



Winter Is Hard On Teat Condition



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The udder on a cow speaks volumes about the management style on a dairy. Udder hygiene, teat end condition and post milking teat color all tell a story about the bedding management and milking practices on that dairy.

In addition to milking technique, each season brings about its own set of challenges for maintaining udder health. Spring is often wet and muddy, making maintaining clean udders and legs a challenge. Summer heat typically increases the acute mastitis rates. Fall is perhaps the most teat

friendly season but its reprieve is short lived as winter poses a threat to drying, chapping and frostbite. Maintaining the integrity of the skin on the teat is paramount in preventing both clinical mastitis and elevated somatic cell counts. Many dairies adjust portions of their milking procedure to account for the demands placed on teat health by the different seasons. For example, using a post dip that has high levels of emollients is important during the winter months to help the skin retain moisture to aid in the prevention of cracking, chapping and frostbite.

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