

# **Your Organic Dairy Herd Health Toolbox**

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A photograph of a dairy herd in a lush, green field. In the background, a herd of brown and white cows is grazing. The field is surrounded by dense green trees and bushes. In the foreground, there are various flowering plants, including purple and white flowers, and green foliage. The overall scene is a vibrant, natural landscape.

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# Goals of this Presentation

- (1) Basics of organic livestock health and care**
- (2) Challenges associated with treating organic livestock**
- (3) Modes of treatment**
- (4) Approaching problems & real cases**



# THE IDEAL

A farm is **biologically alive** and **self-sufficient**,

There is **biodiversity** within the farm ecosystem,

**Well mineralized soils** provide high quality forage,

**Feed and management** create **HEALTHY ANIMALS**,

The food product is **nutrient dense**,

The farm interacts with the **local community**



# **Organic Goes Best if you...**

**# 1 Mimic mother nature as closely as possible**

**# 2 Be Mindful: Observe + Adapt**

**# 3 Optimize Biological Carrying Capacity**

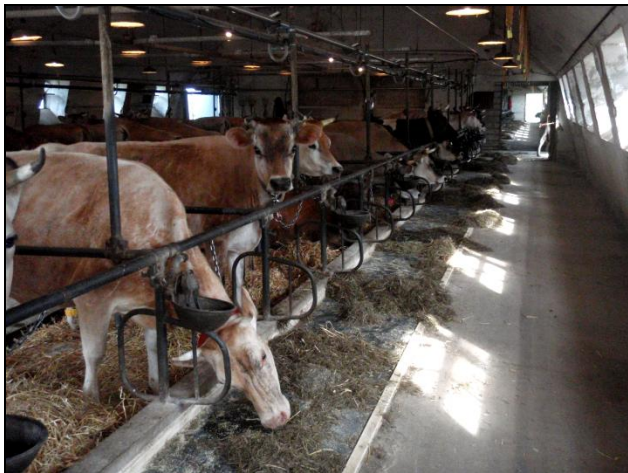




# Formula for healthy livestock:

## Dry bedding

- + Fresh air & Sunshine
- + Well managed pastures
- + High forage rations
- + Appropriate housing and ventilation





# Who decides about animal care?





What motivates us?

How do we go about doing things?

**Utilitarian**: focus only on usefulness rather than inherent beauty.

**Egoism/Hedonism**: do things mainly for self; not taking into account others.

**Altruism**: live to serve others, often at personal sacrifice.

**Mindfulness**



**vs.**

**Numbness**





# Animal Welfare in Food Production

- Assessment of **whole herd** as a group
- Assessment of **individual animals** within the whole herd

# Whole Herd Evaluation

- Outcome-oriented
- Can objectively analyze (yes/no questions)
- What % of herd is affected by condition of interest
- Allows farmer to figure out “how to get there”





# Individual Animal Evaluation

- Intention-oriented
- Duration of observed conditions
- Can objectively analyze (yes/no questions)
- Reveals underlying philosophy towards animals
- Might be difficult to change a person's attitude / motivation.

3 day old “emergency”









## **CHALLENGE in USDA Certified Organic**

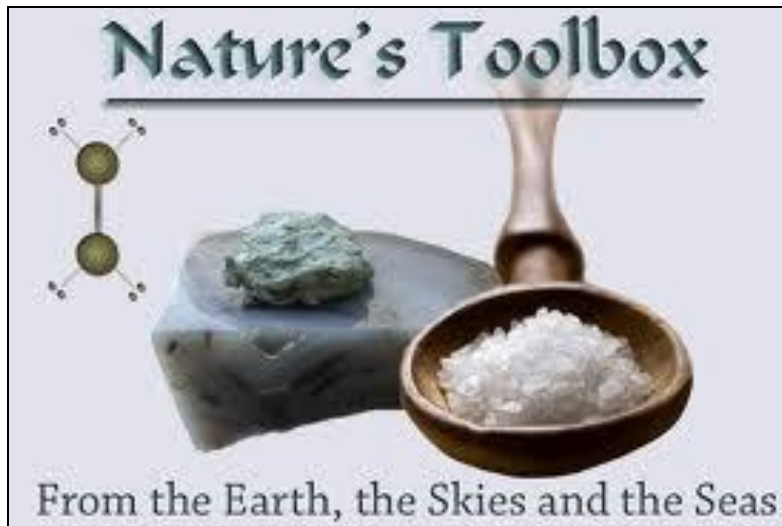
7CFR 205.238(c)(7) USDA NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM

“The producer of an organic livestock operation must not withhold medical treatment from a sick animal in an effort to preserve its organic status.

All appropriate medications must be used to restore an animal to health when methods acceptable to organic production fail. Livestock treated with a prohibited substance must be clearly identified and shall not be sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced.”

# Which therapy do we utilize?

Always?



Never?





# The Antibiotic “Silver Bullet”

- “Regulations that hinder antibiotic use means animals will suffer!”
- True healing is based on the immune system
- Antibiotics aren’t *always* indicated (coliform, salmonella)
- Assumes conventional farms *always* use them right away
- **Safe statement:** Withholding an antibiotic, **IF** it is the appropriate treatment, can compromise animal welfare.  
**DON'T WAIT UNTIL ITS TOO LATE!!** (conventional or organic)



**For USDA Certified Organic Production:**

**Natural materials are allowed**

**unless petitioned to NOSB and subsequently prohibited by USDA**

**&**

**Synthetics materials are prohibited**

**unless petitioned to NOSB and subsequently allowed by USDA**

**This is independent of FDA CVM; but FDA CVM is consulted by USDA**





# SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES ALLOWED FOR USE IN ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

**§7CFR205.603** as of June 2012

Extended Milk & Meat Withholding on certain items\*

- |   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Alcohols (ethanol, isopropyl alcohol)</li><li>■ <b>Aspirin</b></li><li>■ <b>Biologics</b></li><li>■ <b>Butorphanol*</b> (via AMDUCA)</li><li>■ Chlorine materials</li><li>■ Calcium hypochlorite</li><li>■ Chlorhexidine (alt. dip &amp; vet. surgical use)</li><li>■ Chlorine dioxide</li><li>■ Copper sulfate</li><li>■ <b>Electrolytes</b></li><li>■ <b>FDA approved trace minerals</b></li><li>■ <b>Flunixin*</b> – as labelled</li><li>■ <b>Furosemide*</b> – as labelled</li><li>■ <b>Glucose/ Dextrose</b></li><li>■ <b>Glycerin</b> (available in non-synthetic forms also)</li><li>■ Hydrated lime (externally only)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Hydrogen peroxide</li><li>■ Iodine</li><li>■ <b>Lidocaine*</b></li><li>■ <b>Magnesium sulphate</b></li><li>■ <b>Magnesium Hydroxide</b></li><li>■ <b>Mineral oil</b> (topical and as a lubricant; not as a dust suppressant)</li><li>■ <b>Oxytocin</b> (only in parturient emergencies)</li><li>■ <b>Parasiticides*</b> (ivermectin, moxidectin, fenbendazole; not routine use; only emergencies; not in slaughter stock)</li><li>■ Phosphoric acid</li><li>■ <b>Poloxalene</b> – for emergency use only</li><li>■ Sodium hypochlorite</li><li>■ <b>Tolazoline*</b> (via AMDUCA)</li><li>■ <b>Xylazine*</b> (via AMDUCA)</li></ul> |
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# Petitioned but not approved by USDA (in consultation with FDA CVM)

No NADA for these, therefore also not allowed for conventional livestock.....

- **Calcium borogluconate** C/O: call them electrolytes, same CMPK, for hypertonic saline, lactated ringers solution, sodium iodide, etc, etc.
- **Propylene glycol.** C/O: use **glycerin**, if from plant sources
- **Activated Charcoal.** C/O: only if from plant sources
- **Bismuth subsalicylate.** C/O: If they eat...feed dry hay!
- **Kaolin pectin.** Natural should never have been petitioned

“Regulatory Discretion” is key, but it can’t be written into regs

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- **Epinephrine** – Secretary determined to be natural



What methods do we look to with restrictions upon commonly used inputs such as antibiotics ?

- Prior to the antibiotic era, people and animals **lived through challenges with infections.**
- People and animals **died** from infectious disease. **They still do...** *even with antibiotics.*
- When we look at the approaches used, we see **Biologics and Botanicals predominated**

# US Certified Organic regulations provide a **STRONG INCENTIVE** to try natural treatments in livestock



- **Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine (CAVM)**

AVMA encourages CAVM modalities to be studied in order to demonstrate merits

- **Biologics**

Rational basis in therapeutics

- **Botanicals**

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- **Acupuncture**

Fairly well accepted

- **Homeopathy**

Not accepted



# BIOLOGICS:

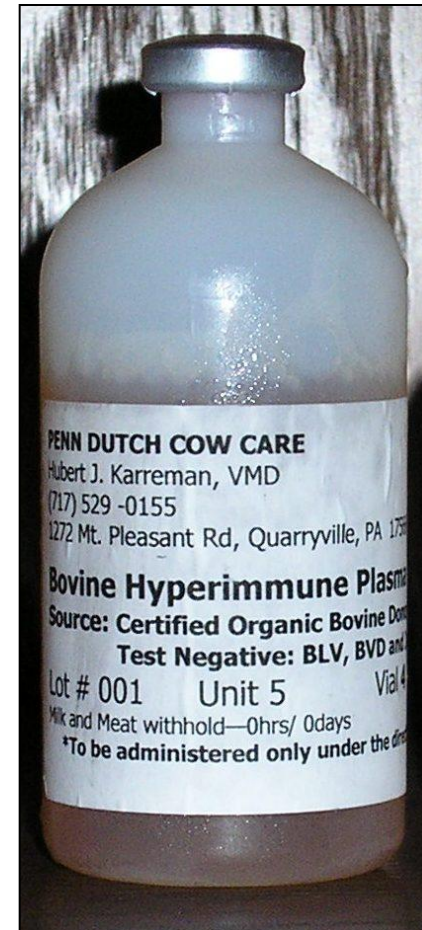
STIMULATE and/or MODULATE THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

