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Spring Reminders

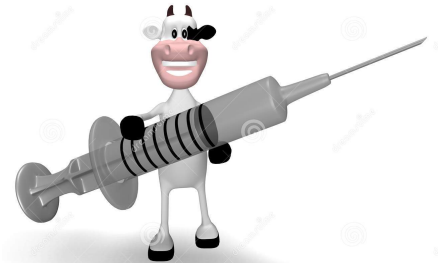
Fan cleaning and maintenance

Spring is a good time to clean and maintain your fans in preparation for summer. Cleaning is important not only for cleanliness/aesthetics, but especially to maximize fan efficiency, air quality and cow comfort. This is also the time, when the fans are disassembled for cleaning, to carry out the necessary maintenance actions (tightening/replacement of belts, lubrication, and other maintenance actions).

Spring vaccine reminders

It's us again with our vaccine reminders, this time for spring vaccines. Remember that spring is the perfect time to prevent pneumonia, acute mastitis and clostridial diseases before these strike your herds.

- Vaccines used against acute mastitis: J-Vac, TopVac, Enviracor
- Vaccines used against pneumonia:
 - Non-pregnant heifers: Pyramid (5 or 10) + Presponse
 - Pregnant heifers and adult cows indoors: Triangle 5
 - Pregnant heifers and adult cows on pasture: Triangle 10
- Vaccines used against clostridial diseases: Tasvax



Captive bolt euthanasia and upcoming changes at Sanimax

The veterinary clinic has purchased a captive bolt, with which all our veterinarians and veterinary technicians have been trained. The captive bolt is a fast and effective on-farm euthanasia method that is less expensive and meets animal welfare standards. Euthanasia with a captive bolt is the preferred method of euthanasia for cattle in slaughterhouses. The captive bolt causes a concussion resulting in immediate loss of consciousness, without anxiety/fear or pain. Loss of consciousness is then followed by a secondary method of euthanasia to ensure death. It is therefore a very good alternative to other methods of euthanasia, especially with the multiple shortages of veterinary drugs including euthanasia products (barbiturates) and the changes that are coming at Sanimax. Sanimax will cease, as of September 3, 2022, the collection of animals euthanized with barbiturates. In addition, Sanimax will stop on-site euthanasia by the driver, starting May 28, 2022. They will only collect carcasses and it becomes the responsibility of the producer or his veterinarian to carry out the act of euthanasia. We must all then revise our euthanasia protocols in view of these changes.