**Salmonella vaccinations help keep your dairy healthy**

When your cows are sick, you do your best to make them better. If you can prevent them from falling ill in the first place, you’d be even happier. That’s why vaccination is a key component of any *Salmonella* control program. Incorporating a vaccine such as SALMONELLA NEWPORT BACTERIAL EXTRACT VACCINE* with SRP® technology, makes sense for all dairies, whether you’ve experienced a *Salmonella* Newport outbreak or not.

“The SALMONELLA NEWPORT BACTERIAL EXTRACT VACCINE contains extracts of whole *Salmonella* Newport cells,” explained Gary Neubauer, DVM, Zoetis. “The bacterial extract vaccine helps generate antibodies that help prevent iron from being utilized by *Salmonella* Newport bacteria, causing them to die and helping prevent the spread of *Salmonella* Newport.”

Dr. Neubauer pointed out that compared with a placebo, the vaccine showed a 97% reduction in moderate to severe scours in calves challenged with *Salmonella* Newport.¹ A published study showed milk production increased by 2.5 pounds per cow on a farm that compared the vaccine against a placebo.² That herd had no signs of salmonellosis before treatment.²

“What would your cows produce if they weren’t spending energy fighting *Salmonella*?” Dr. Neubauer asked.

Subclinical salmonellosis is hard to detect because the symptoms could come from other factors. *Salmonella* can cause reduced milk production, poor reproductive performance, abortions, weight loss and poor feed efficiency. Cows with subclinical salmonellosis can shed the bacteria, show no symptoms or even act as latent carriers with no symptoms or shedding. But by vaccinating, cows can have a significant decrease in fecal shedding of *Salmonella* Newport, one 14-day study showed.¹

In addition to manure, *Salmonella* also can be shed through milk, which can inflate somatic cell counts (SCC). Again, vaccination with the SALMONELLA NEWPORT BACTERIAL EXTRACT VACCINE helps keep your animals healthy, as vaccinated cattle in one study maintained a somatic cell count under 200,000 while those that weren’t vaccinated averaged more than 400,000 SCC.²

The vaccine is easily administered through one subcutaneous 2 mL dose given ahead of the shoulder, plus a booster two to four weeks later. After the initial whole-herd vaccination, an annual revaccination at dry off helps provide protection from this costly disease.
“Don’t let your guard down when it comes to Salmonella Newport,” Dr. Neubauer said. “Especially when prevention can be as simple as incorporating a Salmonella Newport vaccine, and numerous studies support the benefits of vaccination.”

To learn more about the threat of Salmonella and how vaccinating can help keep your dairy healthy, visit SalmonellaRisk.com.

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