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Ozonated water works well

MENDES CALF RANCH IN TIPTON, CALIF., IS pleased with the results it is getting from ozonated water as a disinfectant. The calf ranch uses the commercially available product — consisting of ozone gas dissolved in water — to clean bottles, tanks, contact surfaces and floors.

“It’s been working well,” says owner Victor Mendes. It kills bacteria on contact, gets rid of chemical and acid buildup, and is environmentally friendly, he adds.

“This will save us a lot of money,” he says, because it will reduce hot water and chemical usage.

Researchers at Clemson University, reporting in the August 2000 issue of the *Journal of Dairy Science*, found that ozonated water does a much better job removing soil materials from stainless-steel surfaces than warm water.

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An employee at Mendes Calf Ranch uses ozonated water to clean calf bottles.