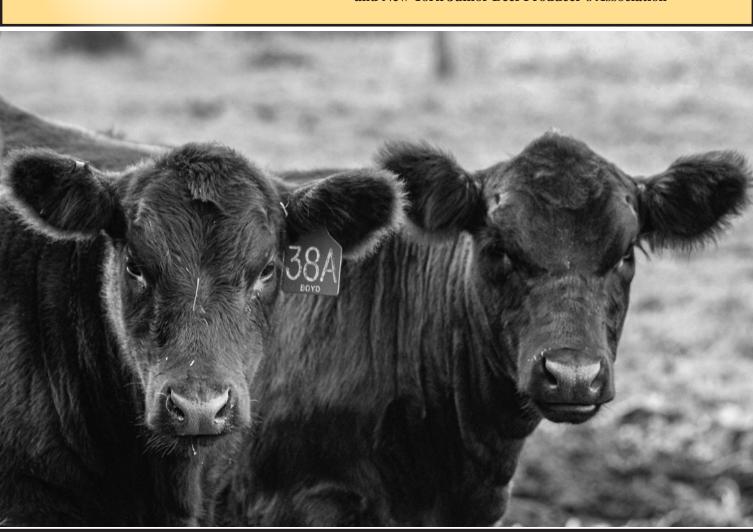




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We are in a very trying times right now, we are also in the best time of year. Hope is on the horizon new babies being born all across our farms the grass is turning green and we are ready to get to the fields to do our annual planting.

Breeding decisions are on top of the list of things to do, so we can create the next great calf crop, no matter what breed we all have we strive to improve every year, we all have our own ideas of how to best move forward with our cattle and that is what makes US as a group great.

I would suggest we all pay attention to the different government programs going on now as I truly believe that we have a bright future in agriculture and we need to press forward. With all the different shortages I think folks will realize how important you are, The American Farmer.

Please keep your head up and stay in touch with family and friends with the technology we have today it is almost like being in the room, with the exception of the hugs something I miss the most.

God Bless Phil

NYBPA 2019-2020 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

The new NYBPA 2019-2020 Directory is out and more copies are alavailble, contact nybeefproducers@aol.com. If you did not receive one please contact Brenda Bippert.

Below are corrections:

Page 65- Tim Helfter - not Jim

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NYBPA Herd Builder Sale

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Diarrhea Can Be Deadly For Calves

Sources : Gerald Stokka, Karl Hoppe, Janna Block

The majority of scours, or diarrhea, cases occur when calves are 3 to 16 days old. Untreated calves essentially die of shock from a loss of fluids and electrolyte imbalances.

"Calf scours is most often associated with infectious, environmental and nutritional stresses," says NDSU Extension veterinarian Gerald Stokka.

A number of infections can cause viral and bacterial calf scours. Viral infections associated with calf diarrhea include rotavirus and coronavirus.

Rotavirus causes the calves' intestinal tract to secrete fluid into the intestinal tract, resulting in severe dehydration and electrolyte imbalances. The coronavirus destroys the cells lining the intestinal tract and causes malabsorption, resulting in severe diarrhea and lack of nutrient absorption.

Neither of these viruses is associated with infections in people. E. coli and salmonella species are bacterial pathogens associated with calf diarrhea and can be associated with infections in people.

A different infectious organism called cryptosporidium is a protozoan parasite that causes scours. Cryptosporidia usually are found in conjunction with other scours-causing bacteria or viruses and may cause infections in people as well.

"Unfortunately, this organism presents management problems as there is no vaccine or licensed therapeutic agent available," Stokka says.

Conditions Leading to Scours

"Inadequate nutrition for the pregnant dam, particularly during the last third of gestation, as well as the calf's exposure to poor environmental conditions, insufficient attention to the newborn calf or a combination of these often result in scours outbreaks," says Karl Hoppe, Extension livestock systems specialist based at NDSU's Carrington Research Extension Center.

Not meeting the pregnant dam's energy and protein requirements will decrease the quality and quantity of the cow's colostrum. Colostrum is a form of milk that mammals produce in late pregnancy. It contains energy, protein, fat and vitamins, plus antibodies to protect newborns against disease until their own immune system is totally functional. Deficiencies in vitamins A and E, and trace minerals have been associated with greater incidence of calf scours.

