

Clémence's Column

Vaccination

For the welfare of your herd, prevention is your best tool for the health of your animals. Who says prevention, talks about vaccination.

In the fall, you should treat your pets with IVOMEC solution to be pored. This product addresses the internal and external parasites. Vaccinate with TRIANGLE 9 to prevent respiratory diseases in cows, if they have never been vaccinated, a 2nd vaccination one month later is required. So you have to vaccinate them twice the first year, once is enough the following years.

To maximize your chances that your newborn calves are not sick, you should vaccinate your cows with SCOUR GUARD 4KC vaccine by (Pfizer) about 3 weeks before calving or when the cows udder start showing. The vaccine is good for 3-4 weeks. If they have not calved by then a 2nd treatment must be done. For the first calving, heifers should be vaccinated twice: 1st time about 2 months before calving and 2nd time when the udder starts showing. It is important that the calf receives his colostrum in the first hours of his birth as the protection of the vaccine is found in the first milk (colostrum). This vaccine prevents diarrhea, the ROTA VIRUS CORONA and E-COLI in young calves. The cost is \$ 4.00 per dose.

If the cows have not been vaccinated, one capsule of FIRST DEFENSE can be given to the calves at birth to prevent diarrhea and protect them during the first weeks. It is important to give, as soon as they are born, a dose of EXCENEL (Vitamin E & Selenium) to be repeated at about 2 months of age.

Thereafter, you should vaccinate your calves with BOVA SHIELD GOLD when the calf is one month old and ideally a second time a month later. There is also a vaccine to be given in the nostrils, it can be given to him at birth.

For more information, you may contact your veterinarian who will give you a vaccination protocol. I hope this information can help you, I wish you luck with your calving.

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In the next issue, I will write about "How to prepare your animals for the expositions".

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