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TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

Rumen Care Promotion!

➤➤➤ Keeping the herd healthy in all conditions

Adding Rumen Care to your feeding program is a great way to keep cows and rumen bacteria healthy. Rumen Care has many great ingredients like Bio-Mos which helps with the GI tract.

Refer to our Rumen Care Promo Card or call your sales representative!

Are you "W" ready?

Old Man Winter is vastly approaching! As temperatures start to fall, we need to make sure things are in place to help the "Woe's of winter!" We are here to help the seasonal transitions are as smooth as can be!



The nasty "W" is coming!



ON THE CALENDAR:

- **NOV 21-22 - Alberta Milk AGM**

Winter Dysentery in Dairy Cattle: What to look for.

Winter dysentery is a bovine coronavirus disease that affects beef and dairy cattle of all ages, particularly adult dairy cows and those recently calved. It is highly contagious and can affect 30-50% of a herd, with a low death risk of 1-2%. Secondary bacterial infections increase the risk.

»»» WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO SEE IN THE BARN?

Winter dysentery is a severe disease affecting cows, causing acute diarrhea, liquid manure, and visible blood in feces. Symptoms typically manifest between three to eight days after infection. In severe cases, animals may show abdominal pain, dehydration, weakness, and respiratory symptoms. Impaired gut integrity can lead to increased permeability, compromising nutrient absorption and performance. Despite responding to conventional disinfectants, winter dysentery has no official treatment and can have long-lasting effects on milk yield and farm performance.

»»» HOW CAN I PREVENT THIS OR CONTROL WITHIN THE BARN?

Winter dysentery is a virus-induced disease that can be managed by reducing risk factors, improving gut health, and reducing the risk of secondary infections. Herd veterinarians should be contacted to evaluate support treatments for dehydration and pain symptoms. Other methods include proper hygiene, avoiding manure contamination, using different equipment, quarantining new animals, improving barn ventilation, and being vigilant. Feed additives, such as mannan-rich yeast fractions, can improve gut health and reduce the risk of secondary infections. Nutritionists should discuss using these additives and mycotoxin binders to prevent and control winter dysentery in herds.

