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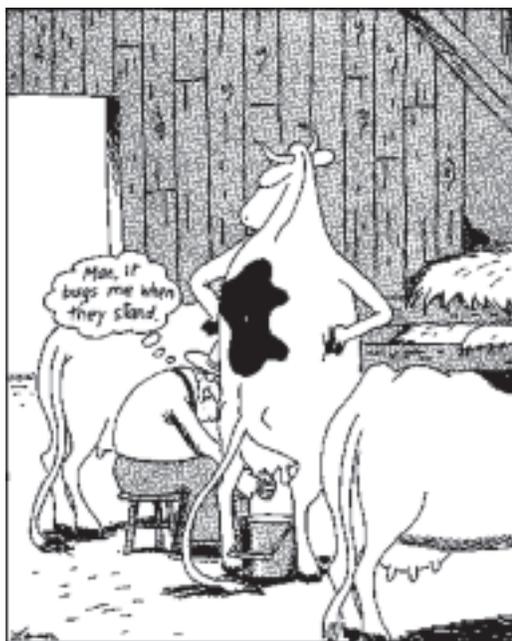
Upcoming Seed Deadlines

October 20th - Hyland Corn Early Order Discount
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Key features of maximizing your wheat yield.

- i. Certified seed
- ii. Timely planting
- iii. Seeding rate
- iv. Seed depth
- v. Soil testing and balanced fertility
- vi. Balancing sulphur application with nitrogen in the spring
- vii. Fall weed control
- viii. Spring follow-up



Now's the time for... GPS Soil Sampling

County Farm Centre offers GPS soil sampling on 1 acre, 2.5 acres and 5 acre grids, as well as boundary mapping. Soil sampling is the first step in Precision Ag and leads to pinpointing problem areas, site-specific recommendations and variable rate application.

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Cold Weather Calf Care Checklist



Are you using effective cold weather calf care procedures? Do they provide the opportunity for your employees to provide quality calf care?

Let's consider your cold weather calf care procedures and compare your actions with the standards in this checklist.

1. I feed all calves at least 4 quart of high quality, clean colostrum no later than 6 hours after birth. (At www.atticacows.com at Calf Facts, see "Colostrum Feeding Checklist.")
2. For calves consuming primarily a liquid ration, I feed enough milk/milk replacer appropriate to the environmental temperature to provide enough energy for both maintenance and at least one pound per day growth. (At www.calfnotes.com , see Jan'01 Calving Ease "Cold Weather and Energy for Calves.")
3. For calves on a combination liquid and calf starter ration, I feed free-choice calf starter grain. (At www.atticacows.com , at Calf Facts, see "Starter Grain Feeding Checklist".)
4. I provide free-choice water to all calves in both non-freezing and freezing weather. (At www.atticacows.com , at Calf Facts, see "Water Feeding Checklist.")
5. During cold weather, I dry calf hair coats at birth enough to fluff in order to reduce evaporation heat losses.
6. During cold weather in calf barns, I provide adequate air exchange (15 cfm/min/calf) without creating drafts on individual calves. (At www.ansci.cornell.edu/prodairy/ choose in order, "Resources," "Dairy Facilities," "Papers," "Articles," and "Calf & Heifer Facilities" to get to Curt Gooch's paper, "Existing Facilities for Replacement Heifers.")
7. In cold weather housing, I keep an adequate layer of dry bedding underneath calves to insulate them from a cold base. Remember, however, much of the insulation value of bedding is lost when it is wet. Wet bedding can have three times the heat loss as dry bedding.
8. In cold weather housing, I control convection losses either by adequate soft bedding to allow "nesting" or by the use of calf blankets.

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