A Comparison of Three Animal Welfare Assessment Programs on California Dairies. By Stull et al., page 1595. Three animal welfare assessment programs for dairies were compared using a questionnaire survey and personal interviews. Scores for compliance with the standards of each program were calculated, and rank orders of the dairies were compared based on these compliance scores. The results show that selection of assessment program is important in determining “outcomes,” either as a minimum qualifying or absolute score. This outcome reflects the differences in the standards between programs. Utilization of the programs may be beneficial as a guide for improving animal welfare in commercial dairy facilities.