



CDQAP Advisory: NEW DRENCHING GUIDANCE AVAILABLE November 20, 2024

Good Afternoon CDQAP Partners,

Many of the 400 plus California producers already affected by HPAI have generously shared [advice](#) about how to prepare for the disease if and when a herd becomes infected. Among the commonly cited preparations is to acquire equipment and worker [training](#) to efficiently administer oral electrolytes to a large number of cattle, commonly called “drenching”. Some producers have purchased commercial drenching equipment, while others constructed their own homemade systems. We’re told a few have even borrowed or rented systems.

Many of the larger herds in the southern valley were drenching 100’s of cows every day, an effort requiring fairly substantial systems. As the virus moves north somewhat smaller herds may anticipate needing a different size or cost system or want to construct their own. For producers considering purchasing or constructing a drenching system, CDQAP worked with practicing veterinarians and commercial manufacturers of drenching systems to develop a flyer *Components of a Drenching System* which is attached and can be [downloaded here](#).

This main flyer also includes links to *additional* pages for examples of [commercial](#) drenching systems, [homemade](#) systems and various electrolyte drenching [powders](#).

As always, we are grateful for the continued support from our regulatory, industry and academic partners. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Murry Minnema and Dr. Maxwell Beal for content and photos and Dave Atlas and Bernie Mulder for information on commercial products. Lastly, we thank CMAB’s Melissa Lema for taking a hodgepodge of content and graphics and making it presentable.

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