**Calf handling and restraint during the processing of beef calves**

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Common methods used in western Canada for handling and restraining beef calves during processing:

- Roping and wrestling
- Roping and Nord fork
- Use of tilt table

**OUR OBJECTIVE** Comparing effects of common methods of handling and restraint used during processing on calf behaviour

**WHAT WE DID**

- Meloxicam administration, castration, implant injection, RFID scanning
- Live observation and video recording
- Video recording

**WHAT WE FOUND**

- Inconsistent differences among the three groups during processing.
- Minimal differences observed post-processing
- Foot stomping rate post-processing was higher among calves processed using ropes

**WHAT THIS MEANS**

- No method was clearly preferable for calf welfare
- Roping and dragging calves may lead to increased levels of discomfort at the hindlegs

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