"Inadequate environment conditions, such as mud, overcrowding, contaminated lots, calving heifers and cows together, wintering and calving in the same area, storms, heavy snow, cold temperatures and rainfall are all stressful to the newborn calf and increase its exposure to infectious agents," says Janna Block, Extension livestock systems specialist based at NDSU's Hettinger Research Extension Center.

"Attention to the newborn calf is essential, particularly during difficult births or adverse weather conditions," Stokka advises. "The calf is born without most antibodies, including those that fight the infectious agents that cause scours. The calf will acquire these antibodies only from colostrum. Because of this, any effort to prevent scours by vaccinating cows is wasted unless the calf actually receives colostrum, preferably before it is 2 to 6 hours old.

"As the calf grows older, it rapidly loses its ability to absorb colostral antibodies," he adds. "Colostrum given to calves that are more than 24 to 36 hours old will be less than ideal as antibodies are seldom absorbed this late in life."

Under range conditions, a calf adapts a pattern of nursing that fills its needs. Calf scours can be the result of anything that disrupts this normal habit, such as a storm, strong wind or the dam going off in search of new grass.

When the calf eventually nurses, it is overly hungry and the cow has more milk than normal. This inconsistent nursing may lead to a condition known as enterotoxemia. The organism most often involved with this is clostridium perfringens, which has several types.

The disease has a sudden onset. Affected calves become listless and strain or kick at their abdomen. Bloody diarrhea may or may not occur. In some cases, calves may die without any signs being observed.

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Beef Checkoff Efforts: During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the entire world, altering the daily lives and shopping habits of Americans, creating plant closures and unknown long-term effects on the cattle market. The New York Beef Council was forced to pivot time and resources away from the scheduled in-person education efforts of social influencers, registered dietitians, school fitness administrators, and culinary students and instead focused efforts on connecting with consumers directly through social media outreach. Concerned and confused consumers purchasing beef in bulk turned to online platforms looking for food safety and storage guidance, recipe inspiration, and cooking tips for less familiar cuts. NYBC and Beef It's What's For Dinner continues to work diligently sharing beef's story and value from the farm to the dinner plate, assuring consumers that beef is a nutritious, safe, and high-quality protein deserving to be at the center of their family's plate.



May is Beef Month: A Tribute to Beef Farm Moms

May is a time to celebrate and recognize all that is encompassed in the New York beef industry. During this month we stop to appreciate the long hours and hard work that goes into calving, feeding, processing, and marketing the animals we raise and the people behind our industry's success. We draw attention to the important nutritional value of beef and the positive economic impact our industry brings to the communities in which we farm. Throughout the month of May NYBC will be releasing a series of "Rancher Recipe" videos highlighting farm moms from across the state. The videos will be shared across NYBC's social media platforms. Full videos and recipes can be found on the New York Beef Council YouTube page. Don't forget to share your farm story in celebration of May Beef Month!

Kicking Off Grilling Season: Beef on the Menu & in the Retail Case

Grilling season has arrived and NYBC is partnering with restaurants and retailers to promote beef. During the months of May and June NYBC provides the opportunity for restaurants and their patrons to celebrate their favorite beef burgers and steaks through the Best NY Burger Contest and Best NY Steak Contest hosted annually by voting online and an in-person restaurant cook-off. These contests provide an opportunity to award delicious and creative beef dishes. This grilling season NYBC is also partnering with Price Chopper Supermarkets to highlight beef grilling recipes and encourage shoppers to utilize Chuck Knows Beef, the only all-knowing beef expert powered by Google Artificial Intelligence and developed by the Beef Checkoff. Learn more at chuckknowsbeef.com.

