

Testimonials Animal Health

1. Brian Moore, Victoria, Australia.

I phoned Vaughan and asked if he was the one who consulted for my neighbour, John Wright, when I was farming in the Waikato, which he was. He told me about GrazingInfo and I joined. Later, I emailed saying that we have a high percentage of cows holding their milk and have had this problem for seven years. We had ruled out EVERYTHING stress related, electricity, machines, human, etc., and could not understand why they are doing it. In the first three years these cows would be dry and fat within the first six weeks of calving. This was happening too much, so we have had to inject these cows with Oxytocin to get them to let down their milk, which works. Vaughan asked me many questions and made suggestions without success, so thought that it must be shocks.

Vaughan asked Peter Dewes, the Hamilton shocks in sheds expert, who phoned and said that it sounded like the cows were getting a shock between their udders and their hooves while they are letting down their milk. Peter was extremely helpful. We followed his instructions by getting a new milk pump and electric fence unit, and in a few days we saw an improvement. So thank you Peter and Vaughan for the contact.

peter.dewes@slingshot.co.nz in Hamilton, covers the North Island of New Zealand and Brian Rickard (electrician/electrical inspector for Ashburton Power Board) tests throughout the South Island. Using this same sensitive equipment in 2008, they are still finding and solving shock problems when others can't. Read Shocks Affecting Animals.

2. Santiago B, Argentina.

15 July 1997. After reading your statements, I have a clearer idea about why acidosis happens. We are having good milk production now, and I think the low production we had was because of the transition to winter food. Anyway, now I know how to prevent acidosis. Thank you very much.

3. Bruce Dunlop, Thames, NZ.

Thank you for all your advice on lime and animal health. I put 30 tons of the LimeMagPlus mix on end of June. I have read your recommended books - More Food.... by Tiedjens, USA, Pleasant Valley and Malabar Farm, both by Louis Bromfield, USA. I am looking forward to putting the rest of the lime mix on as it makes sense after reading these books and what you have said.