- Biologics are **derived from living organisms** (bacteria, fungi, viruses, and animals)
- Most widely used biologics are **vaccines** to stimulate IgG, IgA, etc. **Earliest vaccine:** rabies.
- **Therapeutic biologics** confer “passive” immunity, giving antibodies and anti-toxins to the recipient.
  - **Historical:** human diphtheria, human measles, hemorrhagic septicemia, equine influenza, hog cholera, white calf scours.
  - **Modern:** antitoxins and antibodies against rabies, snake bites, tetanus/lockjaw



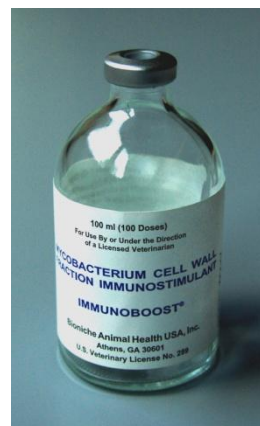
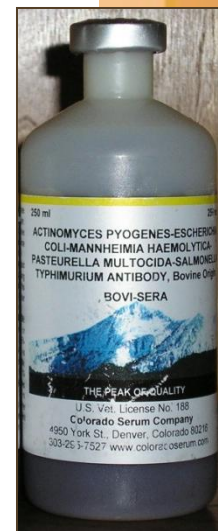
# BIOLOGICS: HYPER-IMMUNE PLASMA

Antibodies and anti-toxins against gram-negative associated conditions (mastitis, pneumonia, salmonella)



# THERAPEUTIC BIOLOGICS

- **Plasmapheresis products:** Botulism antitoxin, Hyper-immune plasma, Plasma Gold
- **Serum products:** Bovi-Sera®, Bo-Bac 2X®, PolySerum® (conventional veal growers often use these)
- **Colostrum-whey products** (ultra-filtered whey): Biocel CBT®, Impro®
- **Bacterial cell wall fractionates:** Immunoboost®  
β-glucans (from mushrooms)
- **IgY**  
hyper-immune eggs (use free range)



# Immunoboost® (Bioniche Animal Health)

## Study at Vet Infectious Disease Organization in Saskatoon



- Calves: proven immune stimulant
- Stimulates interferon  $\gamma + \beta$
- Overcomes the natural immune suppression in calves at birth
- A single dose significantly increases the activated T-cells in the blood of newborn calves
- Lasts 10-15 days – the usual time span of neonatal E.coli & Rota/Corona infection
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- Useful for high somatic cell count (SCC)
- Dose: 1cc per 200 lbs SC, IM or IV



# Enhancement of Neutrophil Function by Ultra-filtered Bovine Whey

(Roth, et. al., J. Dairy Sci. 84:824-829)

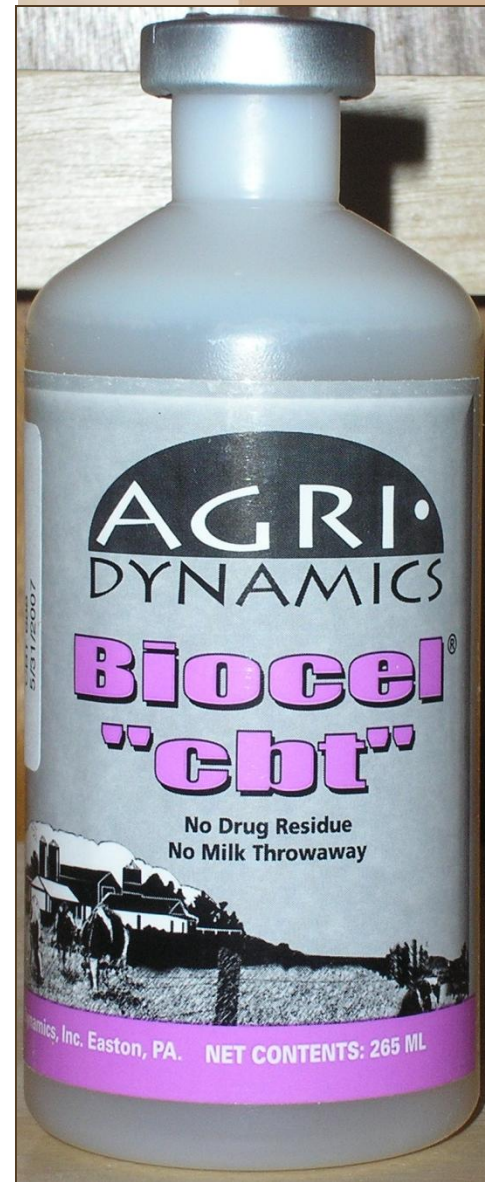
➤ **Goal:** Assess Impro product for influence on neutrophils from normal and dexamethasone treated cattle

## Calves' neutrophils *in vitro* :

➤ Significantly ↑ random migration, cytochrome C reduction, iodination activity, antibody dependent and independent cell-mediated cytotoxicity

## Peri-parturient cows *in vivo* :

➤ Significantly ↑ erythrocyte count and significantly ↑ neutrophil iodination activity (previously shown to be depressed in peri-parturient cows)





# Autogenous Biologics

Autogenous = derived from same patient into which it is then injected

**Cow's own milk** against Strep mastitis  
(A.S. Alexander, 1929):

**20cc clean looking milk subcutaneously every other day over 10 days, early in course of infection**

(know by monthly somatic cell count)

Sometimes hot reactions, but if so, will go away after 24 hours.

**\*\*\*Cows showing no reaction tended to cure\*\*\***

**Autogenous vaccines**: herd vaccines  
(killed): Staph, strep, coliform, pinkeye



# Plants: Nutrition & Medicine

Food

Herbs

Drugs



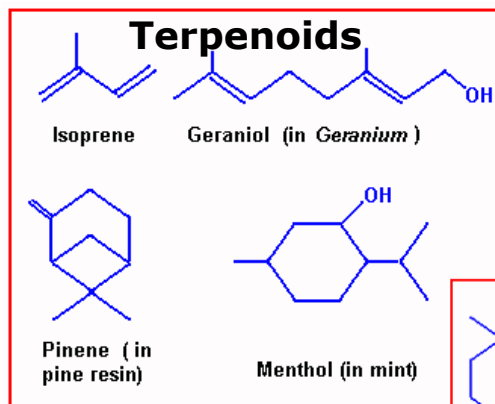
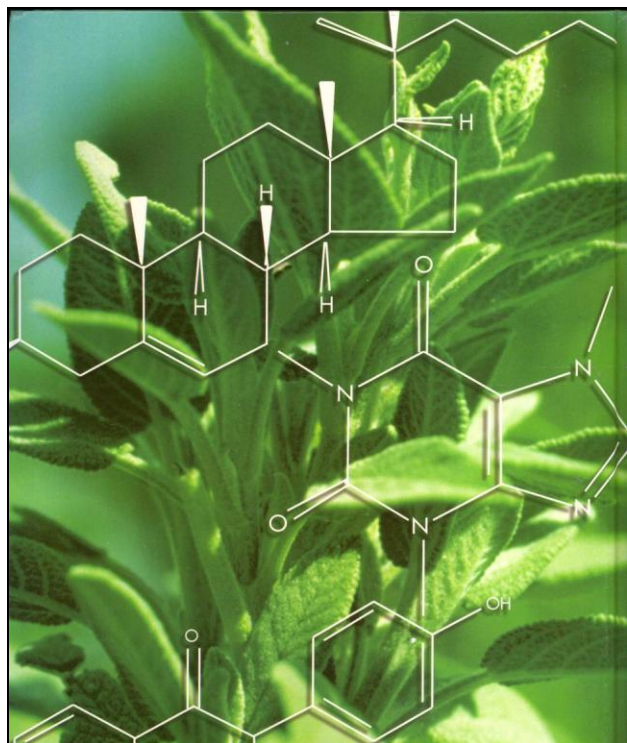
# PLANTS: Sources of Nutrition

courtesy of Jerry Brunetti [www.agri-dynamics.com](http://www.agri-dynamics.com)

