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New Insights into Dairy Cow Lactation Physiology

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A major goal of dairy producers is to optimize the lactation performance of cows while minimizing the risk of developing metabolic and health disorders. A thorough understanding of mammary gland and lactation physiology and the epigenetic, genetic, and environmental signals that regulate the local and systemic physiological processes that enable milk synthesis and secretion is central to this goal.

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