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FIRST PULSE D RALCO NUTRITION, INC.

First Pulse D is a refined colostrum nutritional supplement designed to improve the viability and livability of small and fall-behind piglets, explained Russell Fent, swine technical nutritionist with Ralco Nutrition, Inc.

“We wanted to be able to provide a product that would target pigs that really need a boost,” he explained. “If you can positively trigger the pig’s desire to eat, then you dramatically increase the chances of that pig surviving and catching up with its littermates.”

First Pulse D provides a rich source of unique, bioactive peptides and nucleotides and contains oregano oil extract and refined vegetable oil. The product naturally helps stabilize the piglet immune system, restores piglet appetites and provides an immediate energy source.

Dave Uttecht asked about recommended age at treatment. Fent recommended focusing on the bottom one or two pigs in every litter within 24 hours after birth and any fall-back pigs in the farrowing house.

Jeff Feder, DVM, asked about dosing specifics. Fent said the product is typically given orally as one, 2-cc dose. Marcia Shannon learned from Jeff Knott, nutritionist with Ralco Nutrition, Inc., that the cost per dose of First Pulse D runs around 25¢/dose. The product does not require refrigeration.

Feder inquired about research trials, and Fent explained that previous data showed great benefit for the bottom 20% of pigs in the farrowing house. Additional experiments are underway.

“The benefit of this product is the way it is administered,” Shannon said. “I thought it was economical if it can help



Jay Harmon (left), and Jeff Feder, DVM, discuss the ingredients in the First Pulse D nutritional supplement.

save pigs and get them back into production with the others.” Uttecht agreed, saying, “It seems to be easy to use as compared to some of the paste products. I am anxious to see the data from the current studies.”

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