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## MAY NEWSLETTER

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The Three Day Sickness and Pink Eye curves have been flattened here in the Manning. We will continue the two team structure for a while longer yet, for Coronavirus that is.

With cattle prices so high we have been doing lots of beef cattle preg testing and tagging this month. Pregnancy rates have been surprisingly good considering the conditions at joining.

We have seen unusual 3 Day cases this month where they had acute respiratory distress and death in a high proportion, with no lameness. They also had gas under the skin along their backs, rumps and hind limbs, and you could feel bubbles of gas

rectally as well. This clinical appearance has only been seen here, and the lower Hunter, but not up north, and mainly in dairy cows. The LLS were involved, and testing for other viruses has been done, and post mortems, but 3 Day is the diagnosis. Just very odd.

There have been some cases of 3 Day cows getting up and being weak and knuckling in the hind limbs. This is not an unusual sequel to 3 Day and often gets better with time. We've also had a few 5 Day up to 10 Day Sickness cases. Bulls that have had 3 Day can have their semen checked before joining but you need to wait 3 months from when they were affected.

During the drought many farmers weaned calves early to maintain body weight and pregnancy in the mothers, or sell them, and to increase the feed available to the calves. The results that I have seen have been good with the calves doing well, except for one group that was weaned around 100 kg that still look rubbish. The early pregnant cows, if they were in poor condition during the drought, may have calves that are small and they then also have small calves. The unborn calves can be genetically affected by the drought.

Another example of this is heat stress, where calves exposed to heat stress while in the uterus have lower production for the rest of their lives.

Cattle Diseases of the Month  
calvings  
prolapses , vaginal and uterine  
eye cancers

lame cows  
theileria

Colics, one had to be euthanised  
eye ulcer  
foot abscesses, lots of these  
Qld itch  
laminitis  
Ross River Fever

And in the Horses.....

there is an organisation called BatOneHealth that look at conditions that may cause spill over of viruses from bats into other species, such as horses. They think this winter, as in '11 and '17, there will be Hendra cases. Let's hope not.

The pony mentioned last month with the mass in the corner of its eye was indeed habronemiasis and has recovered with a 'mectin drench. Also, the horse with the swamp cancer - pithyosis - that has been vaccinated for it is doing well, with the mass quite small now and may not need surgery.

This month we had a really lame horse, all from seedy toe. It started off as seedy toe in one hoof only and became worse, so much so that we were asked by the owner to X-ray it when her new farrier came to see it and expressed alarm. We often X-ray hooves for laminitis to measure pedal bone rotation for the farrier, but never for seedy toe. However, there is pedal bone rotation and sinking that has happened over only four months. There doesn't appear to be any underlying condition such as laminitis. It started in the drought and when it rained it became worse rapidly. The laminae within the hoof became infected and separated. The new farrier is going to use different shoes and give some frog support, but this will take at least a year to get better. All from seedy toe.

<b>RUN DATES FOR MAY</b>	
<b>LANSDOWNE.....</b>	<b>THURS 7TH</b>
<b>OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....</b>	<b>TUES 12TH</b>
<b>HANNAM VALE.....</b>	<b>THURS 14TH</b>
<b>DYER'S CROSSING.....</b>	<b>TUES 19TH</b>
<b>WINGHAM.....</b>	<b>THURS 21ST</b>
<b>LORNE/COMBOYNE.....</b>	<b>TUES 26TH</b>
<b>COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....</b>	<b>THURS 28TH</b>

Horse diseases of the month  
Cuts - it's the small cuts, especially over tendons or joints, that cause the biggest problems