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April 6, 2020

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We realize we are in challenging times in this country. Yet we also understand the importance of assisting our customers with their genetic investments. Therefore, the 2020 Trowbridge Farms Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale will have a new format but will still take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020. This year every bull selling will have video footage available online and available for you to view beginning the week prior to the sale. The sale will be hosted online for you to bid at DVAuction.com. We would invite you to reach out to any of use to discuss the bulls that we are selling and to look at the video footage online and then study the pedigree information that will be available in the catalog to make the best possible selection for your breeding program. Yes, there will still be a sale catalog available for your viewing. A PDF of the catalog will be available to be emailed to you upon request. It will also be online at www.TrowbridgeFarms.com as well as www.RanceLong.com and if you would like to have a hard copy of the catalog, we simply ask that you drop us an email or a phone call to request a hard copy. We are excited about this marketing option and believe it is the safest most secure way of conducting business at this time and believe our customers who have placed a great deal of confidence in us through the years will once again find that the Trowbridge family is here for you.

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Sincerely, Phil Trowbridge (518) 369-6584

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Disinfection on the Farm

By Dr. Melanie Hemenway

Pathogenic "bugs" can be introduced into an animal housing facility through a variety of ways. Disinfection protocols, when implemented correctly, can be a cost-effective means of reducing pathogenic "bugs" and are an important step in any biological risk management program. Prevention of disease is typically easier and more cost-effective than addressing an outbreak situation. Therefore, development and implementation of a step-by-step disinfection protocol for the control and prevention of infectious disease has become essential for farms.

Disinfection protocols may vary depending on the need of the farm. No single disinfectant is adequate for all situations. Disinfection protocols used on a daily basis will differ from those needed to control an infectious disease outbreak. However, both have one component in common; **thorough cleaning and washing prior to the application of any disinfectant is essential**.

Disinfecting agents are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as "antimicrobial pesticides" and are substances used to control, prevent, or destroy harmful "bugs" (i.e., bacteria, viruses, or fungi) on inanimate objects and surfaces. Chemical disinfectants can have various effects against microorganisms. Disinfectants, antiseptics and antibiotics may be "cidal" which kill "bugs" or "static" which prevents "bugs" from multiplying. Sanitizers do not destroy or eliminate **all** bugs but reduce the number of microbial contamination to a safe level. Detergents serve to disperse and remove soil and organic material from surfaces allowing a disinfectant to reach and destroy "bugs" within or beneath the dirt.

Before selecting a disinfectant to use, there are several factors that must be considered. For an effective disinfection protocol, consideration should be given to the "bugs" being targeted, the characteristics of a specific disinfectant, and environmental issues. Additionally, the health and safety of personnel and animals are always an important consideration.

The reduction of bacteria in the immediate surroundings must reduce the opportunity for bacteria to gain access to the animal and cause diseases. Remove all bedding and equipment before cleaning. The nature of the surfaces will influence the efficacy of the disinfection. Rough, porous surfaces are harder to disinfect than smooth surfaces. Porous surfaces are also harder to clean than smooth surfaces. Porous surfaces will therefore have heavier soil loads after cleaning, which further increases the difficulty of disinfection. It is estimated that cleaning alone may remove over 90% of bacteria from surfaces. "Dry" cleaning is the first step which involves brushing, scraping, sweeping and removing all bedding, feces, feed, dust and debris from the area. If the area is dusty, moisten the area to control dust and minimize aerosolization. The goal is to remove as much organic matter as possible as it can harbor "bugs" and protect them from the action of the disinfectant.

Washing with detergent and water further reduces the number of "bugs". **This is the most crucial step in the disinfection process** and will most likely eliminate the majority of remaining "bugs". Efficient cleaning can remove up to 99% of bacteria present. Caution should be taken if high pressure spraying is used as this can aerosolize "bugs". Proceed from the cleanest areas to the dirtiest and from the highest level (ceiling) to the lowest (floor). Pay particular attention to troughs, drinkers, corners and floor drains. These areas can serve as reservoirs for pathogens and should be cleaned and disinfected last. Scrubbing, brushing and scraping of surfaces can help reduce biofilm. After washing the area, thoroughly rinse at low pressure to remove any residue. Areas should be allowed to dry before application of the selected disinfectant to reduce potential dilution of the disinfectant upon application.

Always read the entire product label and follow dilution instructions and contact time to ensure the safest, most effective use.

