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Management Strategies to Enhance Health, Welfare and Future Performance of Dairy Calves and Growing Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

The production of healthy, well grown and adapted replacement dairy heifers is key to sustainable milk production, irrespective of production system. Disease in the pre-weaning phase is perhaps the most widely recognised and visible constraint on calf welfare, as well as being a major driver of antimicrobial usage on dairy farms with implications for control of AMR. It is widely acknowledged that management practices, especially housing, are key determinants of disease, especially respiratory and enteric disease in calves, whilst nutritional status is being increasingly identified as not only key to achieving satisfactory growth results but may also impact future production and longevity. Technological developments, in terms of data collection and utilisation, in conjunction with novel diagnostics offer new tools to enhance calf health, productivity and welfare.

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