

Short Communication: Effects of Prepartum Milking on Dry Matter Intake, Liver Triglyceride, and Plasma Constituents

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An experiment was conducted to determine if initiation of milking 10 d prior to expected calving could prevent fatty liver by circumventing intake depression and by providing an alternative route for fatty acid metabolism. Prepartum milking tended to increase DMI before calving; liver triglyceride, plasma nonesterified fatty acids, and milk yield were not affected.

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