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PROTECTING COWS FROM DISEASE

Audio with Dr. Mark van der List, Professional Services Veterinarian, Boehringer Ingelheim

Subclinical hypocalcemia (hi-po-cal-see-me-uh) in a dairy cow is defined as low blood calcium without obvious clinical signs. It's the disease you cannot see and impacts nearly every dairy herd. Cows who experience subclinical hypocalcemia are less likely to reach their full productive potential during their following lactations; which can negatively affect your bottom line.

Dr. Mark van der List, professional services veterinarian at Boehringer Ingelheim, offers suggestions on how to manage subclinical hypocalcemia in your herd, starting with the potential consequences of the disease...tape

Cut #1 :39 OC:... "more disease."

Detecting the disease is best done by taking blood samples...tape

Cut #3 :26 OC:... "your herd."

Mexico Retaliates with 20 Percent Tariff on U.S. Pork

Mexico is retaliating against trade tariffs placed by the United States with tariff on U.S. pork. Mexico Tuesday implemented punitive tariffs starting at ten percent and escalating to 20 percent next month on unprocessed pork. The list, according to meat industry publication Meatingplace, includes a 20 percent tariff on U.S. hams and pieces of ham, as well as fresh and frozen pork legs, shoulders, and their pieces without bones. The Mexican ministry will also open a 350,000-metric-ton tariff-free quota for imports of pork legs and shoulders from other countries. Mexico is the largest export market for U.S. pork, representing nearly 25 percent of all U.S. pork exports. National Pork Producers Council President Jim Heimerl (Hi'-merle) says the tariff "eliminates our ability to compete effectively in Mexico." In a statement, U.S. Meat Export Federation President and CEO Dan Halstrom said the action by Mexico will "negatively impact everyone in the U.S. supply chain," along with harming Mexican

consumers and “potentially open up a tremendously strong market to a whole new range of competitors.”