



Dairy Knowledge at your Fingertips - Atlantic Edition

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Many farms are affected by drought conditions this year and many are anticipating a shortage of forage for animal feed. Our team has been mobilized to offer you solutions, both in the field and in the barn. Take the time to review these three articles which are part of a special series on this hot topic and remember that our advisors can guide you every step of the way.

- [How can we assess whether we're going to run out of forage?](#)
- [Eight Strategies for Increasing Forage Stocks.](#)
- [Seven ways to reduce forage requirements - in the barn.](#)

ROBOTIC MILKING

One year after start-up: how has production evolved?



As part of a presentation for the [Management Symposium in November 2019](#), we took a look at the most recent robot milking system start-ups. We were able to use the information from the Lactanet database to quantify the effects that moving to a robot milking system have on herd performance. A group of 44 herds were used for this data compilation.

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GENETICS



Navigate Your Herd's **Success**



New Features

Compass: New Features this Summer!

The Compass online software offers a variety of genetic herd management tools.

This updated version, which has been online for several weeks now, offers four new features.

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A Roadmap for Delivering Genetic Evaluations

In an effort to maximize profitability, producers need to find the optimal balance between the level of genetics and management of their herd. Lactanet provides an array of tools and services to accomplish this objective.

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ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCTION

Dairy cows on pasture: myths versus facts



Apart from herds under organic management, there aren't many cows on pasture on Canadian farms. Yet it's common practice in other parts of the world. Why not here?

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MILK ANALYSIS

Ensure the quality of your samples



Your lab results are useful and important! Proper sampling reduces the risk of coagulated samples that can't be analyzed.

For producers who sample with a robot, precautions should be taken, especially during the summer season. Here are four key points to remember for quality samples.

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