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Labour Efficiency Services

Find more time for yourself!



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Improve labour efficiency on my farm? Why? Labour is an important element of production costs. You spend an average of 75 per cent of your time at work in the barn. For some, this means almost two hours per hectolitre produced whereas others get it done in less than 50 minutes. Is it really possible to save time without sacrificing herd productivity? There

is more room for improvement than you might think. But first, you have to know where you stand! Do you?

What changes could you make?

It will be up to you to decide! Some solutions come up more often than others. For example:

- Labour Organization
 - labour management
 - time management
- Building Design
 - optimizing the location of tools and inputs
- Investments in Equipment

The Efficiency Express Option

Don't pass it up! This service gives you a quick overview of your current situation in the barn. Get your overview from your advisor or technician. Measuring your efficiency is simple. Management decisions are made easier. It only takes 20 minutes and could save you hours every day!

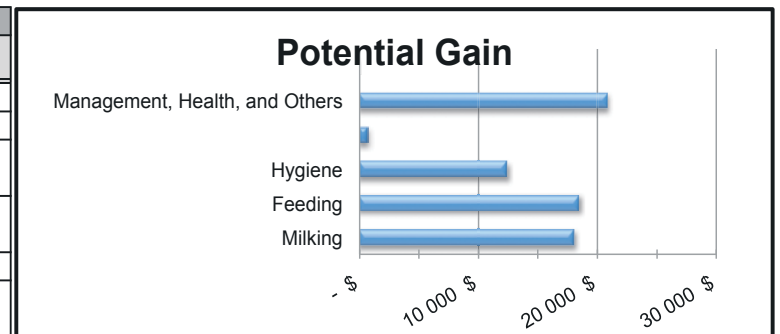
- Increase your free time
- Reduce labour costs
- Increase profitability

Labour Efficiency Report

Summary

Name	Herd Number	Page	Data Entry Date	Category	Division
Farm Example	54321	1 of 6	May 31, 2012	40-79 va	Lactoduc

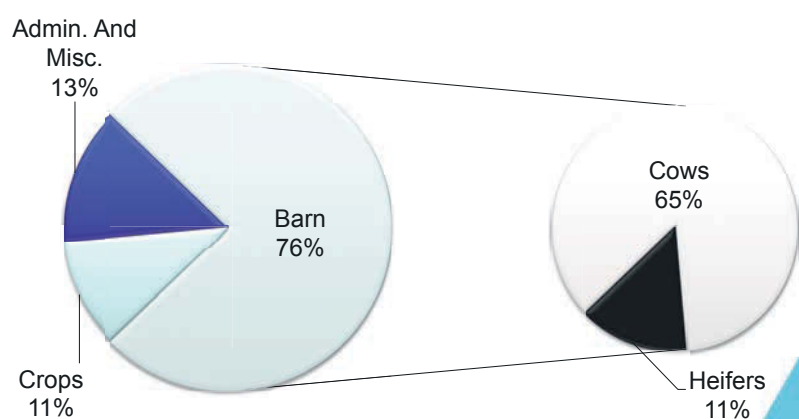
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Criteria	Unity	Farm Example	Average: Category, Division	20% Superior Category
	n	-	36	13
Work hours	minute/cow/day	15,4	15,2	8,4
Cost of Labour	\$/hl	26,18 \$	20,43 \$	12,39 \$
Standard Salary /Hr	\$/hour	21,58 \$	20,90 \$	20,99 \$
Labour	cow/employee	27	27	49
Hourly Salary Empl.	\$/h	12,86 \$	16,88 \$	15,89 \$



“When we agreed to participate in the Labour Efficiency service at the beginning of 2012, our advisors estimated that we spent about 16.7 minutes per cow per day. As of October 2012, we have been using Efficiency Express to monitor the improvements that we put into place and we have now reached 13.7 minutes/cow/day. Three minutes per cow makes a difference when you have 70 cows! We have gained 3 1/2 hours! All dairy farms should take the time to find out where they stand. We are certainly taking advantage of it! ”

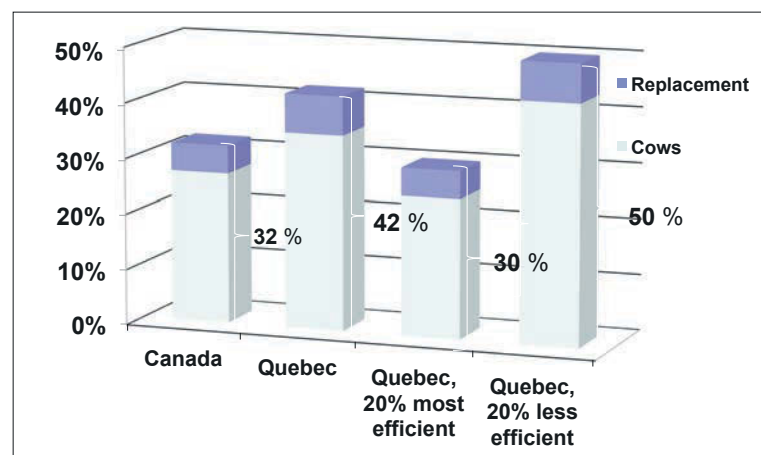
– Gérard and André Lapointe
Ferme GÉ-AN, Saint-André-de-Kamouraska

How time is spent on a dairy farm, Quebec, 2009



Source: Groupe AGÉCO

Percentage of production cost spent on labour



Sources : CCL for Canada, Groupe AGÉCO for Quebec

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