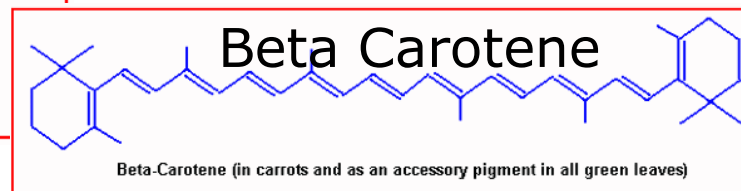
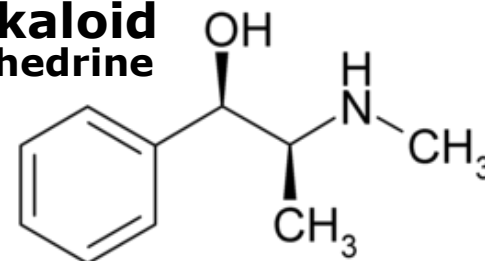
	<b>Alfalfa</b>	<b>Dandelion</b>	<b>Chicory</b>	<b>Comfrey</b>	<b>Plantain</b>	<b>Nettle (leaf)</b>	<b>Burdock</b>	<b>Cleavers</b>	<b>Curly Dock</b>	<b>Yarrow (bloom)</b>	<b>Purslane</b>
<b>Protein</b>	20.97%	25.00%	19.5%	23.7%	19.6%	25.7%	29.0%	11.7%	32.7%	15.2%	18.6%
<b>N:S</b>	11:1	10:1	8:1	14:1	6:1	4:1	5:1	7:1	15:1	14:1	12:1
<b>ADF</b>	32.1%	19.2%	32.8%	29.8%	34.1%	22.6%	25.1%	40.6%	19.5%	34.6%	26.4%
<b>NDF</b>	43.6%	30.0%	46.8%	42.2%	45.8%	34.4%	36.5%	49.1%	44.7%	43.0%	38.5%
<b>Relative feed value</b>	136.2%	229.0%	126%	145%	127%	193%	177%	108%	153%	134%	165%
<b>TDN</b>	63.89%	80.90%	63.5%	66.8%	64.4%	74.5%	71.8%	57.1%	77.8%	61.7%	72.9%
<b>ME (mcal/lb)</b>		1.33	1.04	1.10	1.06	1.22	1.18	0.94	1.28	1.01	1.2
<b>NE/Lact.</b>	0.65	0.85	0.65	0.69	0.66	0.77	0.75	0.58	0.81	0.63	0.76
<b>Calcium</b>	1.58%	1.04%	0.89%	2.73%	1.84%	4.38%	2.10%	1.3%	0.83%	0.99%	1.3%
<b>Phosphorus</b>	0.37%	0.33%	0.31%	0.20%	0.26%	0.41%	0.34%	0.39%	0.37%	0.43%	0.38%
<b>Potassium</b>	2.05%	4.46%	3.59%	3.94%	2.97%	3.01%	3.28%	2.46%	3.53%	3.25%	3.17%
<b>Magnesium</b>	0.46%	0.26%	0.26%	0.39%	0.17%	0.39%	0.43%	0.25%	0.64%	0.29%	0.8%
<b>Sulfur</b>	0.31%	0.41%	0.37%	0.27%	0.53%	0.94%	0.90%	0.26%	0.35%	0.17%	0.24%
<b>Iron ppm</b>	171	657	195	176	83	349	149	70	111	100	4419
<b>Cu ppm</b>	15	15	14	29	12	11	26	13	13	17	37
<b>Zinc ppm</b>	30	34	43	46	44	40	32	127	38	40	265
<b>Mn ppm</b>	23	35	36	192	30	36	47	66	36	71	163
<b>Boron ppm</b>	50	30	28	42	29	67	32	15	31	26	29



# PLANT SECONDARY METABOLITES: Sources of Medicine

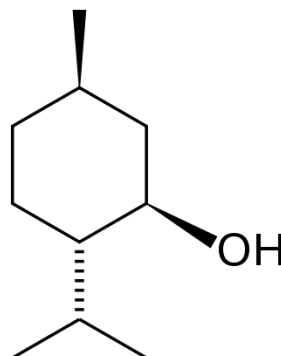


**Alkaloid**  
**Ephedrine**



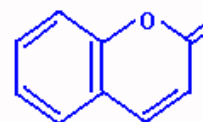
## Essential Oils

**Menthol**



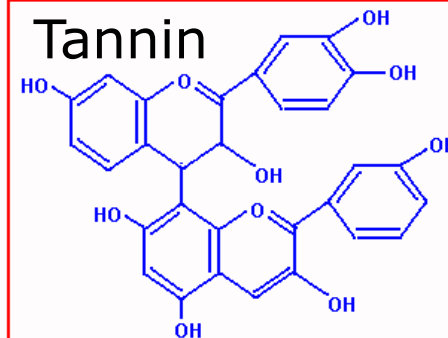
p-Hydroxy  
benzoic acid

**Phenolics**



Coumarin (scent of  
new-mown grass)

**Tannin**



An example of a tannin



# Forms of plant medicine

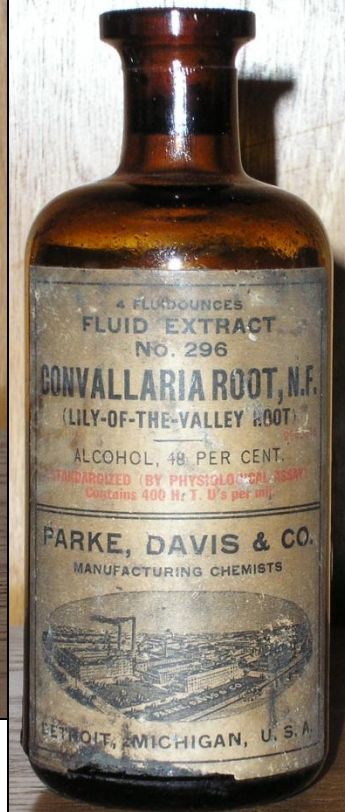


- Dry herb
- Infusions/decoctions (tea): water
- Syrups: alcohol, but sweetened
- Extracts: evaporation alcoholic and aqueous
- Fully dehydrated extracts: powdered solid extracts
- Tinctures: percolation with alcohol (1:2 – 1:10)
- Fluid extracts: percolation with alcohol (1:1)
- Essential Oils: distillation



# Plant medicines were basis of pharmaceutical company success

(Lilly, Wyeth, Parke Davis, Sharp & Dohme)





# CONVENTIONAL VETERINARY DOSES

Dr. Pierre Fish, 1930, Dean of Cornell Veterinary School

	Horse & Cattle	Sheep & Swine		H&C	Sh&Sw
Oral doses (cc)					
• Aconite T	0.2-6	.25-1	• Nux vomica T.	4-24	1.3-2.6
• Arnica T.	15-30	4-8	• OpiumT/paregoric	60-120	15-30
• Belladonna T.	15-30	4-8	• Phytolacca F.E.	4-8	1.3-3
• Bryonia T.	15-30	2-4	• Pomegranate	30-60	4-12
• Calendula T.	15-30	4-8	• Pulsatilla F.E.	2-8	0.3-0.6
• Chenopodium O.	6-12	0.6-1.3	• Quercus alba F.E	15-30	4-8
• Cimicifuga T.	30-90	8-15	• Ruta Oil	2-4	.13-.6
• Colchicum Root T	15-45	4-6	• Sabina F.E.	30-60	2-4
• Convallaria T.	4-8	0.6-1.3	• Sabina Oil	8-15	0.5-1
• Cotton Root Bark	15-60	4-8	• Sanguinaria F.E.	4-24	0.6-2
• Digitalis T.	12-24	3-10	• Santonin	15-30	4-8
• Ergot T.	15-60	4-15	• Stramonium T.	4-8	0.6-2
• Eucalyptus <u>Oil</u>	8-15	1.3-3.3	• Taraxacum F.E.	30-60	8-15
• Fennel T.	30-60	8-12	• Thymol	2-8	0.3-2
• Gelsemium T.	15-60	4-12	• Ustilago F.E.	15-60	2-4
• Gentian F.E.	15-30	4-8	• Veratrum vir. T.	8-12	2.6-4
• Glycyrrhiza	15-60	4-15	• Vinegar	30-120	2-8
• Hydrastis T.	30-60	4-15	• Wintergreen Oil	8-30	2-8
• Male Fern F.E.	12-24	4-8	• Zingiber T.	30-60	8-15
• Mentha piper. O.	1-2	0.3-0.6	• Zingiber F.E.	8-30	4-8
• Morphine	.2-.6g	<0.13g			



# USP & NF 2002

- USP –

- aloe
- belladonna
- capsicum
- colloidal oatmeal
- elm
- eucalyptol
- eugenol
- ipecac
- juniper tar
- myrrh
- opium
- paregoric
- plantago seed
- Podophyllum
- psyllium
- pyrethrum
- quinine
- rauwolfia
- senna
- thymol
- tolu balsam
- witch hazel
- yohimbine

- NF –

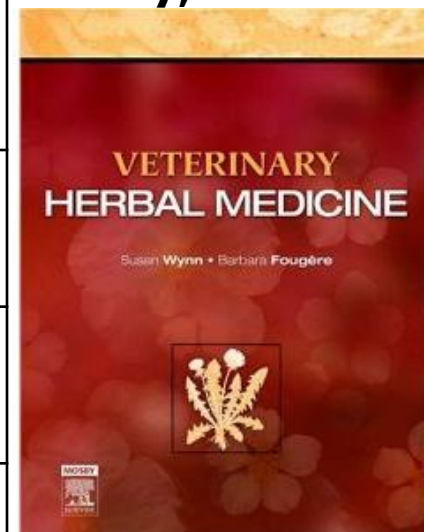
- Acacia
- carnauba wax
- chamomile
- feverfew
- garlic
- ginger
- ginkgo
- ginseng
- licorice
- milk thistle
- olive oil
- peppermint
- rose water
- saw palmetto
- St. Johns wort
- tragacanth
- valerian
- white wax
- yellow wax
- zein



## Common Dosages for HERBIVORES

Preparation	Goat	Cow	Horse
Decoction	4 oz	12 oz	8 oz
Extract powder	1 tsp	2 T	2T
Extract tablet	3-5	10-15	10-15
Freeze-dried granules	1 tsp	2 T	2 T
Tincture	1 tsp	2 T	2-3 T

**Wynn + Fougere  
Mosby, 2007**



**T = Tablespoon roughly = to 15cc**

Herbivores may respond more efficiently!



