Two Heads Are Better Than One: A Starter Guide to Pairing Dairy Calves

This series of articles is a seven-part starter guide for pairing or group-housing preweaned dairy calves. Throughout this guide, we cover best practices to promote good health and welfare in calves raised in pairs or small groups.

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