

DAIRY SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABILITY

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ABSTRACT: We analyzed how three different dairy management systems (continuous grazing, confinement and management intensive grazing) compare across nine sustainability indicators set by the Dairy Stewardship Alliance. A self-assessment survey comprising animal husbandry, biodiversity, energy,

agriculture towards farmers who adopt agroecological practices.

In this sense, education and access to information played a very important role by informing farmers about agroecological practices. However, perhaps they are not enough to achieve conservation of ecosystems, higher production and enhanced rural livelihoods. Sound financing mechanisms and extension services seem to be essential to achieve this especially with smaller farms.

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