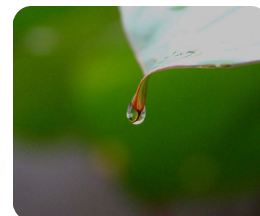


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OILS ON THE FARMSTEAD TODAY

I was asked to write about our success using essential oils with our dairy cows. My husband, his father, and brother own a 350 head dairy farm. We generally have twelve newborn calves a month. My mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and I care for the calves until they are three months old. In the spring of 2005 a "bug" was going through the calf barn that could not be stopped with antibiotics. We decided to try treating the calves with essential oils. Using an indirect Kinesiology technique I was able to determine the best oil for each calf. Within a week we saw a remarkable improvement in our calves' health. We have been antibiotic free since then.

After seeing the benefit of essential oils in calves we decided to treat a few cows that were not getting better with conventional treatments. We were able to see the same results with the cows and have gradually increased the number of cows treated with oils. We have seen many benefits to using oils on our farm. The first is the pleasure in knowing we have all our calves off antibiotics and knowing, and seeing, that they are much healthier. Another is the speed in which the oils work. Most of our problems can be cleared up in 7-10 days. A big benefit of oils instead of antibiotics with the cows is that we do not have to dump the milk from treated cows. The oils do not transfer to the milk in any harmful way and we can continue to ship the milk.

Last fall we noticed that our calves were once again getting sick within a day of birth. This led to an aggressive investigation where we found a bacterial problem in our well. This water was giving our cows a bacterial infection which was being transferred to the unborn calf. Since we had so much success with oils with the animals we decided to use them to treat the well. We poured one bottle each of Thyme and Thieves down the well and once again saw remarkable results in a couple of weeks.

While we are open to using any oil that Young Living sells we have found we can take care of almost anything with a few basic oils. The calves are usually treated with Thyme, Oregano, Thieves, or Wintergreen. The oils are put into a capsule and given internally once a day. A few more oils are added to the basic list when we treat the cows. Rosewood is used for reproductive problems and Lemongrass and Peppermint for injuries. We have also given the oils in a Raindrop Technique when an animal has not responded with oils given internally. Our goal is to increase the use of oils with our animals and to gain better overall health for them and therefore increase the value of their milk. If you have any questions about how we use essential oils feel free to contact me.

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Thank you Sheri

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