Health and Growth of Veal Calves Fed Milk Replacers Without or With Probiotics. By Timmerman et al., page 2154. Four experiments with 1-wk-old veal calves were conducted to assess the influence of probiotics on growth and health indicators. Overall, probiotic treatment significantly improved growth performance. Health was positively influenced by probiotics as indicated by a reduction in diarrhea and mortality, and by a decrease in required antibiotic treatment for digestive and respiratory disease. This study indicated that probiotics can be of value in the management and production of veal calves.