



Exciting News at Waupun Veterinary Services

- **Embryo Transfer:** Although Malin Embryo Transfer is no longer in existence with Dr. Abby going to Trans-Ova, Dr. Cassandra can transfer frozen embryos if you need the service. She does them for several clients, but few realize she has been providing the service for the last 4 years.
- **Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy:** We would like to congratulate Dr. Mark who invested 25 long and grueling days this past winter and spring in training of multispecies Spinal Manipulative Therapy. He got tired of referring equine clients to other specialists. In humans the procedure is called Chiropractic and humans are the only species Mark can't treat.

An easy way to save \$2000.00 on a dairy farm: After every calving, put on a sleeve and check for a twin. If you think the cow had twins check for a triplet. It doesn't matter what was seen via ultrasound when the cow was pregnancy checked. Because:

- The vet can miss the second calf. The vet can miss a third calf.
- The calf you think the cow in the pen had may have come from a different cow.
- A cow with twins can drop one set of cleanings even if the second calf is still in the cow.
- I've seen cows clean around a dead calf, so a cow cleaning does not guarantee all the calves are out.
- A dead calf will rot really fast. It's 102 degrees inside the cow, so winter or summer the calf rots fast.
- The cow will often close the cervix and shrink the uterus after she goes out of labor, and those calves are only coming out with a C-section.
- Dead rotten calves leave three options. Ship the cow and it is usually condemned, pay for a fetotomy (usually \$500 - \$1000, cow doesn't milk, often dies) or do a C-section to pull out the dead calf (usually \$500 - \$1000, cow doesn't milk, often dies).

So save money and have a happy vet by checking every fresh cow soon after calving for extra calf. Clean the cow up and use a sleeve, it's easy. And if you see a cow strain at all after calving, check her ASAP!

Hedging Fuel: If a crisis in the Middle East blocks the Straits of Hormuz, the United States will not suffer a fuel shortage. We produce as much crude oil we consume. We import oil because it is cheaper to export Alaskan crude to the west and import cheaper South American and Mexican crude. But oil is priced on a world market and so there is a very real chance of a major price jump, but not a shortage.

Hedging Corn: Corn could be another major disruptive commodity with weather and China coming into play. If corn spikes and oil doesn't, ethanol margins will be negatively impacted and there could be less distillers available.

