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New year rhymes with new resolutions! This is an opportunity to take a step back and question your business objectives for 2022. Fortunately, we can support you in these resolutions.

Improve Herd Health

- □ Keeping Health Records: It can be very beneficial to keep health records and get into the habit of reviewing them to recognize and address major and recurring herd health issues.
- □ Vaccination: A variety of vaccines are available to protect your herd against multiple diseases (pneumonia, mastitis, diarrhea, blackleg, etc.) that lead to lower production, reproductive problems and / or deaths.
- Dewormers: Products such as Eprinex (without withdrawal time) prevent economic losses (production) and negative impacts on the immune system.
- Metabolic profiles: With blood samples from a group of animals in the herd, we can judge the food balance and make recommendations to maximize the state of health of your cows and their productions / reproductions.

Improve reproduction

- Preventive herd visits: Regular preventive visits increase the profitability of the company by improving the general health of the herd, as well as milk production and quality.
- Embryo transfer (ref. January 2021): Therapeutic embryo implantation ("beef embryos") is a solution to cows that are difficult to get pregnant due to a conception problem.

Improve udder health and milk quality

- CMT: The California Mastitis Test is a tool that detects the presence of subclinical mastitis infection and helps in the diagnosis of clinical mastitis, easily performed on the farm by the producer.
- Milk cultures: Essential part of the mastitis management program, providing information on the individual's problem but also on herd trends. This helps establish a treatment and vaccination plan appropriate to the problem.

Improve calf health

- Colostrum management and passive immunity transfer: It is now understood that calves require a good quantity and quality of colostrum in the first hours of life in order to have an adequate passive immunity transfer. It is possible to test colostrum as well as serum protein levels in calves to ensure the effectiveness of your colostrum management program.
- □ Vaccination: A variety of vaccines are available to protect your calves to prevent respiratory and enteric problems, helping to limit mortality and raise stronger milk production.

Emphasize Personal Life and Health: Remember it is important to take a break and think about yourself and the people around you!

