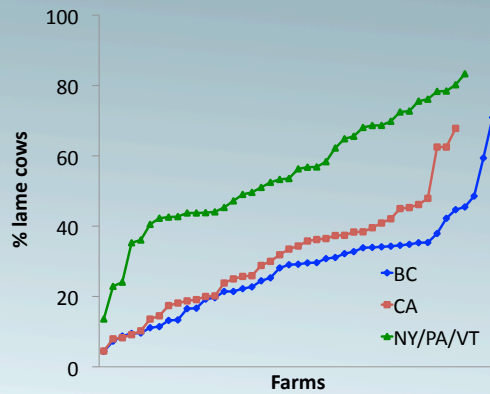


Benchmarking Freestall Farms in North America

The aim of this study was to benchmark lameness, hock injuries, and lying time in freestall-housed high producing dairy cows from 122 herds in British Columbia (BC), California (CA), and the northeastern United States (NY/PA/VT)

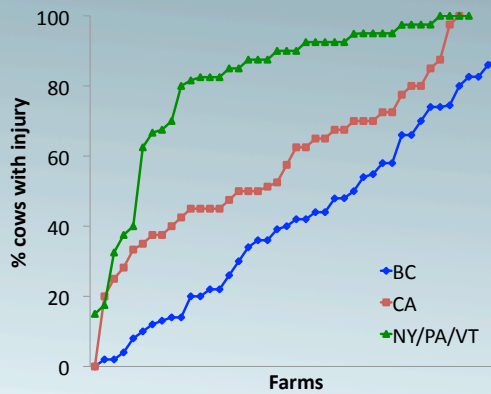


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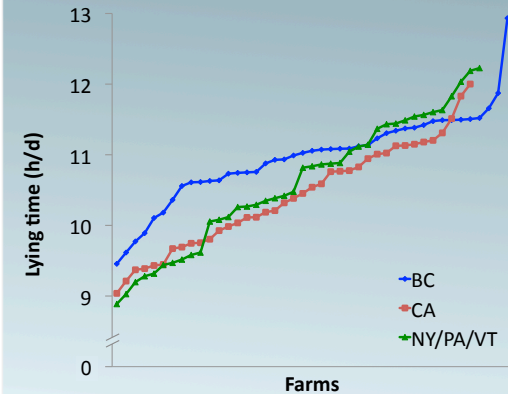
On average, 28% of cows were lame in BC, 31% in CA, and 55% in NY/PA/VT

HOCK INJURIES



Cows with at least a minor injury in BC averaged 41%, 52% in CA, and 81% in NY/PA/VT

LYING TIME



Lying time was similar across regions averaging 11.0 h/d in BC, 10.4 h/d in CA, and 10.6 h/d in NY/PA/VT



Some farms are able to achieve very low rates of lameness and hock injury. Producers have used these results to identify problems and implement management changes on their farms.