# Dr. Duke's Phytochemical and Ethnobotanical Databases

[www.ars-grin.gov/duke/](http://www.ars-grin.gov/duke/)

**GARLIC**: ALLICIN **Bulb** 1,500 - 27,800 ppm; ALLIIN Bulb 5,000 - 10,000 ppm; ALLYL-PROPYL-DISULFIDE Bulb 36 - 216 ppm

Amebicide 30 ug/ml;  
Antibacterial 500 ug/ml MIC=27 ug/ml;  
Antioxidant 1.8 ug/ml;  
Antiprostaglandin IC67=50 uM  
Antistaphylococcic MIC=27 ug/ml;  
Antitubercular MIC=1.67 mg/ml;  
Candidicide MIC 7 ug/ml;  
Gram(+)icide 8-12 ppm;  
Hepatotoxic 100 mg/kg/day (=500 cloves a day)  
Mycobactericide MIC=1.67 mg/ml;  
NO-Inhibitor IC50=2.5-5 uM;

**GOLDENSEAL**: BERBERINE **Root** 5,00 - 60,000 ppm; HYDRASTINE Plant 15,000 - 40,000 ppm

Antibacillus MIC=200 ug/ml  
Antibacterial GMJ 100 mg 4x/day  
Anticholera 150 mg/man/day  
Antigiardial 10 mg/kg/day  
Antimalarial 0.14-0.36 ug/ml  
Antiplasmodial IC50=0.14-0.36 ug/ml  
Antipyretic 3 x aspirin  
Antiseptic PMP23:51 25 ug/ml  
Antishigellic 12.5 ug/ml  
CNS-Stimulant 1/6 Caffeine  
COX-2-Inhibitor 100 ug/ml  
Fungicide 12.5-150 ug/ml  
Larvicide 9 ppm  
Lipoxygenase-Inhibitor IC23=5 mM  
Mycobactericide MIC=25-50 ug/ml  
Prostaglandin-Synthesis-Inhibitor 25 mg/kg ivn rbt  
Vasodilator 2 mg/kg cat

**BARBERRY**: BERBERINE **Plant** 10,000 - 30,000 ppm

Amebicide 200 ug/ml  
Antibacterial 20 ug/ml 100 mg/4x/day  
Antigiardial 10 mg/kg/day  
Antiinflammatory 411 20-150 mg/kg  
Antioxidant 4.7 x Vit. E; 1/3 quercetin  
Antipyretic 3 x aspirin  
Antistreptococcic ID50=120 ug/ml  
Bacteristat 10 mg/ml  
Fungicide 20 ug/ml  
Larvicide 9 ppm  
Larvistat 8,000 ppm diet  
Mycobactericide MIC=25-50 ug/ml

**WILD INDIGO**: BAPTISINE **Root** GENISTEIN **Leaf**

Antibacterial MIC=500 ug/ml  
Antiinflammatory 1-10 ug/ear  
Antiviral 11-23 ug/ml  
Fungicide ED50=250-350 ug/ml  
Fungistat IC34=200 uM  
Immunostimulant 2-20 mg/kg

**RED GINSENG** GINSENOSIDE-RC **Flower** 2,000 ppm;  
Fruit 1,000 ppm; Leaf 2,000 ppm; Root 3,000 ppm

Antibacterial MIC=625-1,250 ug/ml  
Antiinflammatory 10-200 mg/kg orl  
Antimalarial IC50=70-89 ug/ml  
Antioxidant BCI28:735 3/4 quercetin  
Fungicide 20 ug/ml  
Prostaglandin-Synthesis-Inhibitor 500 ug/ml



# Herbal Vitality:

GMP facility  
Sedona, Arizona



# CLINICAL MASTITIS

**Phyto-Mast®** *Gaultheria, Glycyrrhiza, Thymol (10%) Radix Angelica sinensis, Radix Angelica dahuricae, Oleum Brassica campestris q.s.* intramammary tubes

**Phyto-Mast:** All ingredients are GRAS

Available in 15cc infusion tubes

2 tubes 1<sup>st</sup> dose then 1 tube at the next 2 milkings.

Withhold milk: 12 hours

Withhold meat: 1 day

## CLINICAL STUDIES:

- 1) NC State / FARAD residue study with lactating goats (Student Case Sessions at AABP 2010)
- 2) Aurora Organic Dairy in Colorado and U. of Florida clinical trial with lactating cows (poster at AABP 2010)
- 3) NC State clinical trial for dry cows (Goldsboro)
- 4) NC State 2<sup>nd</sup> clinical trial dry cows (Goldsboro)
- 5) NC State 3<sup>rd</sup> clinical trial dry cows (private farms)
- 6) UVM and U Conn doing in vitro work
- 7) Wageningen, NL clinical trial on an organic farm with lactating cows







# Efficacy of a Botanical Preparation for the Intramammary Treatment of Clinical Mastitis on an Organic Dairy Farm

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## INTRODUCTION

Clinical mastitis is an economically important disease and constitutes a major reason for antibiotic use in conventional dairy farms. In contrast, organic dairy farms are restricted in the use of antibiotics, resulting in a reduced availability of therapies for treatment of clinical mastitis. Consequently, alternative medications to antibiotics for effective treatment of clinical mastitis would be beneficial to organic dairies.

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of this study was to evaluate the efficacy of a botanical preparation (PHYTO-MAST<sup>®</sup>) in the treatment of clinical mastitis in dairy cows.

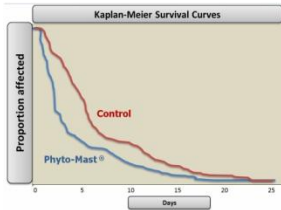
## MATERIAL AND METHODS

**Study Population:** 1200 Holstein cows in an organic dairy farm located in Platteville, Colorado (USA).

**Treatment allocation:** The study included 194 cases of clinical mastitis from February to September, 2009 in 163 cows. First to 6<sup>th</sup> lactation cows with clinical mastitis were randomly assigned to treatment (PHYTO-MAST<sup>®</sup>; n=88) or control (n=75) groups, resulting in 101 quarters allocated for treatment and 93 quarters allocated for control.

**Treatment:** Treatment was applied for 3 days and cows were evaluated for clinical cure on day 4. Cows that continued to have mastitis on day 4 were evaluated until the resolution of the clinical condition.

**Statistical analysis:** Outcomes consisted of mastitis resolution at day 4, time to resolution, somatic cell score (SCS) after recovery, and bacteriological cure at 14 and 28 d after treatment. Data were analyzed by Chi square test (PROC FREQ, SAS) and logistic regression (PROC GLIMMIX, SAS). Time analyses were performed using the PROC LIFETEST and PROC PHREG procedures (SAS). Reduction in SCS was tested by analysis of variance (PROC GLM, SAS).



**Figure 1**  
Kaplan-Meier survival curves for the interval between end of treatment (d 3 after CM onset) and recovery in control and treated cases

## CONCLUSION

Treatment with the botanical preparation (PHYTO-MAST<sup>®</sup>) had a positive effect on the time to recovery from clinical mastitis and increased the rate of bacteriological cure (day 14) together with improving the reduction of SCS post treatment. This preparation may represent an alternative for the treatment of clinical mastitis in organic dairy farms.



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# Effectiveness of an herbal remedy compared to control or traditional therapy in dry off treatments

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## Introduction

Dry cow therapy at the end of lactation is aimed at eliminating current and preventing future intramammary (IM) bacterial infections. Dry cow therapy conventionally uses antibiotics. Certified organic dairies are restricted from antibiotic use and thus must use an alternative or no dry cow therapy. Here we used 150 Holstein, Jersey, and crossbred cattle to compare an herbal treatment (Phyto-Mast, imm, Penn Dutch Cow Care, Navron, PA) to conventional treatment (Quartermaster, imm, Obeseal, internal test sealant, Pfizer Animal Health) or no dry cow therapy.

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To compare the efficacy of three different dry off treatments by evaluating (1) milk production, (2) somatic cell score (SCS) and (3) milk microbiology for all animals in the study.



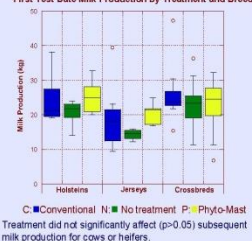
## Materials and Methods

Holstein, Jersey, and crossbred cattle were assigned to three treatments of 40 cows and 10 heifers each, balanced by breed, age and due date.

**Milk production and SCS:**  
• Obtained from Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) monthly tests  
• Used last test before dry off and first test postpartum  
• Analyzed using SAS statistical software (Cary, NC) MIXED procedure for effects of treatment on production and SCS  
**Milk microbiology:**  
• Duplicate quarter samples were aseptically collected immediately before treatment and three days postpartum  
• Samples were assessed at the Mastitis and Milk Microbiology Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine  
• Culture results were analyzed by comparing presence of bacteria in pre- and post-treatment samples  
• Differences between treatments were analyzed using the SAS LOGISTIC procedure

## Results

First Test Date Milk Production by Treatment and Breed



Treatment did not significantly affect (p>0.05) subsequent milk production for cows or heifers.



First test date SCS averages by treatment and group (mean ± std. error)		
Treatment	Cows	Heifers
Conventional	1.9 ± 1.1, n=18	2.9 ± 1.5, n=4
None	2.2 ± 1.6, n=17	3.7 ± 0.9, n=8
Phyto-Mast	2.2 ± 1.4, n=16	4.1 ± 2.2, n=6

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Milk Microbiology: quarters cured or with new bacteria per # quarters treated	Treatment		
	None	Phyto-Mast	Conventional
Cure: bacteria present pre-treatment not present post-salving	14/30 = 47%	11/27 = 41%	28/41 = 68%
New bacteria present post-salving; number of quarters with ≥1 new bacteria	37/75 = 49%	26/75 = 35%	12/75 = 16%

<sup>a</sup>Values with different superscripts (within a row) differ significantly (p<0.05)



## Summary

- No significant differences were observed among treatments in first postpartum test day milk production or SCS.
- Conventional treatment had a higher cure rate and a lower new infection rate.
- When compared to no treatment, Phyto-Mast had fewer new infections during the dry period.

