



Dairy knowledge at your fingertips

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ON-FARM INTERVIEW

How did Ferme Drahoka Inc rise to the top of the HPI ranking in Canada?

In addition to ranking in the Top HPI 99 for a fourth year, Ferme Drahoka sets the bar even higher by stealing second place in Canada (HPI) and topping the list for tie-stall farms. That success reflects many years of decisions, changes and new practices implemented with one goal in mind: to always do better.

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MILK PLANNING

The signals have changed, let's adjust production before it's too late

Production dynamics have changed since the beginning of winter 2019. Butterfat deliveries now exceed the provincial quota, resulting in a 1.3% decrease in the cumulative difference from December 2018 to April 2019. At the individual level, this translates into an average cumulative use of the tolerance from -14.5 days in August 2018 to -7.0 days at the end of April 2019. As a result, the purchase demand for quota is increasing while the supply is decreasing. What can be done to avoid non-carryover and over-quota production?

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ROBOTIC MILKING

Introducing heifers to robotic milkers prior to calving

Every heifer that calves in a robotic milking system (RMS) farm will need to adapt to this new equipment.

It doesn't come naturally to all cows, and individual animals differ widely, as is the case for many situations.

So is it possible to speed up the learning process by training heifers before they calve?

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COMFORT AND WELL-BEING

The IDF publishes the 2.0 version of its Guide to Good Animal Welfare in Dairy Production

Last April, the International Dairy Federation (IDF) unveiled its 2.0 version of the Guide to Good Animal Welfare in Dairy Production.

There has been a significant evolution in dairy production since the previous edition was published in 2008. This guide has been technically supported by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (FAO).

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FORAGES

5 keys to sow forage crops successfully

Dairy production also means forage production! The art of producing quality forage to meet the needs of your cows depends on many factors. We have summed up five basic keys to help you sow successfully.

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Catch our monthly article!

Quebec Farmers'

Advocate

In the latest edition:
Thermal stress – a hot topic!

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Events not to be missed!

74th edition of the Holstein Quebec Picnic

July 20, 2019 - Nieuwenhof and associates Farm in Dundee

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Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers 2019 -

Quebec Regional Event

August 27, 2019 - Centre des congrès in Saint-Hyacinthe

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