



# Charmany Dairy Herd Newsletter

May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 12<sup>th</sup>  
*Daily Events*



## Monday:

Am:

Pm:

## Tuesday:

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- 4<sup>th</sup> year Theriogenology rotation Herd Check — [Dr. Bosu](#), 4<sup>th</sup> yr. students, and [Pam Draheim](#), whose student project is the management of the herd's OVSYNCH program. **RED** will have her intravaginal progesterone-releasing device (called a CIDR) removed and will proceed with the Ovsynch protocol.

Pm:

- 1 – 5 pm: Pelvic limb portion of the physical exam lab for first year students. 80 students plus anatomy professors, LAIM clinicians, Production Medicine clinicians, a theriogenology clinician, and a 4<sup>th</sup> year student in a teaching role.

## Wednesday:

Am:

- [Rachel Klos](#) will be bleeding cows and processing their blood for NEFA's and BHB's

Pm:

## Thursday:

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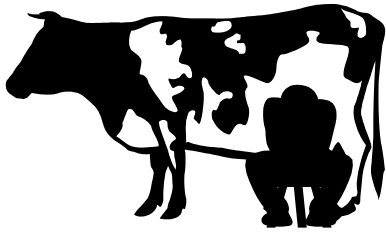
Pm:

## Friday:

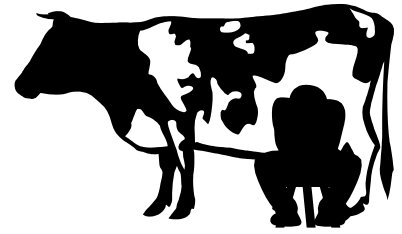
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- rBST injections given to 12 cows – during milking 5 am – 7 am

Pm:



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**Cows due to calve this summer:** (Great experience for students – just ask Senior-student-to-be [Judith Goelkel!](#))  
(You will note that apparently by some kind of error in conception date records, [Grace](#) has been moved from Sept to June, according to [Dave](#).)

<u>COW</u>	<u>DUE</u>
SWOOSH	6/6/02
PEARLIE	6/7/02
VICKY	6/22/02
GRACE	6/27/02
KATHY	7/6/02
SHELBY	7/6/02
EVE	7/27/02
CAROLYN	7/27/02
SAMMI	7/27/02
BRENDA	7/31/02
BRIT	8/5/02
CINDY	8/10/02
ANNA	8/18/02
BLACKI	8/19/02
OLIVE	8/30/02

**Production and Milk Quality Summary:**

The herd continues to milk at 80 lbs/cow with 44 cows producing about 3,520 lbs/day. Milk quality is another story with Bulk Tank SCC at 250,000. It won't get us any awards, but we will manage the chronic cases until we can get some fresh cows into the tank. Hopefully, then we will have more flexibility to address chronic mastitis problems. In the meantime, the good news is that we can begin to address the long-term mastitis problems in the dry cow period. First, we'll be getting some data on bacterial growth rates in the dry cow pack and barn shavings. Then we plan to explore the possibility of using an internal teat seal that Dr. Cook is testing. Finally, we'll begin to look at the design and partial budgets for: a transition area in the barn with sand bedding; a dry cow area in the barn with sand bedding; and finally, pasture potential west of the barn where dogs currently roam.

**Sick Cows/Treatments/Breedings/Patient Care:**

- We have had a relatively healthy week (it's about time!). [Matti](#) still has a Pasteurella infection in her RR—we are hoping for a reasonable commensal relationship.
- [Sparkle's](#) RF is palpating more towards normal, and there is gradually less and less milk to be stripped out from it.
- [Annabelle](#) continues to milk at high levels and with a very high SCC. She continues to be positive for residues. She is a cow with a good immune system, but because of her leaking (poor shincter function) and hyperkeratosis on her teat ends (which make them hard to keep clean of bacteria) she continually gets exposed and infected. She has been infected with 3 different bacteria in at least 3 quarters at three different times since 2-5-02.
- [Shoes](#) is adapting slowly to the barn, thanks to the students, who've been very patient with her, especially when she is brought into her stall from the exercise yard.
- [Red](#) and all the other cows welcome first year students who have been working in the herd and/or recently have taken or scheduled shifts: [Ilanit \(Elaine\) Binor](#), [Gretchen Glose](#), [Monique Hoch](#), [Britton Hooper](#), [Beth Loeffelholz](#), [Brenda Loeffelholz](#), [Ashley Stancil](#), [Stacia Volbrecht](#). **ESPECIALLY to the newest additions: [Mike Russell](#), [Amy Ehrmentraut](#), [Brooke Milde](#), [Danielle Proulx](#), and [Sara Gilbertson](#)**



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**Lameness assessments:**

- **Ace and Swoosh** say, “THANKS, **DR. COOK!**” for making a special trip to CHARMANY to put “shoes” on their sore feet.
- The Herd’s new Manual Comfort Chute should be arriving within a week or two. **THANK YOU SCAVMA!!!!**

**Noteworthy items:**

- Thanks from **Red** and all the other cows to **Erika Langfoss** and **Jessica Pagenkopf** for their presentation to first year students regarding job opportunities with the Herd and experiences gained in working with **Red** and all those other cows. At the bunk, **Kristyn** and **Sandy** sadly discussed how they would ever get along without these 2 students!
- More thanks! **Red** and all the other cows want to thank the following companies for their donations of product: Merial, Pharmacia Animal Health, Monsanto, and Pfizer!

**Projects:**

- We give our rBST injections on Friday mornings. If you want to give us a hand (as their can be up to 24 cows to inject) feel free to show up any time between 6:00-7:30am. Come and give **Keith Poulsen** and **Sara Colopy** a hand.
- We have cows to vaccinate (J-5 and Scourgard) — see **Sara Colopy** for the schedule.
- **Rachel Klos** and **Sara Colopy** will be doing the Newsletter next fall. How can we ever replace **Jessica**???

**Employment opportunities:**

- If you are interested in gaining experience with dairy cows, we have the opportunity for you. You can join the milking crew at the Charmany Teaching Facility and work the AM or PM milking shifts. Weekday shifts are from 5:00 am to 7:00 am and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Weekend shifts are from 5:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Interested students should contact **Dr. Bill Goodger** at 770-1448.
- **Dr. Goodger** is setting up the summer work schedule. Please contact him if you wish to be included, as available shifts are filling up fast! You can contact **Dr. Goodger** at the e-mail address below – he can respond almost immediately as his newest toy (a Blackberry) allows him to check e-mail almost anywhere at anytime. (Hopefully not while he’s driving, though!)

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