

"The Growing Years: Calf and Heifer Management"

PRESENTED BY:







Dr. Noah Litherland



Pat Hoffman

Always <u>LIVE</u> on a Wednesday, from Noon – 1:00 p.m. CDT ** (See note below.)

Participate in all three or select just one.

Wednesday, April 29 (register by April 22)

FEEDING CALVES IS MORE THAN JUST A SCIENCE - Dr. Sheila McGuirk

A good nutritional program for dairy calves is a critical part of raising healthy calves and growing productive and profitable dairy replacements. Feed quality, quantity and consistency in the first 60-days impacts health, development and future milk production. The subject of this webinar is the art of feeding calves. From feeding equipment to ration components, from feed preparation, to the delivery and disposal of feed refusals, we can improve health by limiting scours and other digestive problems like bloat and ulcers that are so common in pre-weaned calves.

Wednesday, May 20 (register by May 13)

MANAGING THE YOUNG TO BECOME NUMBER ONE - Dr. Noah Litherland

The goal in calf rearing is to produce as many number one replacement heifers as possible. A number one heifer is a pristine individual with excellent growth and health giving her the greatest opportunity to express her genetic potential. During this webinar, we will discover novel feeding and management methods to produce more number one calves and better understand why some calves fail to meet expectations. The importance of measuring birth body weight and weaning weight, calculating average daily gain, and recording health treatments will be covered. This data is very helpful in trouble shooting calf problems and finding ways to boost performance and lower costs.

Wednesday, June 17 (register by June 10)

THE HEIFER: IS THIS DIET WORKING? - Pat Hoffman

Heifer growth responses are not immediate and heifers are reared in different housing types under diverse climatic conditions getting a sense of "is this diet working" and can be challenging at best. Yes, dairy heifers require more or less dietary energy or protein based on size, season of the year and housing type but also knowing how dietary NDF effects heifer dry matter intake and subsequently effects heifer energy intake is invaluable. This webinar will also discuss the hidden challenges of dairy heifer nutrition, such as how heifer pregnancy rate has a profound effect on formulating heifer diets. We'll also take a bounce around limit feeding strategies, formulating heifer diets for dietary phosphorus and strategies to cut dietary energy to avoid over-conditioning.

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