



Dairy Knowledge at Your Fingertips - Ontario & Western Provinces

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This year, many farms are affected by drought conditions and are anticipating a shortage of forage for animal feed. Lactanet has solutions, both in the field and in the barn, and has released a series of articles on this hot topic:

- [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

How has production evolved one year after start-up?



As part of a presentation for the Management Symposium held in Quebec in November 2019, we took a look at the most recent robot milking system start-ups. Using information from the Lactanet database, we were able to quantify how robotic milking systems affect herd performance. A group of 44 herds were used for this analysis.

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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 genetics and management of their herd. Lactanet provides a variety of tools and services that can help.

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ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCTION

Dairy cows on pasture: myths versus facts



Apart from organic herds, 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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