TOPIC: HYGIENE

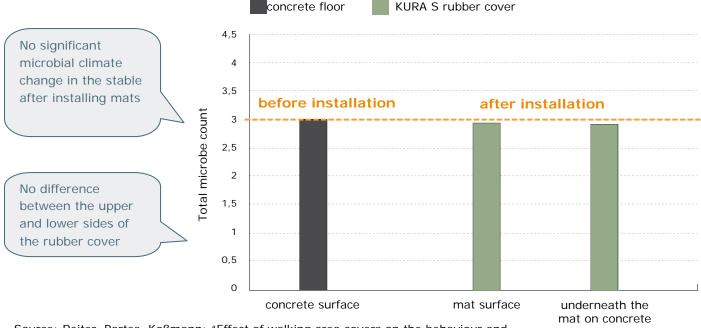
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HYGIENE ON / UNDERNEATH KURA-MATS

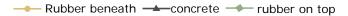
In the walking alley:

KURA S rubber cover compared to a concrete slatted floor



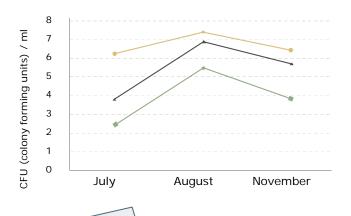
Source: Reiter, Partes, Koßmann: "Effect of walking area covers on the behaviour and hygienic conditions of dairy cows", Germany, 2006 (Einfluss von Laufflächenbelägen auf das Verhalten und die hygienischen Bedingungen bei Milchkühen)

In the parlour:



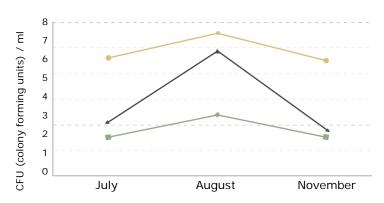
The soiling underneath the mat had no effect on mat hygiene.

Development of total microbe count



The microbe count was always lowest on the rubber surface

Development in the number of enterobacteriacae



Microbial stress increases and decreases seasonally. **An important aspect:** the lowest microbe counts are always on the mat surface.

Source: Bavarian Animal Health Service, Central Institute 2008 (Tiergesundheitsdienst Bayern e.V., Zentralinstitut)

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