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Sommario/riassunto	In recent years a number of issues regarding the care and welfare of dairy cattle have been examined. The following document explores current issues regarding the social and physical environment of dairy cattle. Modern management practices such as the use of bovine somatotrophin (BST) to increase milk production, tail docking, and the use of new milking technologies are reviewed as well. An extensive bibliography covering the behavior, breeding, feeding, health, housing, and husbandry is included. This publication is intended for use by animal scientists, veterinarians, extension agents, and others with an interest in dairy cattle production.