Perceptions of participants in western Canadian beef calf processing events about common calf handling and restraint methods

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UNDERSTANDING INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES IS IMPORTANT FOR

- Developing practical recommendations
- Improving communications

OUR QUESTION

How do people who participate in western Canadian (WC) processing events perceive common handling and restraint methods used for processing beef calves?

WHAT WE DID

online questionnaire
n = 853

people who participate in WC processing events

WHAT WE FOUND

😊 Most preferred: roping and wrestling
😊 Least preferred: tilt table

Shared values:

↓ Calf injury and stress
↑ Time efficiency
↑ Convenience
↑ Human safety

WHAT THIS MEANS

Regardless of choice of method, the reasoning behind these choices overlapped considerably among participants

*multiple provinces: n = 4

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