## Conclusion

Cows treated with the herbal preparation, Phyto-Mast, at dry off had fewer new infections than no treatment. Conventional antibiotic therapy is effective, but not an option for certified organic dairies. Although not as effective as conventional antibiotic therapy, Phyto-Mast could be a potentially useful dry off treatment for organically certified dairies currently not using dry therapy.

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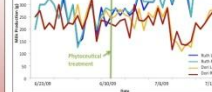
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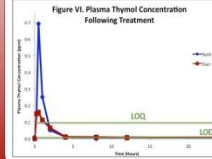
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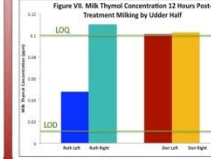
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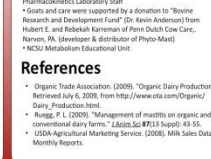
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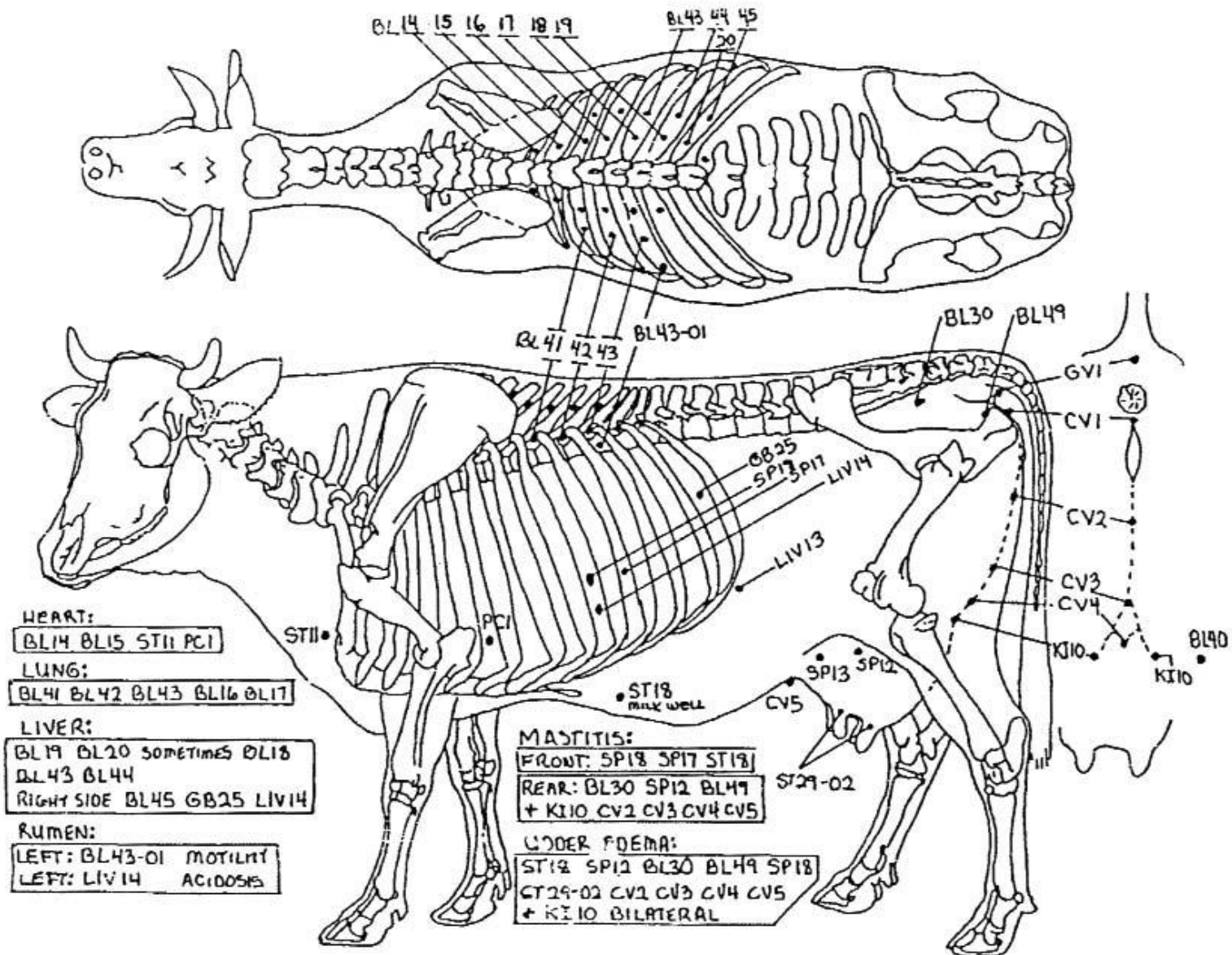
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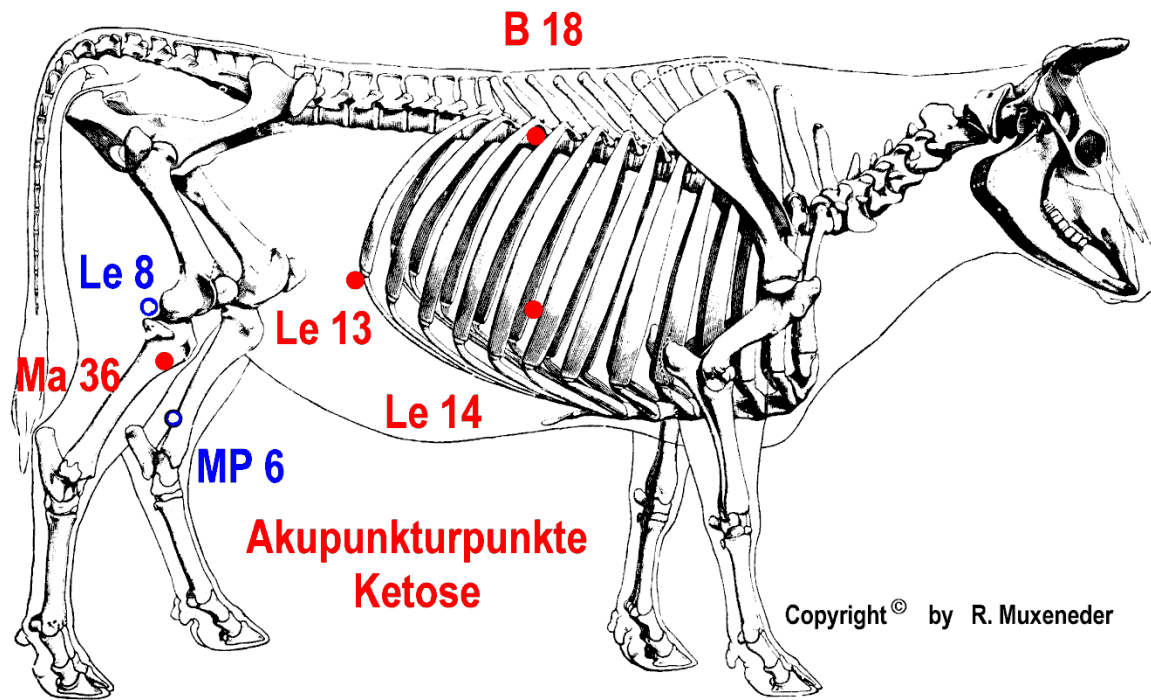
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# ACUPUNCTURE: Dry needles, Vit B12, Electro AP





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# HOMEOPATHY

- Uses extremely diluted substances to help stimulate the vitality of the patient.
- 1X...2X...3X...12X....12C....30C....200C
- Clinical prescribing and assessment is very individualized and takes into account behavioral, emotional and psychological indications.
- Lots of cases of information regarding successes attributed to it.



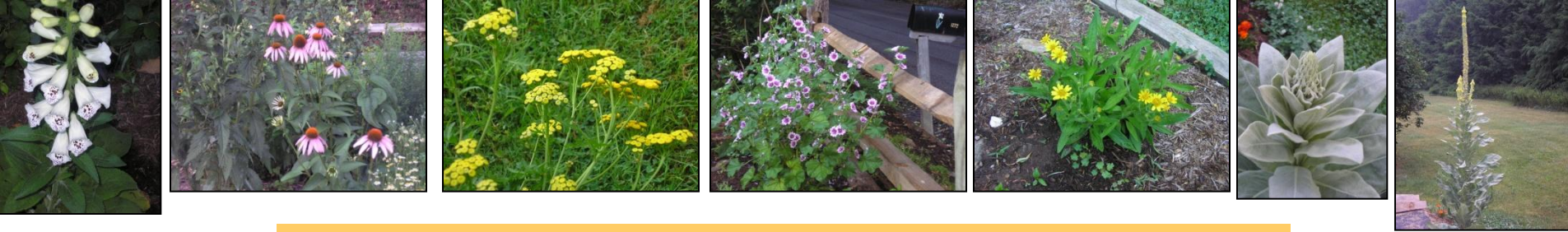
# Common Homeopathic Remedies used by dairy farmers

- Aconite
- Arnica
- Belladonna
- Calc Carb
- Calc Phos
- Echinacea
- Ferrum Phos
- Folliculinum
- Hepar Sulph
- Hydrastis
- Hypericum
- Lycopodium
- Merc Corr
- Nux vomica
- Ovarian
- Phos
- Phytolacca
- Pulsatilla
- Sabina
- Sepia

# Mucous membranes & nerve senses



- Mucus membranes: nose, eyes, mouth and intestines are best targets for therapeutic drug delivery due to their large surface area, rich blood supply, and connections with lymph nodes.
- Senses of awareness are at the front of the body at head