Bacteria are everywhere: in soil, in water, on animals and on humans. The purpose of disinfection is to decrease infection pressure and thus decrease disease prevalence. Choosing the disinfectant adapted to each specific situation leads to effective prevention and a profitable farm.

COMMON DISINFECTANTS

Chemical compound	Gram + Bacteria	Gran - Bacteria	TB-like Bacteria	Fungi	Virus	Best pH range for activity	Activity when organic matter present	Common uses **
Chlorhexidene	SA*	SA	SA	SA	Most	Wide range	Good	E/P/F
Formaldehyde and aldehydes	++	++	++	++	++	Wide range	Good	E/P/F
Chlorine Chloramines (Bleach)	++	++	SA	++	SA	Acid	Very poor	CS/E
lodophors (lodine Complexes)	++	++	SA	++	SA	Acid	Fair to poor	CS/E
Sodium hydroxide (Lye)	++	++	SA	++	++	Alkaline	Good	Р
Quaternary ammoniums	++	+	No	SA	SA	Alkaline	Fair	CS/E
Phenols (One Stroke Environ®, TekTrol®, Pheno-Tek II®, PineSol)	++	++	+	SA	SA	Acid	+Good	E/P/F

* SA-some activity

**E-equipment; P-premises; F-footbaths; CS-clean surfaces

(Adapted from Purdue University Extension Bulletin PIH80)

Chlorine compounds have low toxicity, low cost and are easy to use. They do lose potency over time and are not active at temperatures above110F or at high pHs(>9). Since these compounds lose activity quickly in the presence of organic debris, sunlight and some metals, they must be applied to thoroughly cleaned surfaces for disinfection. Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCI) found in household bleach is one of the most widely used chlorine containing disinfectants. Below is a table for dilution of bleach for disinfection.

BLEACH DILUTIONS [Commercial chlorine bleach contains 5.25% sodium hypochlorite in aqueous solution and 50,000 ppm available chlorine].

Sodium hypochlorite %	Bleach Solution Ratio	Bleach Dilution	ppm (available chlorine)	Comments **Always use on cleaned surfaces.
0.025%	1:200	1.5 Tbsp (0.6 oz) bleach to 1 gallon water	250 ppm	Common household use
0.1%	1:50	1/8 C (1 oz.) bleach to 1 gallon water	1000 ppm	Commonly used
0.16%	1:32	1/2 cup (4 oz.) bleach to 1 gallon water	1562.5 ppm	Commonly used
0.5%	1:10	1.5 cups (12 oz.) bleach to 1 gallon water	5000 ppm	This is a very strong solution and should be used on a limited basis.

Here are some good resources: From Dr. Melanie Hemenway on the Covid-19

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home

http://stlawrence.cce.cornell.edu/agriculture/covid-19-beyond-resources-in-the-ag-food-system https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc. gov%2Fcoronavirus%2Findex.html

From Brenda Bippert, NYBPA Executive Secretary

We as the NYBPA are not facing this with a blind eye. Many Farm related Industry's are posting Covid-19 information. NCBA- https://www.ncba.org/coronavirus.aspx, NY Farm Bureau, etc.

One thing to think about is... Not one of us have ever lived or experienced this pandemic before so none of us know really what to expect. We all will know when it is all over, but for now, Be Safe, Stay Healthy and keep marching forward as best you can.



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State Beef Councils Win Major Legal Victory

Courtesy of ncba.org

DENVER, CO (March 27, 2020) -

The Beef Checkoff program and fifteen grassroots-led state beef councils won a major court victory today when the United States District Court of Montana ruled in favor of USDA and the Montana Beef Council in the matter of R-CALF vs. Sonny Perdue and USDA.

NCBA praised the court's decision, which ends a legal battle that has spanned more than three years and interrupted beef promotion functions in Montana. The case had threatened local input and promotion efforts at the state level across the country.

"The foundation of the Beef Checkoff has always been state beef councils that collect checkoff funds and determine how those investments are used for research, marketing and promotion efforts in individual states. Those efforts are directed by the same cattlemen and cattlewomen who pay the checkoff, so this victory goes a long way toward ensuring they continue to direct those investments," said NCBA CEO Colin Woodall.

