

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



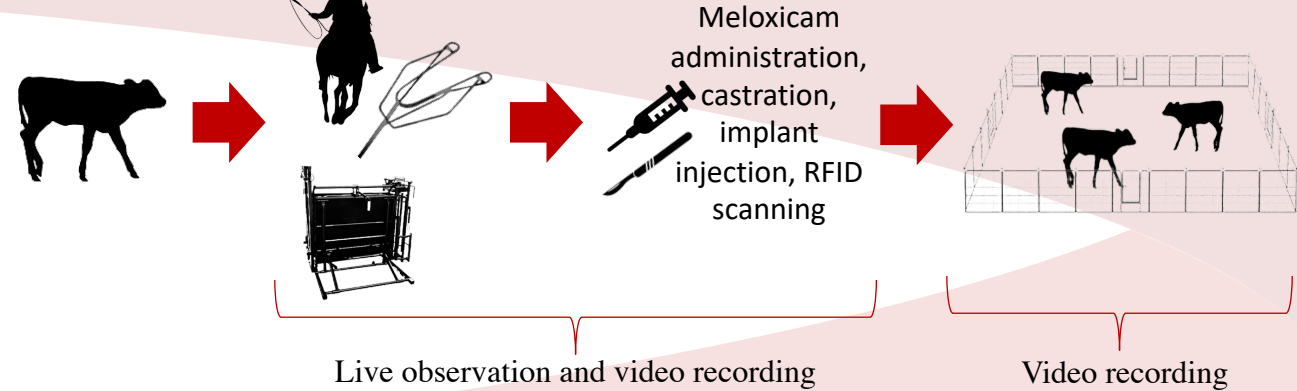
Roping and Nord fork



Use of tilt table

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

WHAT WE DID



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



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