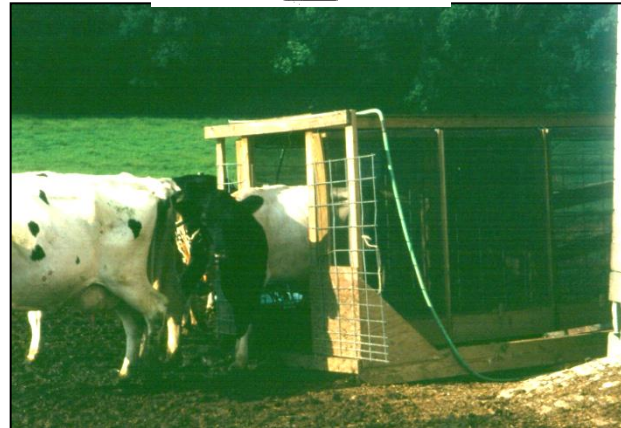
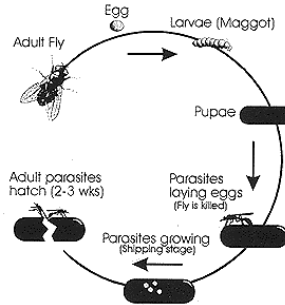
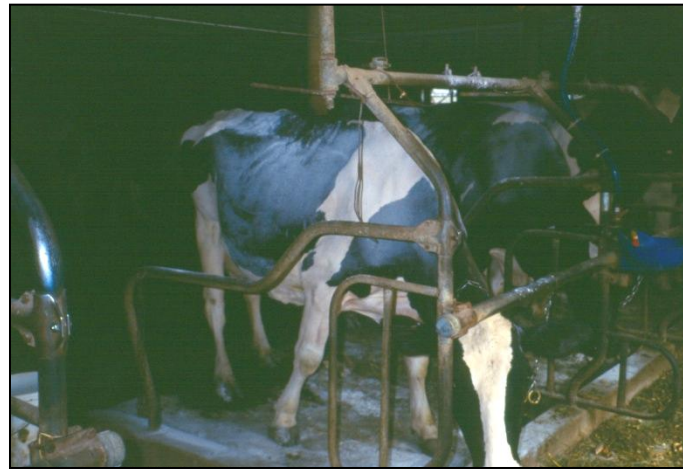
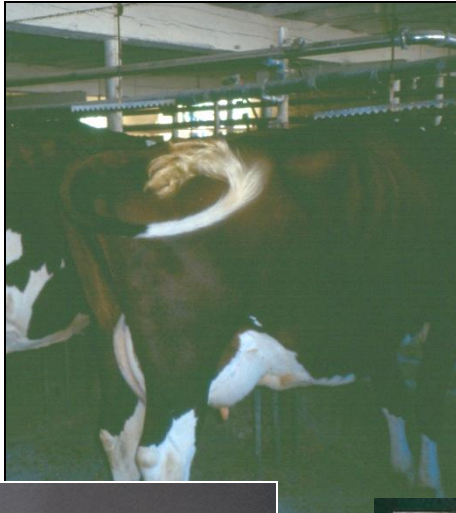
## The multi-prong approach to problem solving

- A variety of approaches will give a better chance of success
- If one approach isn't working, the other approaches are still in place
  - Complementary and Alternative Medicine then does not have to be 100% effective.
  - Less chance of developing resistance





# FLIES: Multi-prong approach to ecto-parasites





# Multi-prong approach to Internal Parasites

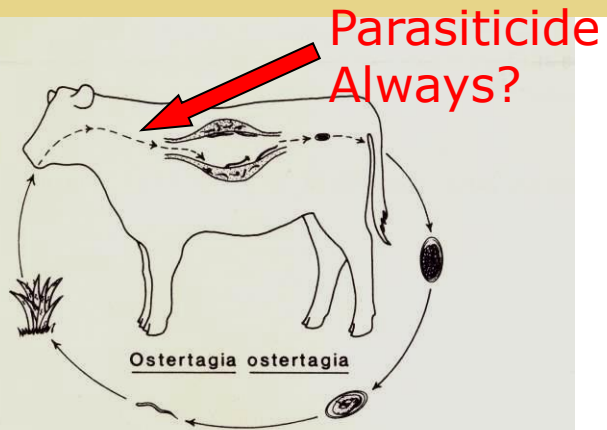
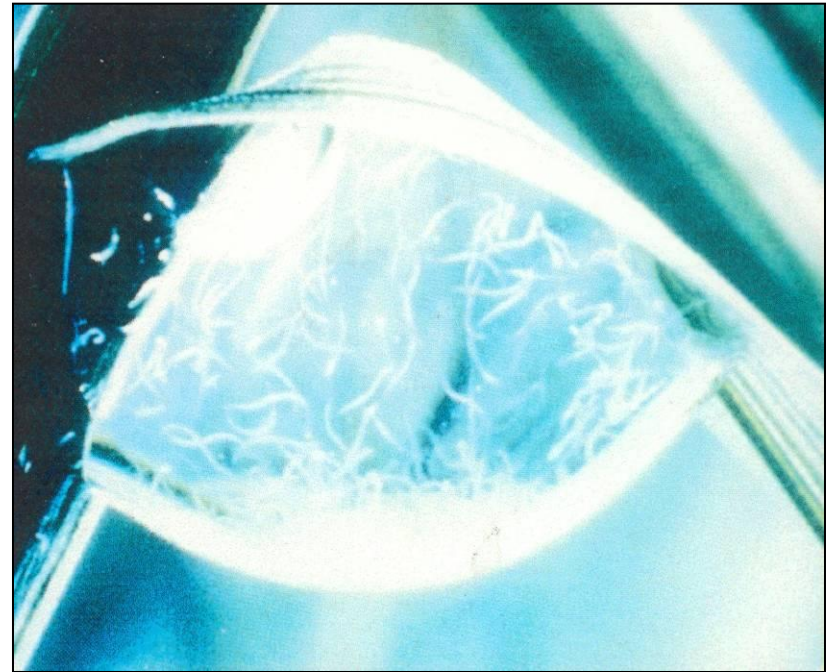


Fig 83a. *Ostertagia ostertagi* (cattle)  
*Teladorsagia circumcincta* (sheep)  
Prepatent period = 16-23 days





# Multi-prong approach to internal parasite control:



Birdsfoot trefoil



Grazing chicory



Ferric phosphate



*Dudingtonia  
flagrans*





# Natural Parasite Formulas

**Allicin-based** (garlic) product used in Holstein calves had no effect of altering duration of crypto diarrhea but high doses did delay its onset (Olson, 1998)

**Clemson University** study (2004):

Cayenne, Garlic, Diatomaceous earth (Fertrell Co.)  
Fed daily to yearling heifers, fecal counts checked daily:

by 6 weeks treated animals had significantly less Fecal Egg Counts than controls.



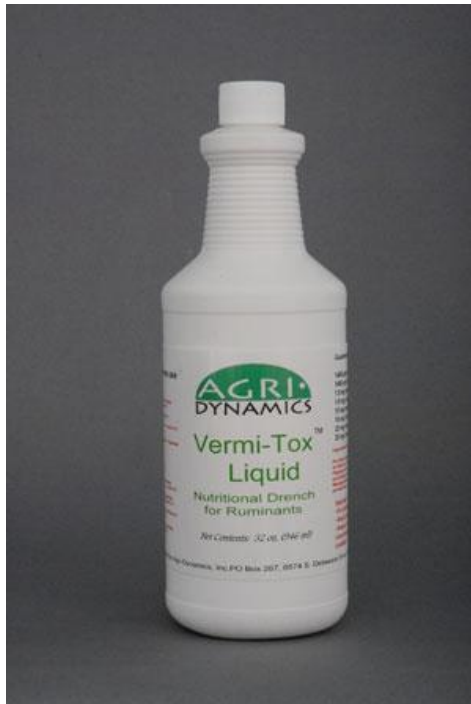
# Coccidia

**Ferro** – Hematinic & constipates calves

**Ingredients:** Ferrous sulphate, Ferric sulphate, Manganese sulphate, Zinc sulphate, Cobalt sulphate, Nickel sulphate, Copper sulphate

**Give 5 - 15 cc's orally daily for 5-7 days**

**Severe giardia calves cured and documented by U Penn Vet parasitology lab**



**Chico State University clinical trial**



# Lameness



Cut away  
necrotic area  
between digits  
or outermost  
layer of a  
hairy heel  
wart

Allow to bleed

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> cleanse



# Foot Rot Treatment

Thick paste of **Betadine®**  
+ sugar (or thick, raw  
honey alone)

- Wrap with digits spread apart
- Must re-wrap 2-3 days later





After 1<sup>st</sup> treatment



After 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment  
(4 days later)



# Non-Antibiotic Treatment of Systemic Infections

## Principles & Protocol

### **BIOLOGIC: PLASMA-GOLD** – plasmapheresis product:

For Coliform mastitis, colibacillosis in calves, or salmonella:

**Cows** – 250cc IV ; **Calf** 100cc SQ, follow-up if needed

### **BIOLOGIC: IMMUNOBOOST®** - 1cc/200 lb IV / IM / SQ

### **PLANT: PHYTO-BIOTIC** IV or orally

Garlic, Ginseng, Goldenseal, Wild Indigo, Barberry

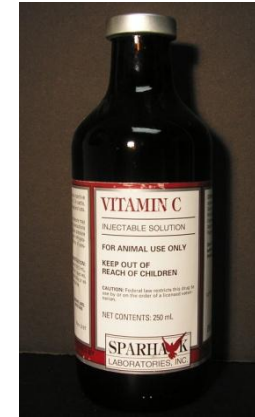
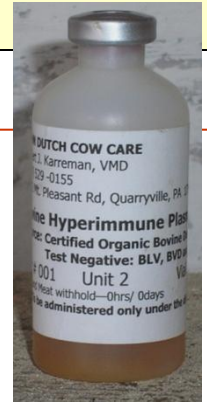
**Cows:** 90cc loading dose in bottle of dextrose then  
15cc orally three times daily

