

Medicine-free milk - strict adherence to safe routines is the answer

Avoid medicine in the milk by following safe routines consisting of marking the cows, registration of the treatment and retention of the milk, as recommended by the Danish Cattle Federation/Danish Dairy Board

1. Marking the cows



Marking before treatment:

- Cows that show signs of disease must always be marked before treatment
- Dry cows that have been treated must always be marked.

Always put a red band on both hind legs because:

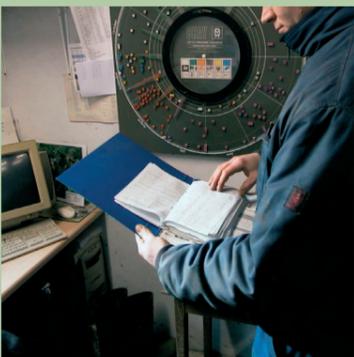
- One band can fall off
- A band on only one leg can be overseen

In robotic milking systems:

All treated cows must be marked clearly with red tape on their tails.

Always inform the veterinarian about the number of the cows, marking and location in the cowshed

2. Registration of the treatment



All treatments with medicine must be registered with the correct indication of retention time in accordance with the veterinarian's treatment slip.

Indicate clearly to all milkers on a notice board which cows have been treated and from which cow the milk must be withheld from the bulk tank.

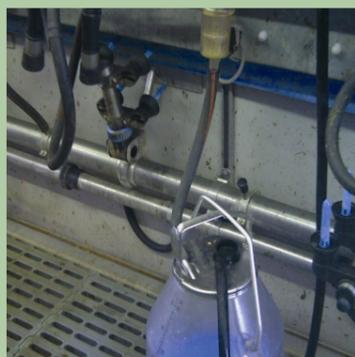
Keep the notice board up to date with all alterations.

In robotic milking systems and other computer based management systems always record the retention of the milk as soon as the decision for treatment has been taken.

Be sure to record the correct retention time.

Misunderstanding is often the cause of accidents!

3. Retention of the milk



The best method is by using a separate bucket milking machine with a separate cluster and pulsator.

The bucket machine must always be connected to the vacuum pipeline and never to the milking line.

All parts of the bucket milking machine that come into contact with milk from cows that have been treated must be rinsed and cleaned with warm water min. 38° C, thoroughly before future use.

If an accident happens:

- Contact your dairy to prevent the milk from being collected
- Exhibit clearly the red "stop sign" to inform the driver of the bulk tank lorry not to collect the milk
- Dispose of the milk in accordance with the environmental legislation
- Clean and disinfect the bulk tank before future use

Medicine in the milk is unacceptable. It causes great losses to the dairy and damages the image of dairy farming.