outside conditions, our close up cows can start losing condition before calving. This leads to ketosis at freshening and fatty liver syndrome if cows lose condition over a two week period of time before calving.

If your herd is experiencing this, discuss with your feed advisor changes that can reduce this from being a problem.

INTRODUCING GLYCOL BY PARTNER

The new propylene glycol we have available at the clinic is a more concentrated glycol product. When using it, give 300ml orally per day. Because it is a more concentrated product, you will notice it costs more. However, because less is required per treatment, the cost per cow treatment is 15% less. We are interested in your feedback on how this product works for you.

CRANBROOK DAIRY FARMS OPEN HOUSE

Cranbrook Dairy in Brussels is having an open barn on Friday February 27th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. They have recently modified their old parlour into a new calf facility with automated calf feeding. As well they are milking 287 cows in six Delaval Robotic milking units. The cows are housed in sand freestalls. They welcome you to visit their operation at 84610 McNabb Line, Brussels.