

- Daily check
- Swollen quarters
- Manual check
- Clinical case

19.1 Observe cows daily during the dry period

Observe udders for signs of swollen quarters when carrying out normal observation of dry cows.

If quarters look swollen, move to appropriate handling facilities and check udders manually.

19.2 Check swollen quarters manually

Check for heat and pain- compare between all quarters.

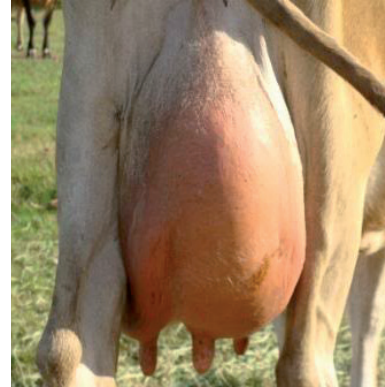
Strip secretion from suspect quarter and check. It may look different to milk prior to drying-off, and therefore difficult to assess.

If suspicious, treat as a clinical case. Do not remove milk or secretion from adjacent normal quarters.

Do not repeat the use of DCT in these quarters, unless the infection occurs within the first 7 days of dry period. Otherwise, withholding periods may exceed the remainder of the dry period time.

If treatment has been repeated, a consultation with a veterinary practitioner is particularly advised.

Remember to record full details of the clinical case and treatment.



Swollen quarter in a dry cow.

Refer to Guideline 4

Rapidly find, treat and record clinical cases in freshly calved cows.