

# Milking Systems Destroying the Udders of Cows

Swollen and reddened teat considered “normal” by Cornell QMPS Director



Normal teat after milking

**Quality Milk NEWS**

**What Quality Milk?**

Ynte Schukken  
Milk Promotion Service Director

“I’d hope we haven’t dulled the headlines in a recent or distant generation. That’s probably a positive sign for us as a national organization focused on helping producers with their milk production. The headlines on pages of Quality Milk News have been a year for a long time now. It’s important to keep the headlines relevant to improve milk quality on your farm.”

Ynte Schukken, M.D., Cornell University, is the author of the article. He is also the director of the Cornell University Milk Promotion Service. He is also the author of the book “Milk Quality: A Practical Approach to Improving Milk Quality on Your Farm.”

**What’s the problem?**

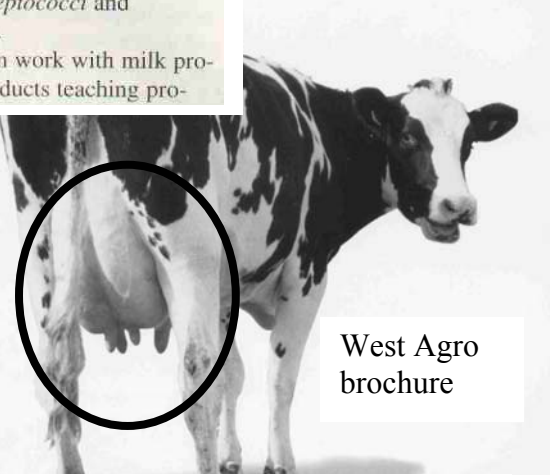
“The problem is that the teats are swollen and reddened. This is a sign of mastitis. Mastitis is an inflammation of the mammary gland. It can be caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi. It can also be caused by physical trauma, such as a fall or a kick. Mastitis can be a serious problem for the cow and the producer. It can lead to a decrease in milk production and an increase in the cost of milk production. It can also lead to a decrease in the quality of the milk. Mastitis can be prevented by good milking practices, such as proper milking technique, clean milking equipment, and good udder care. Mastitis can also be treated with antibiotics, but it is important to use antibiotics responsibly and only when necessary. Mastitis can be a challenging problem to solve, but it is important to take steps to prevent it and to treat it when it occurs.”

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plex microorganisms such as *Staphylococcus Aureus* and *Mycoplasma Bovis* and organisms such as Environmental *Streptococci* and *Klebsiella mastitis*.

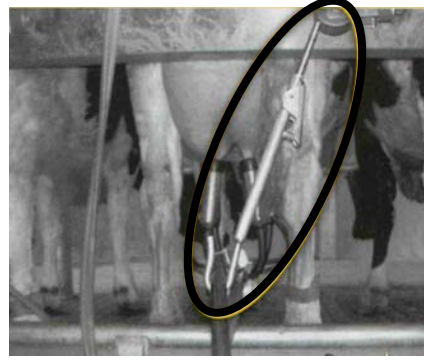
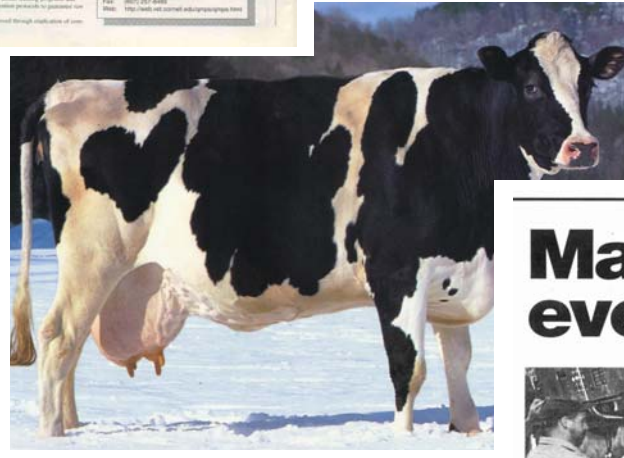
Besides on-farm work with milk producers, QMPS conducts teaching pro-



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