Woodall emphasized that NCBA will continue to stand with state beef councils whose work is crucial to maintaining beef demand throughout the nation.

Junior President Message

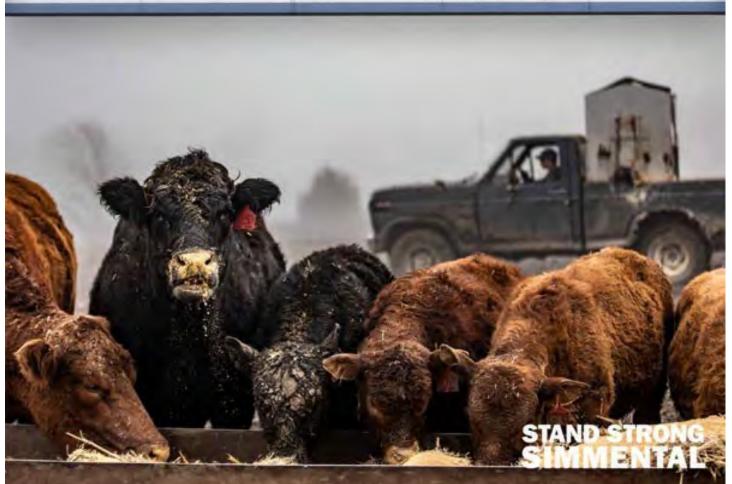
Hello all,

I hope that everyone is staying healthy!

As we are trying to work out the details of rescheduling the Spring Preview show I would like you all to know that we are working hard to try to get this event up and running again. If there is any questions feel free to contact us!

Cole Carlson

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May 2 - Stars & Stripes Sale will be an On-Line Sale – cattle available for viewsing STAND STRONG SIMMENTAL BREEDERS

Treating Scours

"The key to successful treatment is identifying and successfully treating a dehydrated animal early," Stokka says.

Calves that have lost significant amounts of fluid will have skin that "tents" (stays up for more than 3 seconds when you pull it away from the body), a dry mouth, cold ears and sunken eyeballs. They often have low blood sugar, low body temperature and low urine output, and decreased blood electrolyte (sodium, potassium, bicarbonate, chloride) levels that adversely affect organ function, particularly the heart. They are visibly depressed.

The critical first step in treating cases of calf scours is correcting dehydration and electrolyte loss. Antibiotics can be administered if your veterinarian deems it to be appropriate.

Stokka recommends using a nipple bottle to replace the calf's fluids if scours is detected early, when the calf still is standing and relatively bright.

"In these situations, it is best to leave the calf on milk and add several 2-quart electrolyte feedings a day to replace the fluid that is being lost through diarrhea," he says.

Calves that are down but alert probably need to have fluids administered with a stomach tube. They will need 2 quarts of a high-energy electrolyte solution containing glucose several times a day.

Producers may need to provide a heat source as well. Calves that are comatose or lying down must be administered fluids intravenously. Producers need to be thorough when replacing fluids in a scouring animal, according to Stokka.

"First of all, the amount of fluid lost must be replaced," he says. "It is a common mistake to give the animal too little fluids. A 100-pound calf that is 10% dehydrated will need about 10 liters of fluid a day just to replace fluid loss."

Diagnosing Scours

• Consult your veterinarian about collecting appropriate samples.

- Send samples to a laboratory as early as possible.
- If your veterinarian is not available, collect a fresh fecal sample from an untreated calf. Place this sample in a sterile plastic container and submit it to the lab chilled for analysis.
- If you have a dead animal, submit it to the lab within 24 hours of death.

Prevention Strategies

- Maximize the calves' ingestion of colostrum immediately after birth. When necessary, use colostrum from cows in the same herd or co-lostrum replacement products.
- Maintain the cows' proper nutrition and body condition.
- Minimize the dose of an infectious agent to which the calf is exposed through sanitation.
- Minimize the density of susceptible calves. Spread them out if possible.
- Keep calving premises clean and dry.
- Isolate sick animals. Quarantine them and don't comingle them with uninfected calves.
- Do not bring in 1- to 5-day-old calves from neighbors or that were purchased at an auction market.
- Sanitize equipment.
- Avoid traveling to operations experiencing calf diarrhea problems.

