

In this issue:

**-Cheaper Corn! Pros & Cons.**

**-Weaning is coming, are you ready?**

**Corn has dropped in price** from \$6.10/bu. to \$4.65 (September futures, <http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/agricultural/grain-and-oilseed/corn.html>, click on charts).



With reduced pricing we should be seeing more corn used in all animal rations. Remember, unless corn is gelatinized (steam-rolled, -flaked) it is usable by bad bacteria in the lower gut and causes problems if undigested starch reaches the small intestine & lower gut (“just like throwing gun powder on a fire”). This is where providing Lactic Acid (L.A.) bacteria & Mannan Oligosaccharide (MOS) to the small intestine can be inexpensive insurance for a healthy gut.

**Weaning is just around the corner** for cow-calf operations (some seed stock operations are weaning now) and a continual process in dairy hutch calves. Going through weather, environment, diet, and grouping change (usually with transportation changes) “stacks” stresses and invites sickness. “The recent increase in feeder cattle prices has significantly increased the value of additional weight gain for feeder cattle” (D. Peel & G. Selk, OSU ext. Cow/Calf Corner newsletter for 8/12/13). Minimizing weight loss during weaning can pay big dividends-here’s how. **Advanta Yeast-20, Advanta MOS, Advanta HY & Base 1 Calf Blend** provide a variety of MOS, yeast and L.A. bacteria via receiving rations (low stress administration). If individual treatment fits your operation better or as an adjunct to antibiotic therapy, **Bova Pac and EVM Boluses and Paste** are an easy-to-use way to supplement yeast, MOS, L.A. bacteria and essential vitamins and organic trace minerals. All reduce transition stresses and move calves onto feed fast. **Contact our technical representative** in your area ([enzabac.com/purchase/sales](http://enzabac.com/purchase/sales) staff). You can always call (877)736-1607, FAX (208) 735-8418 or email us at [enzabac@enzabac.com](mailto:enzabac@enzabac.com). We look forward to helping you and your animals.

-J.H.Killen, Ph.D, P.A.S.



*Science & Nature in Balance.*