

Pneumonia in housed calves

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Respiratory problems in Calves

Mycoplasmal Pneumonia *Mycoplasma bovis* is an emerging cause of respiratory disease and arthritis in feedlot cattle and in young dairy and veal calves. Contagious pneumonia cases occur as a result of exposure to infected animals or fomites transmitting infectious pathogens and follow the pattern outlined in Figure 4.

Chronic Pneumonia in Feeder Calves? Thank *Mycoplasma Bovis*

A judicious, yet effective vaccination protocol will limit vaccine use to those with proven efficacy. The pneumonia has a bronchopneumonic pattern.

Calf Pneumonia

Where there are one or two calves showing obvious signs of pneumonia, more animals in the same group are likely to be in the early stages of infection and presenting high temperatures. It is during this log phase of growth of the organism in the lungs that virulence factors are elaborated by *M. haemolytica*, such as an exotoxin that has been referred to as leukotoxin. A small percentage develop ear infections with drooped ear that occasionally drain pus.

How you can easily identify and treat calf pneumonia

Another way to look at these categories would be: pneumonia cases caused by poor air quality versus pneumonia cases caused by something other than air quality and ventilation. The fact that many respiratory problems can be avoided by good management adds to the need to tackle calf pneumonia problems if they exist in herds.

Calf Pneumonia

Historically, the environment watering troughs, feed bunks, bedding, old round bales of hay has not been considered a major risk factor for spread of disease but new evidence has shown that *M. bovis*, *M. haemolytica*, and *M. paratuberculosis* are the three species of *Mycoplasma* that are most commonly associated with calf pneumonia.

OPINION: Group housing encourages diarrhea and pneumonia in calves, Quebec study says

A synergism between *Chlamydia* and *Mannheimia haemolytica* has been demonstrated experimentally. In severe cases, pleurisy may develop, characterized by an irregular breathing pattern and grunting on expiration. Progressive Cattle magazine captures the essence of the cattle producer and ranching experience.

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Dairy calves, who are generally separated from their mothers shortly after birth, are far more likely to come down with pneumonia than beef calves, whose mothers usually nurse them.

Pneumonia is major problem in housed cattle

On the other hand, a calf breathing 60 breaths per minute at 5 a. The vaccines should be used as a part of a disease prevention program that also addresses the environmental and management factors on the farm.

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