

Dr. Hayes Joins WVS

Dr. Andri Hayes will be joining Waupun Veterinary Services this month. Hayes grew up by Stillwater, Minn., where her family resides. She received her undergraduate degree in animal science from North Dakota State University and graduated a few weeks ago with her veterinary degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

“I’ve always loved animals. Growing up I bottle fed kittens all the time,” she said. “I started out interested in equine, but in North Dakota I worked on the campus dairy and realized I really liked cows.”

After undergraduate school, Hayes worked as a herdsman in North Dakota for one year. She moved to Wisconsin working as a herdsman on a 6,000-cow dairy by Broadhead for another 2 ½ years and then started vet school in 2020.

Her favorite job in veterinary medicine is working with adult cows. She’s done a variety of externships over her studies, learning about veterinary medicine in wildlife, large poultry operations and is most recently doing a honeybee externship.

Hayes has moved to the Brownsville area with her cat Einstein. She enjoys kayaking, hiking and the outdoors. She also loves to garden. Please welcome Hayes to your farm in the upcoming weeks.



Japanese Yew Deadly to Farm Animals



Japanese Yew is commonly used as a shrub, but many may not realize this plant is deadly to cattle, sheep, and goats.

I’ve seen a dozen dead bred heifers when a client’s wife trimmed the shrubs in front of their house and threw the trimmings in the heifer lot (never let your wife trim shrubs).

Recently we had several goats accidentally killed by the same method. I’ve seen cattle get out of a lot and graze shrubs around a farmhouse and die. Unfortunately, deer are resistant, and they can eat the stuff. One small sprig held between your individual fingers can kill a cow.

Agriculture Provides Jobs in Rural Communities

Rural communities struggle to survive because they need businesses that provide jobs. Animal agriculture as opposed to cash cropping has always been important as a community job provider. Feed mills, veterinary clinics, small implement dealers, animal health product suppliers, and building maintenance and repair people all benefit. Dairy produces the most community financial support, but all livestock producers are beneficial to the community.

Update on Bird Flu in Dairy Cattle

As of May 16, 2024, a total of nine states and 49 herds are infected with the bird flu.

Near Wisconsin, herds in South Dakota, Michigan, Ohio, and Kansas have infected herds. Fortunately, only two people have contracted the virus and tested positive.

There are probably others in which the infection was mild or totally inapparent and the media isn’t pursuing the disease as the end of mankind anymore.

Mark Your Calendar!

WVS will be hosting our annual client appreciation picnic on Thursday, July 25th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Brownsville Community Center in Brownsville.

We will have Eden Meats catering the event. Please mark your calendar and enjoy a nice lunch on us. There will be door prizes for those attending and games for the children.

No need to RSVP. We will see you there!

Mastitis Reviewed by Researchers

Researchers reviewed mastitis causing bacterial samples from 29 veterinary diagnostic laboratories from 2011 to 2022, over 10,000 samples.

The paper summary Veterinary Microbiology Volume 291, April 2024, 110015 was, "The data support the conclusion that resistance to common antimicrobial drugs among mastitis pathogens, even to drugs that have been used in dairies for mastitis management for many years, continues to remain low."

Mastitis pathogens that come from the environment almost never spread cow to cow so even if a strain of bacteria became resistant in a treated cow, the next cow would get the environmental reservoir strain which never saw the antibiotic.

Even when treating mastitis with susceptible antibiotics, the failure rate is extremely high. The mastitis visually looks cleared up but cultures weeks later and somatic cell count show treatment failure is common.

WVS Vets Love Animals...



This groundhog lives to see another day as Dr. Molly took care to avoid it recently at a farm. Although, the pole she hit wasn't as lucky, nor was her truck that had \$9,000 worth of damage. One thing is for sure, our vets do all they can to keep an animal alive...



Drop Ship Program

Are you a new producer that is interested in having product delivered to the farm at very competitive prices? If so, you may be interested in our drop ship program. Producers can either call the warehouse in Iowa directly and speak with an inside sales rep, or you can call our office and we will place the order for you.

There is a minimum of \$300 per order to receive free shipping.

If calling orders into the office, please call Monday through Wednesday by noon, in order to get it shipped the next day.

4th of July Notices

The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

Routine milk samples must be in by Tuesday of that week. The milk lab will only be doing Myco on Wednesday and will be closed Thursday and Friday of that week.

All samples for the blood lab must be in by noon on Wednesday for the week of July 4th. Any samples brought in after noon, will be done on Friday of that week.

During the week of July 4th, call drop ship orders in by Tuesday of that week.

Lesson in Calving Corrections on the Farm

Dr. Ralph is pictured at right teaching 4th-grade students from Markesan Elementary School how veterinarians correct a common calving problem, a uterine torsion or twisted uterus. The student on the right is the "calf" while the student on the left is the "vet."