**Calves:** 10 cc orally 3 times daily

### **ANTI-OXIDANTS: VITAMIN C** IV or IM 250-500cc IV or 5cc/100 lbs IM once a day for 3 days (<30cc/site)

### **ELECTROLYTES CMPK, Hypertonic saline, etc** as needed for circulation

### **ANTI-SEPTICS: Betadine, hydrogen peroxide, sugar, honey, etc**





**A valid Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship (VCPR) is critical for administering, dispensing and labelling medicine**

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NAME OF MEDICINE: for:

**ADMINISTER:**

EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_

*Estimated:*

Milk withhold \_\_\_\_\_ Hours

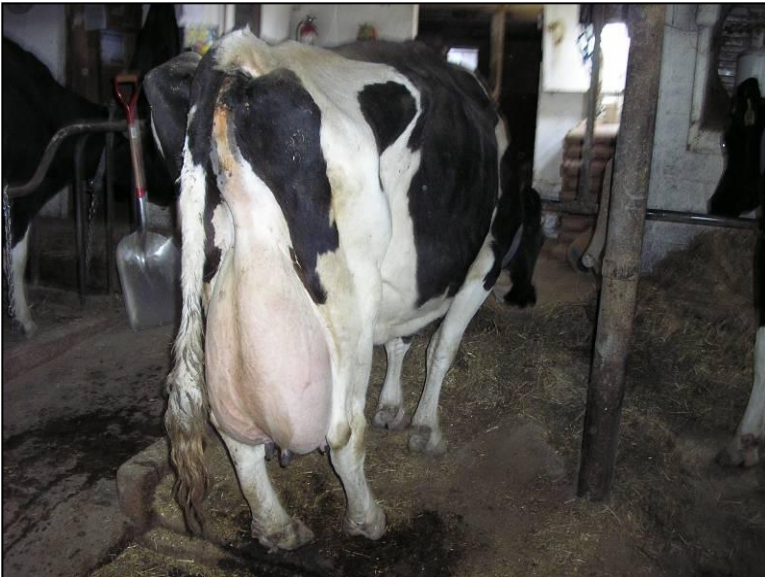
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Meat withhold\_\_\_\_\_Days

Not for human consumption

Keep out of reach of children

# Bunny

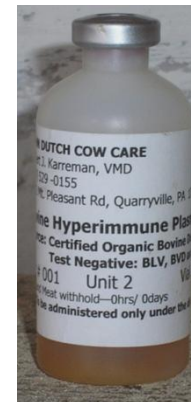


- 13 yr old Holstein, fresh about 3 weeks
- Subjective
  - bright and alert; eats some
- Objective
  - T = 103
  - enlarged kidney; uterus OK
  - Slow rumen; pong on right; no pings
  - RH quarter, dilute looking milk, CMT +++ with some swelling but not hard
  - heart and lungs OK
  - humped back, head down
- Assessment
  - DDX
- Plan?



# Bunny Treatment Plan

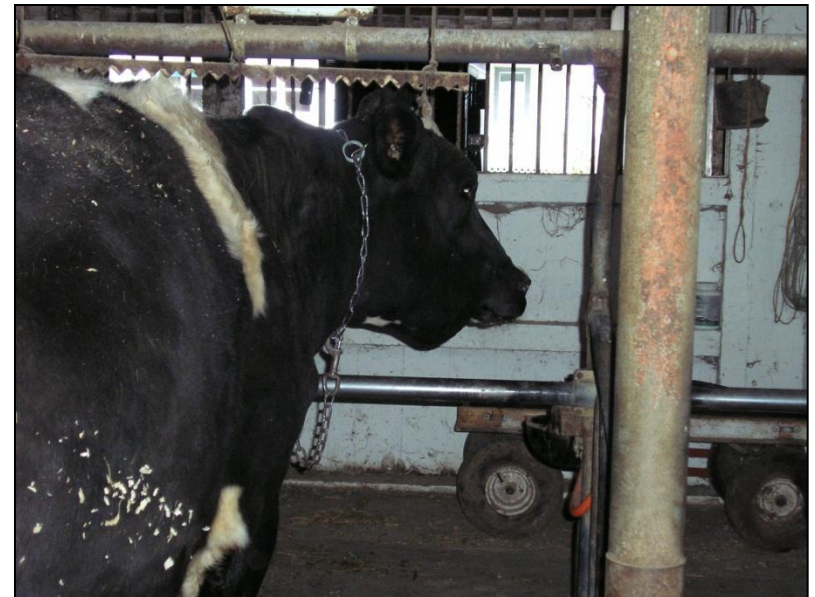
- IV – electrolytes, 500cc dextrose + 90 cc antibacterial PhytoBiotic (fluids & botanicals)
- 250cc hyperimmune plasma (biologic)
- 5cc Immunoboost® (biologic)
- 500cc vitamin C (anti-oxidant)
- Follow-up  
Hyper-immune plasma  
Magnet  
PhytoMast



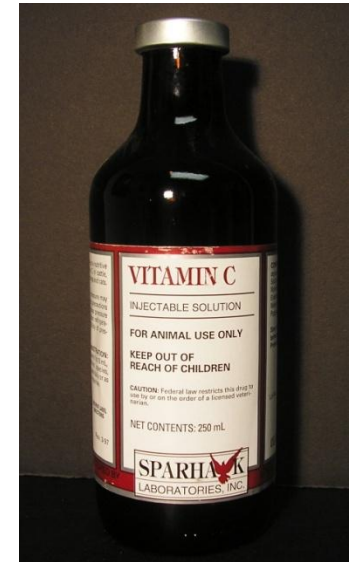
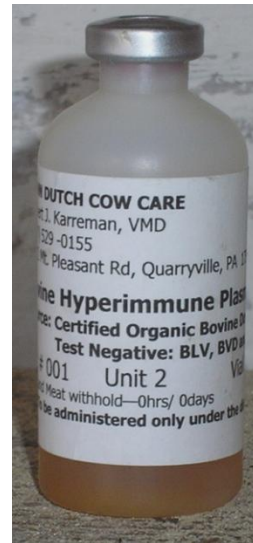
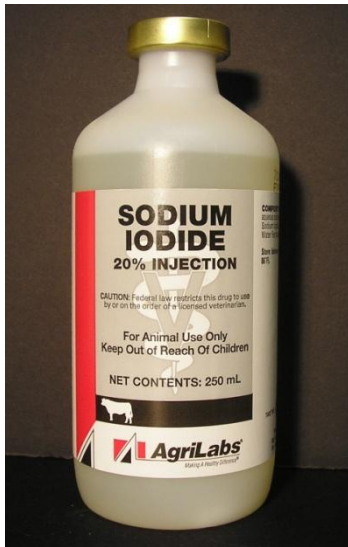
Bunny went on to celebrate her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday

# Mona

- Signalment: 2 lactation Holstein, fresh Nov. 2005; bred about 60 days
- History and farmer's observations: she was eating fine and milking OK until the morning; hasn't touched a thing to eat.
- Physical Exam: T = 104, heart rate increased, lungs OK, rumen slow, no pings, lump on right lower jaw somewhat firm
- Presumptive diagnosis: lumpy jaw (actinomycosis)



# Treatment for Mona's lumpy jaw



- **Anti-pyretics?** Animal is pregnant
- **Rx:** 15cc herbal antibiotic tincture orally 3 times daily until finished (~3 days); topical peppermint essential oil lotion



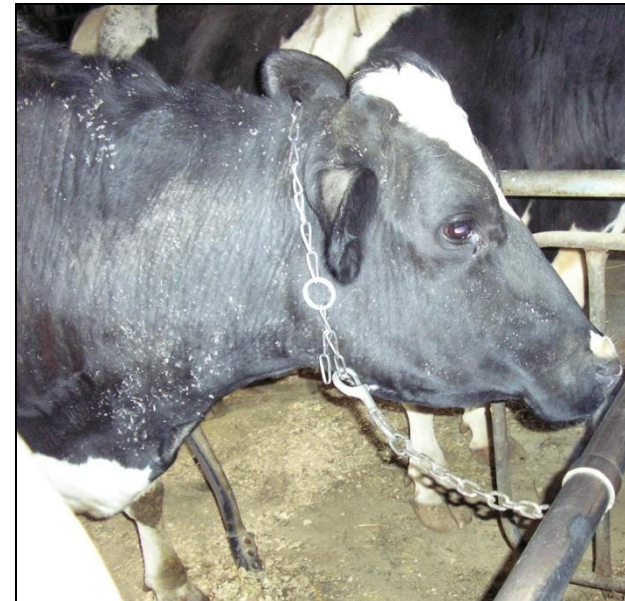
Day 0



Day 4



Day 10<sub>(iodinism)</sub>





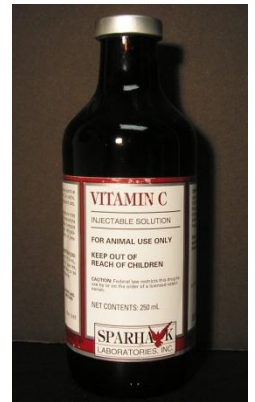
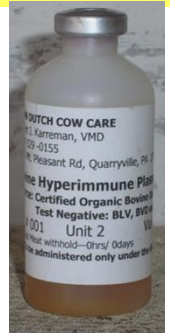
# Dora



- Fresh 3 days
- Temp 107 – thoughts?
- Bright and Alert
- Not eating a thing
- Decent hydration
- RF is hot and hard
- RF quarter has gas when stripped out
- Told farmer to use an antibiotic;
- Took into consideration her being bright and alert and high fever...

