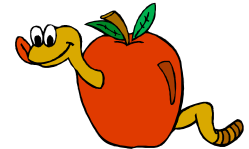




October 2009

Worming



It's that time of year again.

It is important to worm sows regularly, and to use a broad spectrum anthelmintic such as Flubenol that eliminates larvae as well as mature worms and all nematodes, not just ascarids. Loose housing and solid floored systems help the spread of worms, so use a disinfectant capable of attacking the worm eggs after cleaning out your yards. One approved for use in poultry houses is best for this purpose, or a horticultural flame gun if the structure is suitable.

If ascarid worms are a problem in the growing herd, slaughter reports show this as condemnations of livers because of milk spots. Consult your vet if this is a problem, because worms are hungry, so they cost you money. A heavy ascarid infection can reduce growth efficiency by 10%.

To keep worms under control it is necessary to use an in feed wormer for sows twice a year, in October and April, or to co-ordinate it with the time of cleaning out your yards, so that wormed sows are put back into clean yards.

Biosecurity reminder

Brachyspira hyodysenteriae, the cause of Swine Dysentery, survives at least a month in moist cool conditions.

Keep your loading facility clean and dry. Disinfect it immediately after every use.

Remember, if you cannot wash your loading dock because the water supply is frozen, your haulier probably cannot wash and disinfect his wagon, boots and leggings.

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The website has a fresh, new look. Thanks to a great deal of work, primarily by Rachel, the whole website has been revamped giving it a more user friendly feel. There are a number of additions and changes, such as the News and Events section where you can keep up to date with what is happening at practice level as well as the pig world in general.

It is our intention to have a member/customer only log-in area in the near future where you can confidentially access historical records and reports, Veterinary Health Plans and many other documents personal to your business.

We would also welcome input, as well as comment, on how we can improve the site so please don't be shy!

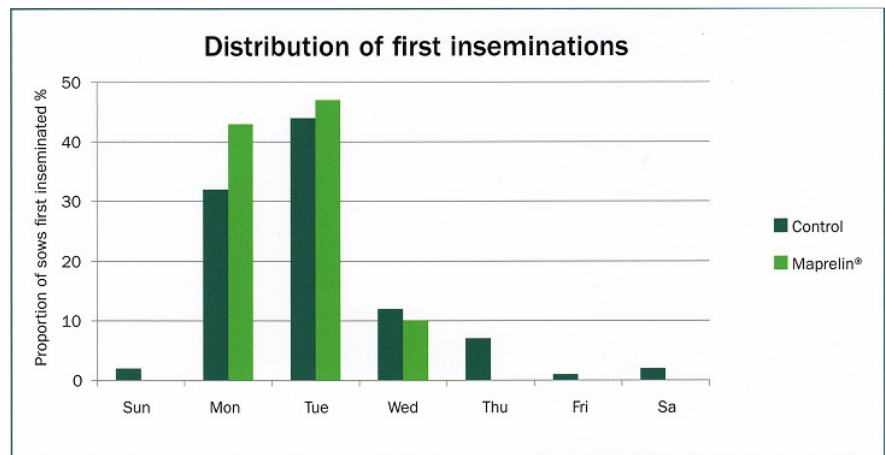
New Products

Janssen Animal Health have recently licenced Maprelin, a hormonal product that is undergoing product evaluation in the UK. It does however already have some pretty impressive production figures that enabled the licence.



Maprelin is registered for the induction of oestrus in sows and sexually mature gilts. With its unique mode of action, different to other products of this type, it essentially tightens the weaning to oestrus interval with a higher percentage of animals in the Monday → Wednesday service window, the duration of oestrus being unaffected.

For more information on the different uses of Maprelin please speak to your vet.



Source: Veyx Pharma Study nr: 2008/6/1

Health Meeting

Garth and Scotlean are to hold two meetings in Yorkshire (2nd November) and Scotland (1st December) to look deeper into maximising output through improved health and management. The focus will be on the weaner for the morning session followed by the grower/finisher for the afternoon. You will see an invite entitled:

“Are you achieving two tonne/sow/year?”

We urge you to attend as there will be speakers from international companies as well as our own veterinary team. Contact Rachel for further details.

Training Workshops

We have now held three very successful sessions which have been well attended, this leaves three to go which are:-

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| 11 th November | The weaner – management and care |
| 18 th November | The grower and finisher – management and care |
| 25 th November | Safe and effective use of Veterinary Medicines |

Please feel free to enrol your staff or yourself at these valuable sessions. Contact Christine at the practice for more details.

We have been approached by a number of clients to hold bespoke training for them, this is an option and is also eligible for funding.