



## Teat care tips for summer

Summer weather can pose different challenges for dairy cows and we have some ways for you to maximize your teat care routine and protect your cows. Martin Partington, Dairy & Hoof Specialist with NEOGEN® United Kingdom, shares his top three tips for summer teat care:

1. Choose products with high levels of lactic acid and lactate to hydrate teat skin while combating mastitis causing organisms.
2. Select products with emollients to keep teat skin soft and free from chaps and sores.
3. Opt for a teat product with a strong fragrance like lemon or peppermint.

In addition to using a spray product before milking, you may want to consider a film forming dip for post-milking application. Some farmers may only use a spray product in the summer, putting away the dip cup until next autumn. However, NEOGEN experts say that perhaps that shouldn't be the case.

"Results from NEOGEN's extensive trialing of the dairy hygiene range suggest that dipping cows through summer may be the more secure option," explains Martin. "The weather appears to be becoming evermore extreme, with heavy rain and dull skies one month and drought conditions the next. Our animals' skin can become dry and chapped during the summer along with additional threat from flies. Continued dipping with a quality product through summer provides higher levels of moisture and protection of the skin for extended periods."

Our product line of versatile teat dips and sprays offers you high levels of lactic acid and lactate for broad spectrum biocidal activity, exfoliating dead skin cells, and retaining moisture within skin. They also contain high levels of emollient for skin conditioning and are suitable in some countries for organic milk production.

### Synofilm

- Film-forming barrier teat dip
- Increased emollient, beneficial in the prevention and recovery of cracked and chapped teats
- Pleasant citrus fragrance with added limonene

### Synoshield

- Ideal for either dip or spray applications
- Formulated with added peppermint oil containing menthol, an astringent known to help reduce inflammation
- Multiple emollient blend for optimal skin condition



### Synodex

- Ideal for both dip or spray applications
- Convenient pre/post-milking use
- Shown to reduce mastitis cases by 37% in UK farm trial
- Pleasant citrus fragrance

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