



New Products

► Introducing products, services for cattlemen; compiled by **Linda Robbins**, assistant editor

Two-dose vaccine to prevent respiratory disease

AgriLabs, Saint Joseph, Mo., announces the availability of MpB Guard, a two-dose vaccine that aids in the prevention of respiratory disease and the potential loss caused by *Mycoplasma bovis*.

The company said that vaccinating calves at 45 days of age with a mixture of *M. bovis* isolates, their soluble antigens and the Life-II adjuvant system can help protect young, susceptible calves early in life. The new vaccine utilizes field origin *M. bovis* isolates and has been shown to stimulate elevated titers of both IgA and IgG, as well as reduce lung lesions.

For more information visit www.agrilabs.com/Products.aspx?CategoryUId=5&ProductUId=197.

New label claim

Vira Shield® HB, manufactured by

Novartis Animal Health, has earned U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval for a new label claim stating that Vira Shield HB provides 12 months of immunity against *Lepto hardjo-bovis*, one of the most destructive and economically significant reproductive diseases affecting beef and dairy cattle.

Vira Shield provides broad-spectrum respiratory and reproductive disease protection and is safe for use in all cattle, including pregnant cows and heifers, regardless of their previous vaccination history.



In a 2010 challenge study, calves were vaccinated with Vira Shield 6+VL5 HB at 4 weeks of age and received a booster at 8 weeks of age. Results showed those calves were protected from both kidney and reproductive tract colonization of *Lepto hardjo-bovis* following a severe challenge 12 months after vaccination. The new 12-month duration of immunity claim for *Lepto hardjo-bovis* applies to Vira Shield 6+L5 HB, Vira Shield 6+VL5 HB, ReproSTAR® L5 HB and ReproSTAR VL5 HB.

For more information contact your veterinarian, a company representative or visit www.livestock.novartis.com.

Rapid cow pregnancy test

Most pregnancy tests are accurate only after 35-45 days post insemination. TwilCanada has introduced a new cow pregnancy test kit, Bovipreg, which the

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company says needs just three drops of milk to test for pregnancy for both beef and dairy cattle 18 to 22 days post insemination.

The kit can be stored at room temperature and is easy to transport. A cow-side test, results are available in five minutes. Users are not required to send the sample to a laboratory for a result.

Accuracy results of 96.9% in positive for pregnancy tests and 97.8% in negative for pregnancy tests have been proven, according to the release. The company recommends five consecutive tests for any animal whose insemination date is not known.

For more information visit www.twilcanada.com.

UTV with improved transmission

Kubota Tractor Corp. has announced the latest version of its RTV900 utility vehicle model, the RTV900XT. The model's key new feature is the variable hydro transmission (VHT) Plus2, which boasts higher torque to maximize towing and hauling performance, along with smooth dynamic-braking and easier shifting.

The new model runs on a 21.6 gross hp, three-cylinder, liquid-cooled diesel engine that is performance matched to the VHT Plus2 hydrostatic transmission. The unit has an extra-large steel cargo bed with an optional hydraulic bed-lift system operated by a single lever.

The front of the machine features a new reinforced steel front guard. A new seat design provides increased comfort for the operator and passenger.

For more information call 1-888-458-2682 ext. 900 or visit www.kubota.com.

iPhone app now available in Android platform

ZimmComm New Media has announced that its AgWired iPhone App is now available for the Android platform. The app offers one-touch access to all the latest news and information in the agribusiness and agricultural marketing world posted on *Agwired.com*, including audio, photo and video, and connections to other ZimmComm news sites. The app features a news tab dropdown menu to select the company's news network feeds as well as individual news items by category. The new app also offers a function that allows easy sharing of articles.

The app can be found at <https://market.android.com>.