"Also remember that many infectious agents that cause calf scours can cause disease in people as well," Stokka says. "Wear gloves and wash your hands. When working with sick animals, treat them last, and wear dedicated coveralls and boots that can be washed.

"Individuals with any disorder of the immune system and pregnant women should not work with sick calves in any way as they are more susceptible to zoonotic disease," he notes.



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AgCenter Experts Urge Cattle Health Programs

FARMERVILLE, La. — While most of the nation is sheltering in place to reduce the spread of the CO-VID-19 outbreak, farmers and ranchers are working in the fields and pastures to keep the food supply chain going.

As with human health, prevention is the key to maintaining the health of livestock. March and April signal spring vaccinations for cattle producers aiming to stay on top of their beef herd health programs. "A herd health program for any phase of the cattle business should focus on preventing rather than treating diseases," said LSU AgCenter regional livestock specialist Jason Holmes. All herd health programs should be developed with the advice of a veterinarian, he said.

Each farm or ranch has different goals and risks, and the herd veterinarian can take those into account to build a herd health program specific to the individual operation that maximizes health results while minimizing inputs, said AgCenter veterinarian Dr. Christine Navarre. Because producers are ultimately responsible for implementing an overall health program, it is important to consider the sex and age of cattle, program management and marketing strategies, Holmes said. "Several specific health programs might be required on one farm or ranch to achieve optimum immune responses," he said. Observation and treatment of any animals that become sick is important, but for preventive measures medicine remains the key.

Cattle are a major investment, with pharmaceuticals being a big part of that investment, Holmes said. "If you're going to give immunizations, it makes good economic sense to do a good job of storage, handling and administration," he said. Union Parish rancher Seth Riser has about 200 cattle and is vaccinating his mature cows, calves and bulls now in anticipation of selling much of his calf crop soon. "We try to do everything on our end. We don't want to do anything on our end that would persuade a buyer to not buy our calves," he said.

Following a strict vaccination protocol opens the door to better market opportunities from cattle buyers who are looking for quality performance, Riser said. "It's a combination of genetics and vaccinations, but I feel like the vaccinations are just as important because they are not having trouble with our calves," he said. On the cattle end, Riser believes in the value of vaccinations for the mature cow herd health as well. "We stay with her, and we do it for our benefit," he said. "Veterinary costs are only about 4% of total inputs on cow-calf operations, but it's important that those costs are optimized," Navarre said, adding that once a herd health plan is in place, following Beef Quality Assurance guidelines will make sure vaccines, time and labor are not wasted.

To achieve an optimal immune response, Ag-Center experts offered the following tips:

— Store vaccines properly. Vaccines should be stored at a temperature range of 35 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Use a refrigerator thermometer to ensure the refrigerator is cooling vaccines properly. Hold off purchasing vaccines not intended for use within six months because buying too far in advance runs a risk of refrigeration malfunction, which could lead to inactive vaccines.

— Don't mix too much. Only mix what can be used within one hour because a modified live vaccine begins to degrade or lose effectiveness after that time. Direct sunlight also can degrade the product. Keep an insulated cooler chute-side to store syringes and pharmaceutical products.

— Restrain animals properly. Bruising alone costs the cattle industry millions of dollars per year. In addition, the processing crew is at risk of injury from an animal that is not properly restrained.

— Select the best route. The two most common routes of administration are intramuscular, which means injecting into the muscle, and subcutaneous, which means injecting just under the skin. Some products offer a choice; others must be given in a specific way. Check the product label to be certain. Where possible, use the subcutaneous route if approved on the label.

— Choose the best site. The best injection site is not necessarily the one that is fastest or easiest to get to but the site where the product will be the most effective with the least possible risk of damage to valuable cuts of meat. It is best to keep all injections ahead of the shoulder. The neck area is the preferred site for both IM and SQ injections. Space injections 5 inches apart or more if using an injectable dewormer at the same time. Use both sides of the neck when administering multiple products; for example, a vaccine on one side and dewormer on the opposite side. "If we are not practicing best management practices when it comes to vaccinations, it's just as if we don't vaccinate at all," Holmes said.

