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Dairy Newsletter August 1, 2018

We will be down 1 cow vet for a while...

As some of you might know by now, Dr. Knill sustained injuries recently that will prevent him from working for the next while. He had a fall from a ladder at home and suffered a broken leg (below the knee) that required surgery along with a broken vertebra in his back that DID NOT require surgery. He will need many weeks to heal and fully recover. We will know more in a month or so when to expect Rick back to looking after your cows. In the meantime, rest assured Rachel and I will be looking after all the herd health work. We will do our best to maintain your regular herd visit day/time. To help minimize interruptions during your herd health visit, we will be asking the Milverton-Wellesley clinic (who share after hours on call work with us) to help us sometimes, when emergencies arise. Some of you may have already met one of these vets for an after-hours emergency as we have been sharing the after hours on call duties with them since January.

MVS 167 is back!

We are happy to report the ingredients for our MVS 167 product have returned to our shelves! We now have a good supply of the 250ml and 500ml sized bottles in stock.

Don't forget the Transition Cows.

A reminder to think about the cows due to calve in the next few weeks. Where are they? How clean and dry are they? Do they have fresh feed to eat every day? Do they have 2 sources of water if they are in a group pen? Do they have access to air flow at 200 ft/min.? Every client who has changed something to give transition cows more space, more fresh air, more fresh feed or more bedding, etc. has noticed improvements in overall health and productivity of his/her fresh cows. Remember, a cow giving 30L of milk/day has the same energy output as a human running a marathon (26 miles/42 km). You owe it to your "marathon runners" to provide a healthy transition period!

We enjoy helping people. Please ask Rachel or me questions you have about this at your next herd visit.

Quote of the day

"The other night I ate at a real nice family restaurant. Every table had an argument going."

George Carlin

See you soon,

Phil Meadows DVM