



## FORAGES

### Choosing the best inoculant for forage preservation

Before choosing inoculants from the numerous products available on the market, it is important to keep in mind the main principles of inoculant use. This article by Maxime Leduc looks at seven typical situations that can help you choose your inoculant according to your current needs.

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## COMFORT AND WELFARE

# Is dehorning using gene modification an acceptable practice?

In North America, the dehorning of cattle is still a common practice because horns can potentially injure both animals and animal handlers. New dehorning methods, such as gene modification, are becoming available and making an informed decision requires ample reflection and analysis.

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### ROBOTIC MILKING

#### Introducing heifers to robotic milkers prior to calving - Part 2

In the first part of this article, we had established a link between training heifers on a robot before calving and an increased number of milkings for primiparous cows at the start of lactation. More milkings is one thing, but do these additional milkings necessarily mean more milk



### GENETICS

#### Use of beef sire semen in the dairy industry

In the dairy industry, there have been various factors in recent years that have affected the economics of genetic selection and herd management decisions. One of the significant outcomes has been a growing trend towards the use of beef sire semen for breeding Holsteins and

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dairy cattle of other breeds.

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## HEIFER RAISING

### Can I use the « Valacta » tape to estimate heifer weight before weaning?

Recent studies clearly demonstrate a link between pre-weaning weight gain and a heifer's future performance; an increase of 100 g/day of average daily gain (ADG) can mean 150-200 kg more milk in the first lactation. Taking the time to evaluate ADG early in a calf's life is therefore a wise and profitable investment.

Is the tape used at Valacta accurate enough? That is what Marwa Hasnaoui, masters student at Laval University, set out to evaluate.

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## Events not to be missed!

Atlantic Summer Classic Holstein Show

August 10, 2019 - PEI

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NB Holstein Field Day & Atlantic Brown Swiss Picnic

August 17, 2019 - Christie Farms Ltd, Lynnfield NB

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