# Dora's Treatment

- IV dextrose, 90cc herbal antibacterial tincture, 500cc vitamin C, 250cc hyperimmune plasma
- Farmer had used a tube of PhytoMast prior to examination
- 15-20cc herbal antibiotic tincture 3 times daily for 4 days
- Left bottle of penicillin at farm to use if needed at slightest sign of worsening





Dora at next herd check:  
doing well, but 3 teated  
(returned bottle of penicillin)



# Retained Placenta — lavage / cleanse



- 1) Manual, gentle removal after day 5 but \*not\* separating placentomes
  - 2) Lavage / infuse uterus until normal discharge or until cervix closes
- Therapeutic flush - metritis
    - Repeated physiologic saline until clear drainage
  - Antiseptics – endometritis or pyometra
- IODINE** 1 gram infused or placed as pill sid x 5+ days in first 4-10 days fresh
- DEXTROSE** 300 cc infused at day 18-20

# REPRODUCTION TX:

**HEAT SEEK**: to help cows show behavioral estrus that haven't been showing heats – used clinically in cows that are >120 days in milk and normal body condition (positive energy balance) with CL and follicle

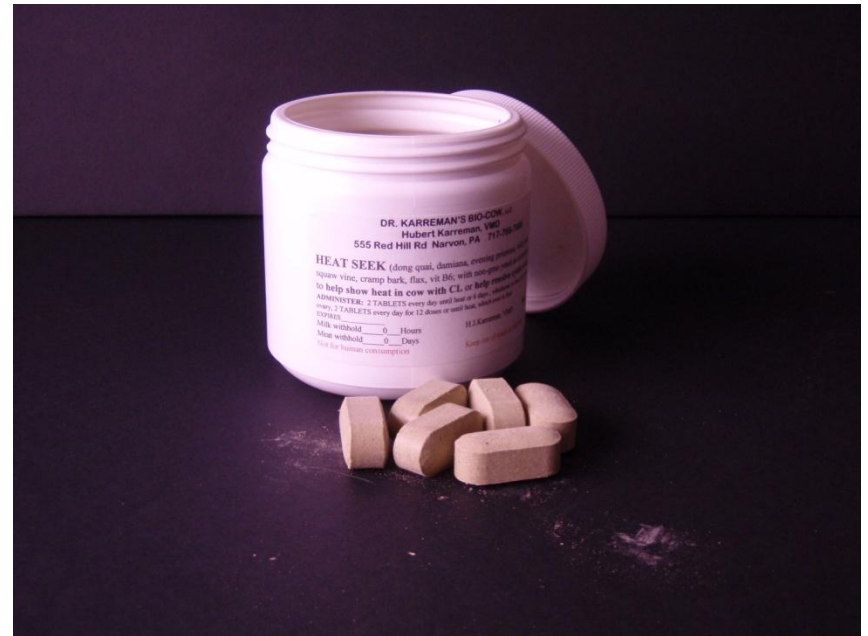
Ingredients: *Angelica sinensis*, *Turnera diffusa*, *Oenothera biennis*, *Dioscorea villosa*, *Mitchella repens*, *Viburnum opulus*, *Linum usitatissimum*, vit B6; with non-gmo yeast as excipient)

(NC State masters degree student thesis)

**Cysts: Gently try to rupture, homeopathics, acupuncture, Heat Seek**

**Pyometra – PREVENT!**

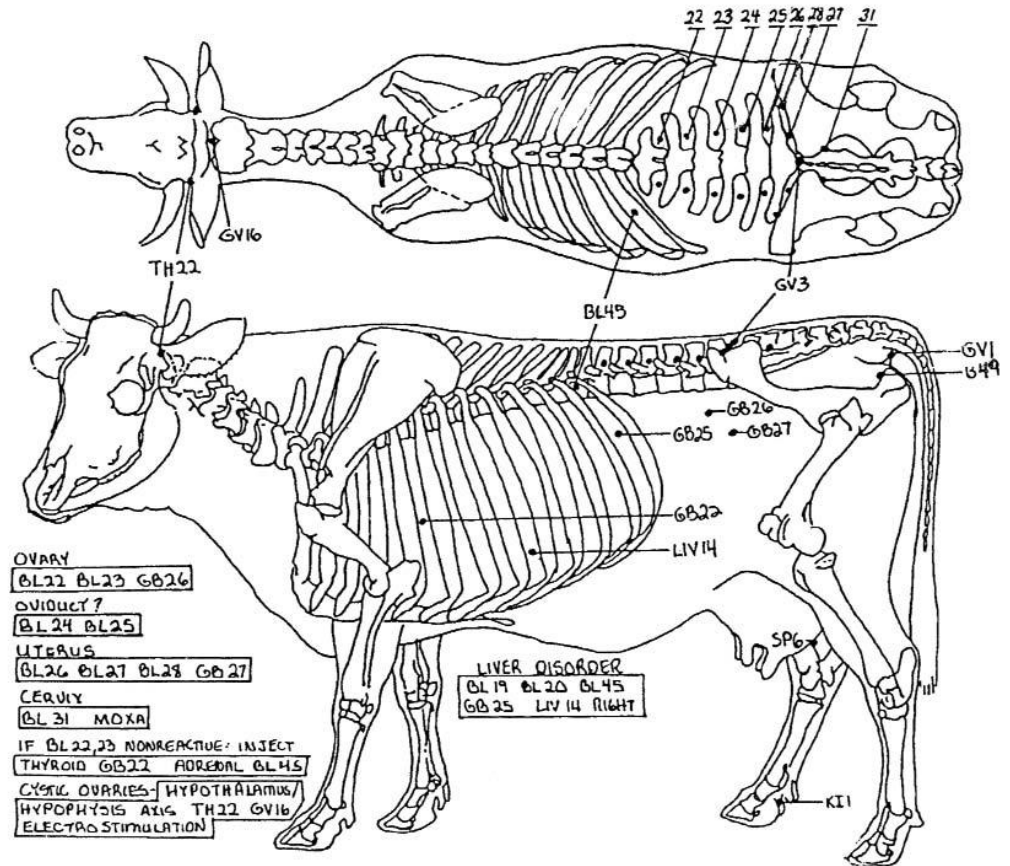
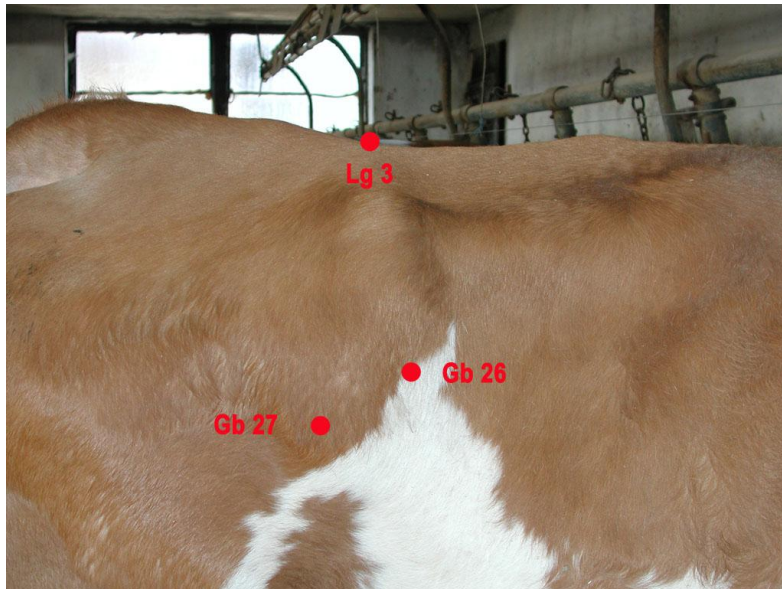
Infuse 140 - 300cc dextrose depending on size, 1- 3 times as needed  
**based on OSU study 2010**





# Reproductive Points

Cystic Ovaries:  
5cc Vit.B<sub>12</sub> into each point:  
BL 22, 23, 24, 25, 26





# SANDY



Day 1: Due, hot coliform mastitis, T = 106, breathing hard...dispensed non-antibiotic treatment for infectious disease meds + Blue Cohosh Ø to help start labor

Day 2: called in to do PE. Temp/Pulse/Resp normal, hard LF but normal secretion, bright & alert; Electro-acupuncture + IV CMPK

Day 3: stopped by, no calf yet; farmer called in early evening – discussed what to do: give IV CMPK (electrolytes)

Day 4: stopped by at afternoon milking: live heifer, colostrum good, passed placenta



# 3 situations where antibiotics are definitely needed sooner than later:

- Peritonitis (generalized)
- Bone infections
- $\geq 2$  organ systems are involved and the animal is depressed





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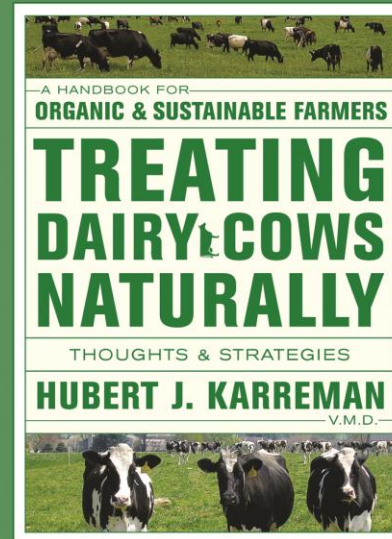
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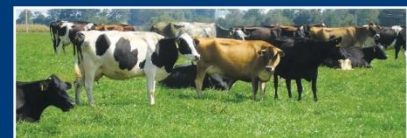
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