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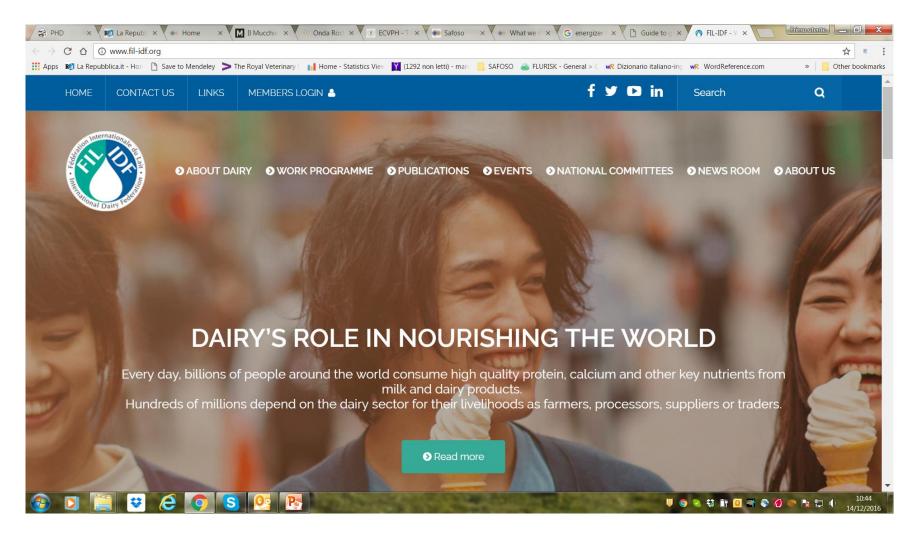
Best practices in dairy farms - introduction

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GUIDE TO GOOD DAIRY FARMING PRACTICE







A **best practice** is a method or technique that has been generally accepted as superior to any alternatives because it produces results that are superior to those achieved by other mean

Introduction

 Dairy farmers' production systems worldwide need to be able to combine profitability with the responsibility of protecting human health, animal health, animal welfare and the environment.

• Dairy farmers, as the primary producers in the supply chain, should adopt methods of production that satisfy the demands of **processors** and **customers**.



Introduction

The guiding objective for good dairy farming practice is that safe, quality milk should be produced from healthy animals using management practices that are sustainable from an animal welfare, social, economic and environmental perspective.

To achieve this objective, dairy farmers should apply best practice in the following areas:

- animal health;
- milking hygiene;
- nutrition (feed and water);
- animal welfare;
- environment;
- socio-economic management.



Guiding objectives for good dairy farming practices

Main Objective

Safe, quality milk is produced from healthy animals using management practices that are sustainable from an animal welfare, social, economic and environmental perspective

Good practices

Animal Health Milking Hygiene Nutrition (Feed & Water)

Animal Welfare

Environment

Socioeconomic management













Defining characteristics



Animals that produce milk need to be healthy and an effective health care programme should be in place.



Milk should be harvested and stored under hygienic conditions. Equipment used to harvest and store milk should be suitable and well maintained.



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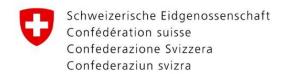
Milk production should be managed in balance with the local environment surrounding the farm.



Dairy farming provides economic and social benefits to farmers and their wider communities







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