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#### Summary

### **Influence of forage quality and hygienic conditions on the content of Clostridium in milk of organic farms in North-West Germany**

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In winter 2001/2002 the content of Clostridium spp. in the milk was often higher than in preceding winters so that the production of sensible cheese often failed. To find the source of contamination investigations were made on 96 farms. Concentrations of Clostridium spp. in milk and excrements even as the hygienic conditions on farms were determined.

Conclusions: wet weather conditions during winter 2001/2002 lead to higher concentrations of Clostridium spp. in forage and milk. The pollution could be reduced by shredding and by silage additives. Further the hygienical conditions in the stable and during milking are responsible for high or low pollution in the milk.

Details about these investigations are composed in a report available by the author.

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