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## For a comfortable, efficient, profitable start on her first lactation

It's good to have options. *Udder Comfort* now has another way to apply the spray and achieve the results—especially for fresh 2-year-olds. In fact, customer trials yield some important new findings. Dairies tested the new *Udder Comfort Backpack Sprayer* to spray udders of prefresh 2-year-olds in headlocks 1x/day for a week prior to calving, comparing with groups getting it only after calving or not at all. Here is a sampling.

At Lingen Dairy, Balaton, Minn., 240 cows milk robotically, and 90 through the parlor, making 87 lbs/cow/day, SCC 150,000. For 5 years, Josh Lingen (left) used *Udder Comfort* 

routinely on fresh cows after calving. He wanted to see what prefresh applications 1x/day for a week <u>before</u> calving would do for heifer groups calving into robots.

His brother-in-law Reed Stepp (top) used the *Udder Comfort Backpack Sprayer* to spray udders of prefresh groups in headlocks.

"The backpack is slick, portable, no air needed. It sprayed fast and easy, giving us cost-effective uniform coverage from fore-udder to rear-udder," Josh explains. "The 2-year-old groups we did prefresh came in with udders full of milk, but so soft, no edema. We saw an average of 2 pounds more milk from those heifers at 14 DIM," Josh reports. "The biggest thing is how it reduced fetching and improved robot attachments. We were fetching fresh 2-year-olds the first 2 to 3 weeks of lactation, but on the *Udder Comfort* prefresh groups, we got that down under a week. That's huge," says Josh. "Our attachments are faster. By softening those first-calf heifers right into calving, the udders went through fewer changes in the first 10 days after calving, and it took away that belly edema, making the robots more efficient."

At Hard Earned Acres, Shippensburg, Pa., Bob Keefer (right) milks 700 cows in a parallel parlor. RHA is 28,900, SCC 135,000. "Both improved after starting *Udder Comfort* 2 years ago," Bob reports.

With headlocks in, he alternated months for heifer groups to receive *Udder Comfort* 

1x/day for a week prior to calving. The data in two comparisons were averaged, showing 2.5 pounds more milk. "But what impressed me is we had



**zero mastitis** in the *Udder Comfort* prefresh groups, but treated 5 for mastitis in the other group. That's big," Bob confirms. "I can see the benefits lining up my prefresh heifers every Friday. We'll definitely keep doing this."

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