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# **PROJECT TITLE**

Comparison for feed efficiency and feeding beahviour, immunemetabolic status and productive performance of Brown Swiss and Holstein Dairy Cows

#### Steps of the research

- Analysis of the effects of different nutrition system (only hay and hay/silage) on the performance, feeding behavior, dry matter intake, rumination time and feed efficiency for dairy cows.
- Identify the difference of the immune-metabolic status, productive performance and nutrition between Brown Swiss and Holstein cows at first calving.
- Validation of new index for rating forages, especially alfalfa hay, to improve the quality milk production
- Propose new guidelines for the feeding management of dairy cows
- Identify the difference of the immune-metabolic status, productive performance and nutrition between Brown Swiss and Holstein adult cows in the same breeding environment
- Take the difference between Holstein and Brow Swiss to improve their management and feed efficiency

## Main Results

Different forages system led different feeding management to improve production efficiency. Brown Swiss cows at the first calving have different immune-metabolic status and feeding behavior instead of Holstein cows.

## Why should you care?

The main goal for dairy breeder is to maximize the quantitative and quality milk production, with lower costs and more sustainable. When validated, all the data analyzed will can improve the management ,welfare and efficiency of Brown Swiss and Holstein dairy cows and the nutrition of different forages system for an higher quality milk production.