



## 24/7 dairy-lameness diagnostics

StepMetrix™ is a revolutionary, real-time diagnostic tool that enables effective lameness management. It automatically identifies and monitors the soundness or lameness of every cow in the herd seven days a week, 365 days a year, before visual symptoms become apparent. The information obtained addresses the conditions of individual cows, lots, and/or herds to assist producers in management decisions associated with nutrition and medical treatments. Inaccurate lameness diagnoses and a lack of observable symptoms exacerbate economic loss and animal welfare concerns. Diagnostic accuracy has been hindered by subjective manual inspection, and annually, economic losses attributable to lameness cost U.S. milk producers more than \$800 million cumulatively or \$90 per animal. With StepMetrix™, producers are able to accurately and systematically identify lameness soon after onset, enabling early intervention to minimize economic loss.

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