

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



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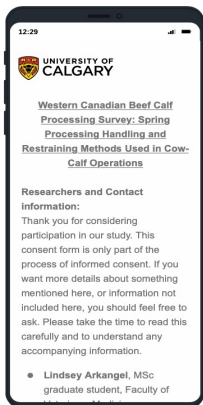
## UNDERSTANDING INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES IS IMPORTANT FOR

- Developing practical recommendations
- Improving communications

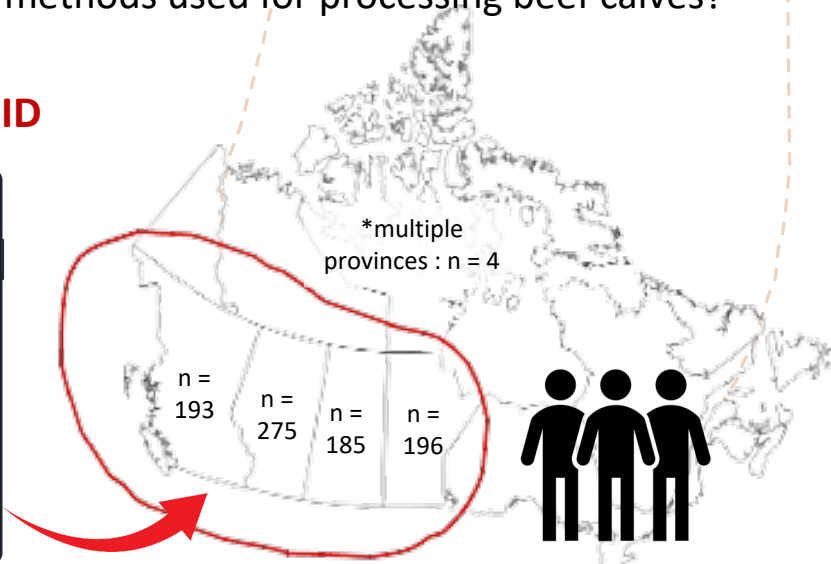
## OUR QUESTION

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

↑ Convenience

↑ Time efficiency

↑ Human safety

## WHAT THIS MEANS

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

