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Valacta's Transition Cow Index®

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Would you like to increase your herd's profit and limit costly health problems?

The costs and losses related to the following problems are all too familiar :

	Cost related to the disease	Average incidence
Displaced abomasum	500 \$	3 %
Milk fever	500 \$	3 %
Ketosis	220 \$	3 %
Retained placenta	425 \$	4.6 %

Numerous studies show that three out of four health problems occur during the first 30 days after calving. **The transition period is therefore a critical phase in terms of herd health.**

Valacta's Transition Cow Index® enables you to **better control the effectiveness of your transition cow management.** This valuable tool will help you:

- Detect fluctuations in milk production and take the corrective action required;
- Identify health problems more efficiently;
- Monitor the effectiveness of your corrective measures;
- Compare your herd's performance to the industry standard for herds in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.

Valacta's Transition Cow Index® was developed using data from 500 000 cows in 4 000 herds. It draws on 15 factors to compare a cow's first test milk production with expected production and highlight production trends for each cow. It constitutes the key element of a report issued at each test, a report which also includes, among other parameters, the protein: fat ratio.

By combining **Valacta's Transition Cow Index®** with the expertise of your Valacta advisor, **you will be able to identify and implement the best transition management practices** to improve both the performance and profitability of your herd.

Ask your Valacta advisor for all the details about this exclusive service.

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