# Save Cattle and Profits with Lung Protection Therapy

## Lung Protection Therapy is enhanced lung protection

- BRD can cause irreversible lesions in the lungs which affect both the growth of calves and their carcass quality<sup>3-5</sup>
- Lung Protection Therapy (LPT) is a treatment strategy designed to preserve lung function in one step
  - Treats infections due to common BRD pathogens
  - Rapidly reduces inflammation
  - Optimizes oxygen transfer across the lungs<sup>7</sup>
- LPT provides a visibly faster recovery by rapidly reducing fever
- Preserving the lung function of calves may reduce the economic losses associated with BRD<sup>17</sup>

## LPT combines both antibiotic and NSAID in the treatment of BRD

## Use LPT in BRD







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# Do you have both sides of BRD covered?

#### The principle of Enhanced Lung Protection in action



## **Bovine Respiratory Disease** directly affects your profitability

- BRD is the most important cause of economic losses for the
  - Morbidity and mortality<sup>1</sup>
  - Reduced growth performance<sup>1</sup>
  - More days on feed <sup>3, 4</sup>
  - Reduced beef quality<sup>5</sup>
  - Medical and manpower costs 1, 3
- Once the lungs of cattle are infected, inflammation and bacterial toxins cause lesions to develop in the lungs 6,7





Healthy lungs

- to the lungs <sup>6</sup>

cattle industry  $^{1}$  – losses estimated as high as \$3 billion annually  $^{2}$ 



Effects of pneumonia



Irreversible damage

• Lesions develop quickly and may cause irreversible damage



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## The lung lesions of BRD affect quality grade

#### The lung lesions of BRD affect growth performance

- The presence of lesions in the lungs at slaughter have been directly linked to the growth performance of calves
  - Reduction in average daily gain (ADG)<sup>4,5</sup>
  - Reduction in weight at slaughter (p=0.001)<sup>5</sup>
  - Reduction in dressing percentage (p=0.021)<sup>5</sup>
- The presence of lung lesions was associated with a significant reduction in ADG 0.24 0.225 0.22 Reduction in ADG (lb) 0.20 0.17 0.18 0.16 0.14 0.12 0.10 U.S. Meat Animal Research Center U.S. Meat Animal Research Center Study B<sup>8</sup> Study A<sup>2</sup> (n = 469)(n = 366)

- reduction in carcass quality<sup>5</sup>
  - Less tender beef (p=0.05)<sup>5</sup>



• The presence of lesions in the lungs at slaughter is associated with a

Less marbling — less juiciness and flavor (p=0.009)<sup>4</sup>

• Fewer high-quality cuts 5- choice-select spread estimated at approximately \$12 average for 2007<sup>9</sup>



#### Why protection from lung damage is essential

#### • Physiologically, cattle are particularly prone to the development of BRD and lung lesions<sup>10</sup>





#### Effects of BRD

- The damage from these lesions can be irreversible<sup>7</sup>
- Even when clinical symptoms are not present during the infection, irreversible lesions can still develop 3, 4



#### Irreversible damage

• Cattle's lungs are so undersized, compared to their oxygen needs, that the animals cannot afford to sacrifice even a small portion of lung to lesions

#### Lesions are the result of the immune response to bacterial infection 6, 7, 11-13





- The immune response may be more damaging than the infection itself
- alone did not prevent significant production losses<sup>3</sup>
- Irreversible lung damage may be avoided by simultaneous control of bacterial infection and local inflammation<sup>7</sup>

## Why antibiotics alone are not enough

Bacterial toxins damage immune cells which release proteases and free radicals

Platelets

The presence of proteases and free radicals, and the progression of the inflammation cascade, causes lesions and irreversible lung damage

• In a study of 469 calves, treatment for BRD with antibiotics

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#### Effectively controlling the inflammatory response

• NSAIDs reduce lung consolidation and enhance response to antibiotic treatment<sup>14</sup>



Randomised study of 66 calves with a temperature of at least 104°F at inclusion. Ceftiofur dose 1.1mg/kg i.m., flunixin dose 2.2mg/kg i.v. Total percentage lung consolidation calculates as 0.1 (lobe 1+2, cranial and caudal segments of left cranial lobe) + 0.27 (lobe 3, left caudal lobe) + 0.05 (lobe 4 accessory lobe) + 0.3 lobe 5, right caudal lobe) + 0.08 (lobe 6, right middle lobe) + 0.2 (lobes 7 and 8, cranial and caudal segments of right cranial lobe). Adapted from Lockwood et al.<sup>14</sup>

- Unlike corticosteroids, NSAIDs can exhibit an antipyretic response without suppressing the ability of the immune system to fight off viral and bacterial infections
- NSAIDs begin protecting the lungs within seconds after IV administration and continue to be therapeutic for two days





Housed calves with acute pneumonia; 150-day feeding period. Average difference in live weight gain between treatment groups was 41.8 pounds.15

protection and a visibly fast recovery





Randomized study of 96 stocker calves assigned to one of 16 grass lots, with six calves per lot.<sup>16</sup>

### • The optimal therapeutic strategy is, therefore, the combination of an antibiotic and an NSAID<sup>7</sup> to provide enhanced lung



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