

Tip of the Month – March – 2026

Cow Traffic Score.

Do you think (some of) your cows could use the robot / feed fence more often?

During my farm visits, I often use the 10-point score:

Your cow gets 10 points.

If she's not walking very well, we deduct 2-5 points, depending on the severity.

If there's little space around the robot to get in or the robot is too crowded, we deduct another points.

If the basic ration doesn't taste good, or she's on the verge of rumen acidosis, we deduct another 2-5 points.

If the robot isn't milking optimally, or if parts are worn, etc., we deduct another point.

There are other factors, such as illness, bedding comfort, and routing, that can result in (penalty) points.

The fewer deduction points the better!

How many points do your (collected) cows have left?

This method can provide insight into assessing your cows' robot visits.