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A VIEW FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT By Paul Trowbridge

The view this month is in the sun with very little snow to be seen on our farm. With the first day of spring this week and the bulbs and our garlic jumping up to get some sun. We are trying to be very positive about our farming adventure this year. What to plant and what we need to do to keep all of our animals and bees safe and healthy sometimes this is not an easy discussion to have with your wife of 53 years. I guess retired people our age don't have the same conversations we do unless they are still farming in their mid seventies.

All of us people in agriculture are blessed that we understand Mother nature and the food chain and the length of it better than most. I really would like to see our education system put more time and money into teaching our young people how to grow their own food and where food really comes from. It is not just digging a hole and throwing a seed in it to harvest a crop. They need to know what is sustainable and economical for our whole society. The farmer has to make a living and food has to be readily available to everyone.

This is not an easy thing to do as we get more generations away from agriculture as a living the one thing we need people to realize is a good food source that is healthy for everyone has to be essential to mankind to be able to enjoy our lives as we know it.

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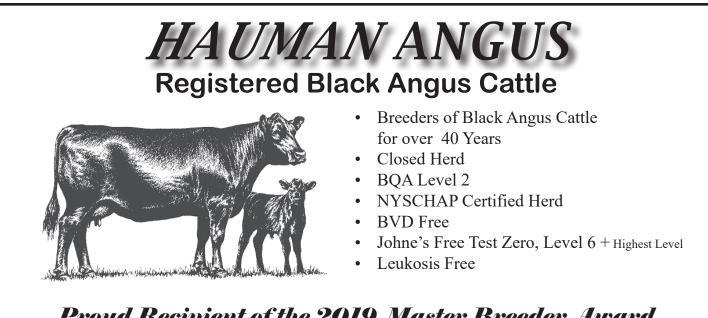
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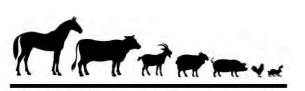
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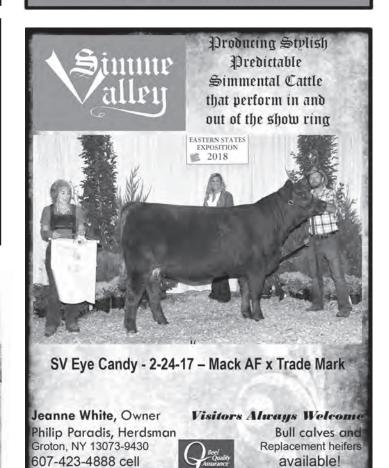
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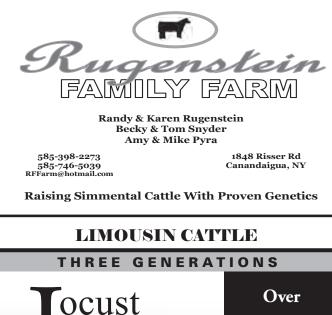
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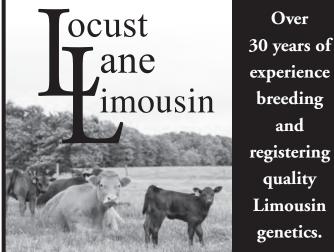


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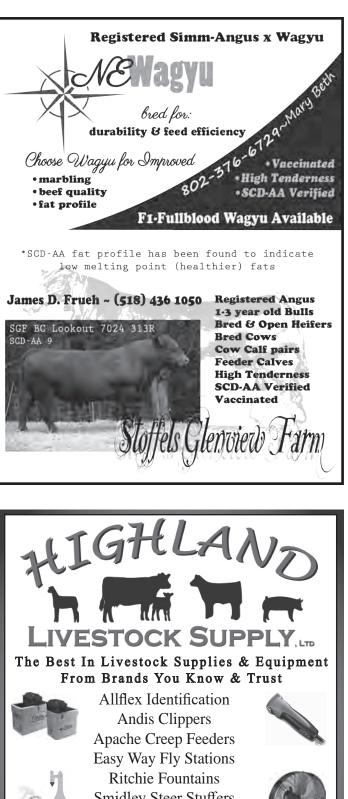
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