

PRO-DAIRY

Summer Dairy Research Update:

- Heifer Reproduction
- Hypocalcemia

Reducing Replacement Heifers Rearing Cost through Improved Reproductive Management

Replacement cows generated by the heifer rearing enterprise are critical to the future of dairy farms. Nevertheless, raising heifers represents a major cost burden accounting for as much as 15 to 20% of the total cost of production. Thus, minimizing the duration of the non-lactating period by reducing days to pregnancy can help reduce farm operating costs. We will present new research data evaluating different reproductive management programs for dairy heifers in commercial dairy farms. The impact of these strategies on the reproductive performance and economics of heifers during their non-lactating period and their first lactation will be discussed.

Fresh Cow Calcium Supplementation-To Treat or Not to Treat

A recent large trial conducted on farms in New York State has provided insight into which cows truly benefit from oral calcium supplementation. We will review the trial results to help you make practical decisions regarding post-calving calcium supplementation in your herds.

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Where:

Cornell Vet Teaching Dairy

Tulip Tree Drive

Ithaca, NY

When:

Date: Aug 24th

Time: 7-9 PM

**Parking is
FREE**

Registration is free, but required so we have an accurate count for refreshments!

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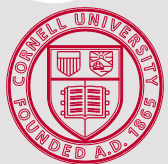
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