

RANCHO DEL GALLO

HERD HEALTH PLAN

All milk produced by Rancho del Gallo by contract to Shareowners (Boarder) is not pasteurized. Unpasteurized milk may contain pathogens that are a health risk to all consumers. Pregnant women, young children and infants and elderly people as well as immune compromised people (patients undergoing chemotherapy, immunosuppressive treatment or with clinical HIV) may be at increased risk of certain milk borne diseases including Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Campylobacteriosis, Listeriosis, Salmonellosis, diseases associated with E.Coli infections and other rarer diseases.

Nutrition:

The idea of 'grass-fed is best' is the major guide to animal nutrition at Rancho del Gallo. All farm acreage is managed organically using sustainable methods to ensure a balanced, healthy, fertile soil in order to produce the best quality forage for the farm animals. Grass pasture, when available, and hay are the only feed we use. Organic mineral supplements are provided as a free choice mineral blend to all animals to ensure they are receiving the necessary micronutrients for optimal herd health.

We milk "calf-on once a day" which means we are leaving the calf on its mother to nurse at will and only milking the mothers once a day. Calves receive their mothers' colostrum and the milk that flows from the time they are born until we wean them at four to six months of age.

Vaccinations:

We are not vaccinating any of our livestock.

Testing:

We are in conversion to all A2 cows in our herd. Currently our bull is A2/A2 and several of our cows are. Some cows are A1/A2. All new cows purchased into the herd are A2/A2. All new bulls and cows are DNA tested to ensure they are A2 A2.

All milking cows will be tested annually for tuberculosis and brucellosis, or upon entry into the herd.