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is some evidence supporting the use of injectable penicillin in the external layer of the bulbar conjunctiva (white of the eyeball). "A veterinarian should perform this procedure, as improperly placed injections may be ineffective and result in further damage to the eye," he said.

Protecting the eye from sunlight by applying an eyepatch can also be very important since ultraviolet rays can activate enzymes that can increase eye damage. "This will also reduce shedding of bacteria," he said.

He added that if the animal is in a pasture situation where keeping the patch on can be a challenge, construction adhesive can be used instead of the traditional eyepatch adhesive. However, it may be necessary to catch the animal to remove the patch. Also, it is more difficult to monitor or administer additional treatment to eyes covered with a patch.

Some veterinarians may prefer to suture the eyelid shut if the corneal ulcer is deep and appears likely to rupture. When treating eyes, one should wash hands or change gloves between affected animals to avoid spreading the bacteria further.

Healing Stage: Once the causative agent is eliminated, the ulcer is quickly covered by epithelium and the eye becomes less painful. Excessive tearing and blinking will subside and blood vessels will recede, but Kincheloe said the eye may continue to be a cloudy blue color for one to two weeks.

Once this healing occurs, she explained that the eye no longer requires antibiotic treatment. "Clearing of the edema will begin at the outside edge of the cornea and sight will begin to return," Kincheloe said.

The eyes of most infected cattle heal within 60 days, but may result in a white scar that can remain for the lifetime of the animal. ■iGrow

What's New with Beef **Quality Assurance**

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) and Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance (DACQA), also known as Dairy BQA, focus on best management practices for the day-to-day husbandry practices used in caring for cattle that provide beef for family's tables across the United States and abroad.

"The National BQA program continually works with all sectors of the beef and dairy industries to improve the content, credibility and the uniformity of standards for raising food animals to assure the quality of beef products," explained Heidi Carroll, SDSU Extension Livestock Stewardship Associate.

Antibiotic stewardship is a key component to both BQA and DACQA programs. This includes all medications or feed additive use. As changes occur to FDA regulations, Carroll reminds cattle producers to maintain their cattle treatment records, veterinary instructions and drug inventory lists accordingly. "Records should be maintained for two years.

Additionally, remember to keep veterinarian's prescriptions and VFDs with the records," Carroll said. "More importantly, maintain a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) to be able to acquire feed-grade medications when situations arise and have veterinary input to continually improve herd health plans.'

Feed yards & BQA

Feed yards are held to high standards and often put under the microscope in the eyes of meat packers and the public. Because of this, Carroll explained that the National BQA program continues to collaborate with major packing companies to create a more uniform producer training program on cattle handling instead of multiple packer-specific programs.

"All employees should maintain a current BQA certificate," she said.

The BQA program strongly encourages feed yards to complete a Feed yard Assessment every three years and create written Standards of Practice Protocols. Once an assessment is complete a feed yard qualifies to be included on the National BQA list of certified feed yards.

'The National BQA list of certified feed yards will allow packers to verify feed yard BQA certification before purchasing cattle," Carroll explained.

Yankton Library Summer Reading Program Continues

The Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut, is down to the final two weeks of its summer reading program, but there is still time to get involved in fun activities and earn reading prizes with Book Bucks. The theme for week seven is "Animal Heroes.'

On Monday, July 13, at 3 p.m., elementary school-aged children and preschoolers accompanied by an adult, can join us for craft day. Our plan is to do outdoor art if the weather is good, but there is also an alternate indoor plan to make superhero accessories. Preschool story time is at 6:30 p.m., on Monday evening. The staff is reading Chick 'n' Pug Meet the Dude by Jennifer Sattler and Silly Goose's BIG Story by Keiko Kasza. The craft is a paper plate goose with special accessories.

On Tuesday, July 14, Toddler Time with stories, songs, and movement are at 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. This is for 1-3 year olds with a parent or caregiver. Siblings are welcome. There will be a special guest Tuesday afternoon, Miss Judi, who will lead attendees in dance

and movement activities, beginning at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome. At 6 p.m., there is a family-friendly movie.

The animal hero preschool story time is repeated on Wednesday, July 15, at 10:15 a.m. Then there will be two very special guests at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Comic book writer Sean Williams and comic book illustrator Eric Gapstur will share their art and stories with us. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions about this fascinating work. The kids have been talking and reading about heroes all summer. This is your chance to meet the creators of some of those heroes and books. This program is for all ages, but tweens and teens are highly encouraged to attend.

On Thursday, July 16, there is another repeat of the preschool story time at 10:15 a.m. The regular LEGO Club and LEGO Robotics both begin at 1 p.m. The robotics sessions required

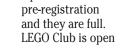
to all ages. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, there will be several sets of DUPLO blocks for younger children.

Friday's activity is games. The Wii game system will be set up from 2-4 p.m. Board games will also be available.

There is a special teen event on Saturday, July 18. After learning all about the creative process of making comic books from Sean Williams and Eric Gapstur, the teens are making their own comic books with all materials provided. Bring your ideas and imagination.

Summer reading activities run through July 24. The Superhero Storehouse prize store is open from July 27-Aug. 1. Calendars of events and reading packets for all ages are still available at the library.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.





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She added that this assists packers in keeping their commitments to consumers about the well-being of the cattle they either own or purchase.

The database will solely be accessed by national or state BQA coordinators and packers to ensure producer confidentiality.

Dairies & DACQA

Dairy beef accounts for 15 to 20 percent of the United States' beef production. The National BQA program teamed up with the dairy industry to provide a collaborative effort to handle producer training programs and develop uniform resources on animal care and handling.

Carroll explained that the DACQA program will more closely reflect the Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (F.A.R.M.) standards that are required by milk processors. "Since dairy feedlots are not required to participate in the F.A.R.M. program, they should maintain DACQA or BQA certification," Carroll said.

New training materials will be available soon. Become certified

The South Dakota Beef Industry Council (SDBIC) still requires cattlemen to complete both levels of the South Da-kota Beef Quality Assurance / Critical Management Plan (SD BQA/CMP) program, the educational training (Level 1) and the veterinarian approved site and treatment plan (Level 2), to be considered a certified producer.

"Feed yards should get in the habit of completing a Feed yard Assessment on a regular basis and updating their files to have current written Standards of Practice Protocols, which is similar to Level 2 requirements," Carroll explained.

The SDBIC and SDSU Extension are updating the South Dakota materials appropriately and compiling the National BQA resources for producers.

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