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LINK WITH ED'S MAIN TOPICS

-  Different techniques tested to decrease the amount of ammonia
-  Detect parameters which are involved in treatments and healing of mastitis
-  Ad libitum feeding during the 2 first weeks of the calves
-  Sensors to detect calving and fertility
-  Less use of antibiotics
-  Rainwater filters to use it in the farm

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

Soil: Sandy

Precipitations: 800 mm per yr

Climate: Temperate

Altitude: 20m asl



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FARM CHARACTERISTICS

- Total area (ha): 59
- Crop rotation: Grass-Maize-another one (depends on the experiments needs)
- Milking cows: 66
- Young stock: 23 Heifers 37 Calves <12 months
- Bulls: 0
- Production intensity: 9,900 kg milk per cow per yr
- Grazing hours: 0h/day (except if there are grazing experiments)
- Grazing period: 0
- Permanent grasslands: 23ha
- Workers: 4,5 WU

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- 2 Automated milking systems
- Herd navigator
- Body condition score cameras
- Individual feeding boxes
- Sensors to detect: calving, fertility, body condition score, ketosis, mastitis

FACILITIES

- 2 stables
- Mini lab
- Automatic milk station for calves

EDUCATION CAPABILITIES

- Large meeting room
- 2 classrooms
- Regular farmers' day and farm visits

More details on: www.eurodairy.eu
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