

Using in vitro fertilization to help our livestock farmers ^[1]

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Cited from endi.com ^[2] Natalia, is the first cow born in the Island by means of in vitro fertilization “with commercial purposes and represents a hope for the milk and meat livestock farmers.” “It is wonderful; this opens a much needed window to technology. This represents hope, not only for the milk but for the milk industry”, declared Luis Vélez Cruz, president of the Livestock Nucleus of the Southwest Cattle of Meat of the Southwest, known as Meat Producers of the Valley of Lajas that groups about 300 farmers. The in vitro method could lower the costs and give farmers the possibility to select the sex of the animals and obtain animals of pure race that will be “born and bred in the Island and adapted to its climate.” “The egg of a Holstein cow, one of the best for milk production, was fertilized with sperm of a bull of the same race in a laboratory in the United States. The embryo was sent by mail to Puerto Rico to be implanted on a Charbray cow, mostly a meat producing race that is used for being “more muscular and strong, since they are not in the line of milk production.”

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