Editor’s Note

This issue includes information for the new CMI training course at Cornell and the annual CMI statewide seminars. Also included is a CVM Update with drugs prohibited for extra-label use in all food-producing animals.

On routine farm inspections, CMI’s should be looking more closely for prohibited drugs. Also, CMI’s should continually educate producers on withholding times for legal drugs. When an animal is treated and the recommended withholding time is observed, a sample of the animal’s milk should be tested for the drug administered, prior to the milk going into the tank.

New CMI Training Course

The new CMI Training Course is scheduled for July 25-27, 2006, at Cornell University, Stocking Hall, Ithaca, NY.

Part 2.6(a)(2) requires a Certified Milk Inspector attend a training course held by the Commissioner within one year of receiving his certificate…

All newly licensed CMI’s should register for this course, for compliance with this regulation.

A course registration form and agenda are attached. This is also a great refresher course.

Rating Schedule & Vacations

CMI’s are aware of the approximate period that they may have a rating. If a CMI has a planned vacation or other absence, they can contact our Division office at 518-457-1772, or Dennis Moore at 518-669-9648. Every effort will be made so that a rating will not be scheduled during that time, or the CMI can have a substitute assist in their absence.

2006 Annual CMI Seminars

If you are unable to attend one of the listed seminars, you may attend any applicable seminar or course as noted on the attached DMC 284 Continuing Education Registration Form. Please remember any seminar or course not listed must be submitted for prior approval to receive credit for attending.

October 2, 2006, Mon. – 1:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.
Erie Co. Cooperative Extension
21 So. Grove St., East Aurora, NY 14052

October 3, 2006, Tues. – 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
NYS Fairgrounds
Art and Home Center
581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209

October 4, 2006, Wed. – 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
BOCES
30 Court St.
Canton, NY 13617

October 5, 2006, Thurs. – 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.
NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets
10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235

(I-87, Exit 4 to Albany-Shaker Rd., go West to the 3rd light, just past the Airport. Take Left onto Rte. 155, take Left at Airline Drive.
(10B is ¼ mile on left)

CVM Update
August 19, 2005

Reminder -- Extra-Label Use of Sulfonamides in Lactating Dairy Cattle Prohibited

FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) would like to remind veterinarians that extra-label use of sulfonamides in lactating dairy cattle is prohibited. CVM has received some information indicating that sulfonamides, some in combination with trimethoprim, are being prescribed for use in treating conditions in lactating dairy cattle for which they are not approved. The unapproved use of sulfonamides is one of the most frequent causes of violative residues in food-producing animals.

The prohibition against extra-label use of sulfonamides in lactating dairy cattle is based on a finding by CVM that the extra-label use of these drugs presents a risk to the public health for the purposes of the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) of 1994. These extra-label uses are capable of causing violative residues of the drugs in milk and meat.

The Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) amended the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow licensed veterinarians to prescribe extra-label uses of approved animal drugs and human drugs in animals. Section 530.25(a)(2) of the AMDUCA provides that the Agency may prohibit an extra-label drug use in food producing animals if, after affording an opportunity for public comment, the Agency finds that such use presents a risk to the public health.

The following drugs (both animal and human formulations), families of drugs, and substances are prohibited for extra-label uses in all food-producing animals:

- Chloramphenicol;
- Clenbuterol;
- Diethylstilbestrol (DES);
- Dimetridazole;
- Furoxalone, Nitrofurazone, other nitrofurans;
- Fluoroquinolones;
- Glycopeptide;
- Ipronidazole;
- Other nitroimidazoles;
- Phenytoin animal and human drugs in female dairy cattle 20 months of age or older; and
- Sulfonamide drugs in lactating dairy cattle (except approved use of sulfadimethoxine, sulfabromomethazine, and sulfaethoxypyridazine).

Currently sulfadimethoxine is the only marketed sulfonamide with approved formulations for lactating dairy cattle. Products on the list of prohibited drugs may only be used according to the approved indications for use in their labeling. Some formulations are not specifically approved for lactating dairy cattle. Some of the prohibited drugs are approved for one class of food animal but not in others. Veterinarians should read the label closely.

Veterinarians who have questions about AMDUCA or the extra-label use of drugs may contact FDA/CVM Division of Compliance, 7519 Standish Place, HFV-230, Rockville, MD 20855, Phone number (240) 276-9200.

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Licensed Milk Receivers

We have run into two situations recently that may put producer samples and milk in jeopardy.

- The first, a milk receiver had not renewed his license and had picked up milk for over two years without a valid license.
- The second, an over-the-road driver was asked by the plant receiver to take the Appendix N sample from his truck. This over-the-road driver was not a licensed milk receiver.

In both instances, the samples are invalid. CMI’s can assist in monitoring drivers, their sampling techniques and that weight slips have the drivers full legible name.

M-I-06-5- Is enclosed with current information addressing Item 15r-Drug and Chemical Control.

M-I-06-6 Approved Farm In-line Samplers

M-I-06-6 is enclosed with this newsletter. It provides the application and SOP’s for the ISO-LOK, QMI AND ANDERSON samplers.