

Top 10 Reasons for Milk Drug Residues

A recent article in *Dairy Today* (September 2000) listed the top 10 reasons why milk residues were found to occur in Minnesota. With out a doubt, these are the same reasons why antibiotic residues might occur on a California dairy.

- Milk from a treated cow was routed into the pipeline and bulk tank.
- A treated cow was unintentionally milked.
- The same unit was used to milk a treated cows and then another cow without cleaning and sanitizing between the two cows.
- Milking a newly purchased that had been recently treated prior to sale.
- Treating a cow in a single quarter and milking the other three quarters into the tank.
- Careless handling of milking equipment used to milk treated cows.
- Treated cows milk last, but milk not diverted away from the bulk tank.
- Extra-label treatment of cows.
- Medicated feed accidentally mixed into the lactating cow ration.
- Cows drinking from medicated foot bath.

Cut this article out and post it where your milkers will see it. Bring it to their attention to increase their awareness of the potential for antibiotic residues on your dairy.

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