

Partner Ag's tips for controlling bacteria on your farm

- **Give your cows a good start!** Keep your calf barn clean and control the pathogen that cause scours. Make it regular practise to clean your clean feeding and calf handling equipment. Feed and bed your calves from youngest to oldest to prevent potential spreading of bacteria to the calves with weaker immune systems.
- **Clean Stalls and Alleys!** Walk through your barn regularly, look for cows lying square in their stalls. Ensure manure is in the alleys and not on the cow deck. Clean scrape alleys regularly to minimize cows walking through large piles of manure.
- **A good prep routine is key!** Udders should be free from any residual bedding before applying pre-dip. Not all pre-dip is created equal. Different chemicals have different germ killing characteristics. Ask about the best application for your farm.
- **Control Mastitis!** Cows get mastitis through their teats. A good post dip protects and conditions the teats between milking's and prevents bacteria from spreading.
- **Maintain your milking equipment!** Replace your liners and hoses as required. Verify your pulsation rate, vacuum levels and take off settings are correct to prevent over milking and maintain healthy teat ends. Validate your wash system to ensure it is as efficient as possible.