

Follow a fall vaccination schedule

NORRISTOWN—With the change in season and the confinement of cattle come some disease problems; winter dysentery, IBR, BVD, and a host of non-specific infections. For many dairymen, fall is a good time to bring the vaccination status of their herd up-to-date. There are vaccines

against many bacterial and virus diseases. Which ones should be used in your herd?

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) is widespread in Pennsylvania. Most herds have had IBR or will be exposed periodically.

A regular IBR schedule makes sense for Pennsylvania dairymen. Use nasal or killed-vaccine in the fall at least two weeks before stabling cattle for the winter.

A modified live vaccine is also available, but this should not be used in pregnant cattle.

If you use the modified live vaccine, inject open cows and heifers over 6 months of age. Parainfluenza (PI3) is another respiratory virus. Both IBR and PI3 are generally combined into one vaccine.

Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) is also widespread in Pennsylvania. Some areas of the state have not experienced any BVD problems. The decision to vaccinate against BVD is an individual one based on local conditions. Consult your veterinarian about BVD vaccination.

Only one type of BVD

vaccine, a modified live virus product, is available. This should only be given to non-pregnant animals.

Leptospirosis (Lepto) is a common cause of abortion in cattle.

There are at least five types of Lepto in Pennsylvania. Annual vaccination is recommended especially if Lepto has been diagnosed in your area.

Some dairymen prefer to Lepto vaccinate in the spring since pasture-season is a high risk time for Lepto infection.

Pasteurella vaccines are available for protection against shipping fever. Two doses two weeks apart in the fall are recommended for protection. Protection against shipping fever is not complete and many closed herds cannot justify the use of this vaccine in their herd.

Brucellosis calfood vaccination should be done year-round as heifer calves reach vaccination age. You may also want to protect calves against IBR and/or viral calf scours if these diseases are present in your herd.

In areas of southwestern Pennsylvania, Blackleg

vaccination is a necessity.

If the disease has never been diagnosed in your area, you probably don't need to vaccinate.

There is no vaccination program that's right for every dairyman. It depends on diseases in your herd and

in your area. You and your veterinarian will need to decide on the right program for your herd. It may change from year to year.

In any case, decide now what you need for protection this winter. Don't wait until they're sick.

Task force

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that includes specific recommendations for maximum feasible expansion of U.S. farm exports between now and 1990.

"A key objective of this phase is to attract significant input from people who understand that increasing farm exports is a matter of national interest," Walker explained.

All responses to the first draft "Blueprint" will be considered in a second draft to be presented at a National Conference on Farm Export Expansion scheduled for February 9 to 11, 1981, in Washington, D.C.

Following the conference, important features of the plan will be presented in an extensive public education program. Efforts will focus

on reaching audiences in major urban centers across the country.

Walker pointed out that these 16th District leaders will be joining with other prominent constituents from all across the country being named by other Congressional supporters of the project.

"Almost one year of research, development and organization has gone into the U.S. Farm Export Education Project," he noted.

"During that time, support has been developed from every major export commodity, agribusiness suppliers, virtually every segment of the farm export community and the U.S. government," he added.

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