



Curly Tales



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Gilt Requirements

As we are now at the end of October, farms should be closely looking at their sow numbers with consideration of summer infertility problems.

In the first few months of the year, breeding efficiency and consequently conception rates usually decrease.

In order to prevent the impact of seasonal infertility on production there are a number of strategies to consider:

- Mate more sows and select more gilts to compensate for the reduced farrowing rate.
- House mated gilts and sows in stalls for 4 weeks post mating.
- Keep boars and sows cool (less than 28⁰C)

For further information on gilt requirements and strategies please contact the vets at Chris Richards and Associates.

New Creep Feed

As most people would be aware we are no longer able to supply the Medicated Bunge Super Starter.

We have conducted a trial at Kings Piggery and have found an alternative product that showed equal performance to the Bunge Super Starter feed. It contains the same medications as the Bunge feed.

For your future reference you now need to order:

Ridley SS Creep, which costs \$1,240/t or \$49.60/bag + GST.

**DON'T FORGET TO
LOOK US UP ON THE
NEW WEBSITE:**

www.chrisrichards.com.au

Colossal



Neonatal feed supplement for pigs

Colossal is a new product formulated specifically for the neonatal pig. It contains all the building blocks essential for piglet survival. Piglets require colostrum from the sow in order to receive the essential antibodies to provide natural immunity. This first milk also provides essential nutrients and energy for piglets to grow.

HANDY HINT.....

If you only want to give **Colossal** to a few piglets at one time, all you need to do is measure out the required amount and mix accordingly.

For example:

2 level caps of **Colossal** = 10 gms

No. Caps	Water added mls	No. 10 ml doses
2	50 (1/5 cup)	5
4	100 (2/5 cup)	10
6	150 (3/5 cup)	15
8	200 (4/5 cup)	20
10	250 (1 cup)	25

Colossal is best given to piglets within the first 24 hours. It is easy to prepare, just add warm water, shake and administer.

As an introductory offer we are offering a free thermos to keep your **Colossal** warm with every 6 bottles purchased.



Colossal costs \$29.50 per bottle. This equates to 59c/dose. Bulk purchases can also be made.

Contact Country Vet
Wholesaling to place an order.



Vaccine Promotion



Each time you purchase a CSL vaccine you will receive points. When you reach **70 points**, you will receive a **free 24L Family Esky** to keep your drinks cold this summer. You will also receive a **free 2.5ml variable dose vaccinator**.



**Fax back your order to 03 54432 6119 or
FREECALL 1800 426142 before things start to heat up!!!**

Vaccine	Points Earned (per pack)	No. Ordered	Points Collected
LeptoEryVac 100 ml	5		
Porcine Parvac 100 ml	10		
Neovac 100 ml	10		
Eryvac 250 ml	10		

Name: _____

Total Points _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Purchase order no. _____

Promotion period 1/11/03 to 24/12/03. Upon 70 points being reached, Esky and vaccinator will be forwarded to customer. Promotional offer provided upon payment within terms.

Staff News

October has been an exciting month in the lives of many of our staff members. On October 14 Chris and Jody welcomed into the world a baby daughter Olivia Rose. All are doing well and at this stage are in relatively normal sleeping patterns!!

Kellie Smith and her partner Darren finally tied the knot on October 4. They were married in Bendigo and honeymooned on the Gold Coast. We wish them all the best for a happy future together.

Also this month, Clare Cappy our financial controller got engaged and will be married soon. We wish her and Marty all the best.

Bendigo Cup Day

A reminder to all that the Bendigo Cup will be held again this year at the Bendigo Racecourse on Thursday November 13. Contact Adelle if you have not received and invite and wish to come.



Diary Dates

November 13, 2003

Chris Richards and Associates and Country Vet Bendigo Cup Day

December 24, 2003

Office will be closing at 3pm.

January 5th, 2004

Office re-opens at 8.00 am.

March 16-17, 2004

Chris Richards and Associates Annual Conference, Brisbane



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