AVA NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRUBUTED TO THE 2012 POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER!!
THE FUNDS RAISED BY TED SCHWYTZER AND HIS TEAMMATES HELPED CONTRIBUTE TO A GRAND TOTAL OF OVER $230,000 FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS!!!

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time again for spring vaccines and deworming.

Remember, if it is the first time the animal has ever been vaccinated, they must receive a booster 2-4 weeks after the initial vaccination. Also, some animals may have an acute anaphylactic reaction to the vaccine components, so be sure to keep Epinephrine on hand just in case.
If you have any questions or would like us to design specific protocols for your herds talk with your veterinarian.
Everyone's busy these days, if vaccinating your herd just isn't something you have time to do, we would be happy to do it for you.

Paper Bedding For Sale

Call 716-430-3747 for more information

1981 Mueller 2000 Gallon Bulk Tank

Wash motor, tank control, (2) 5-hp compressors included $17,000
Call 716-471-7601 for more information

For those of you who missed the group calf housing meeting in December here is another opportunity.

Linking Baby Calf Performance to Lifetime Production
Mimicking the Natural Calf Experience
Mastering Calf Barn Design & Ventilation
Economic Considerations
Case Farm Manager Presentation – Experience from the Trenches

March 1, 2012

Livingston Co. Highway Department
4389 Gypsy Lane, Mt. Morris
(off of Rt. 63, just south of the 390 Geneseo/Rt. 408 exit)

10:00 AM– 3:00 PM

$30 registration includes lunch and proceedings

To register contact:
Cathy Wallace: 585.343.3040 x138 or cfw6@cornell.edu

How Does the Northeast Dairy Industry Measure Up On Lameness

A recent study published in the Journal of Animal Science summarized lameness and leg injuries in three regions of North America. The three regions compared were California, the North Eastern states (New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont), and British Columbia. The table below summarizes these findings.

	California	Northeast	British Columbia
Clinical Lameness	31%	**55%**	28%
Swollen Knees	1%	**23%**	Not Scored
Hock Injuries	56%	**81%**	40%

As you can see, the Northeast has the highest rates of lameness and leg injuries. Lameness could arguable be said to be one of the biggest hurdles we have to overcome in the dairy industry here in the Northeast. With more and more focus being placed on animal welfare, lameness has become a hot topic and something we cannot ignore. Prevention is the key. Regular trimming and timely addressing existing lameness can greatly affect the number of lame cows in your herd.

CEFTIFLEX is BACK!

Ceftiflex, (the generic form of Naxcel)
which has been on back order, is now available again.