



Do the Age, Parity, and type of Milking Affect the Camel Udder?

Description

Practically, I have been working with the milking camels for the last 15 years almost, from research work to commercial camel dairying. I have a very strong and concrete experience that age and parity (number of calving/s) have a very negative impact on the camel udder. The advancement in age, total hours of milking (time of milking), and the number of parities resulting in the loosening of the ligaments of the udder, enlargement of the teats' orifices, and elongating of the teats. All the above-mentioned conditions result in vulnerability to mastitis. I shall share some pictures, mostly shot of the udders of highly harvested/milked camels.

A Recent Study with Contrast Results from Iraq

I reviewed some studies about the camels' mastitis recently (though not fresh studies) from Africa and now Iraq which revealed that the age, parity, and the number of milking has no impact on camels' udder health. I will certainly not agree with such findings.

I noticed that in the studies publish with such results, the number of camels was less than 20 which is a very small sample. I'm sure if there will be a huge data with many camels and for many years, the results will be different.

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