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The 51st Annual Meeting of the National Mastitis Council was held in St.Pete Beach, Florida. January 22-24, 2012.

Themes Sessions included:

1. **Responsible Antibiotic Use through Innovation in Treatment and Prevention of Mastitis**
   The presentation of new Dutch policies on antibiotic reduction was followed by a conference and an open session on antimicrobial resistance; the results of research on new alternatives for antimicrobials were also presented.

2. **Communicating the Mastitis Control Message**
   This session highlighted the importance of good communication, extension and producer motivation to improve the efficiency of udder health and milk quality programs, mentioning communication and improvement strategies in various countries (The Netherlands, Ireland and USA).

3. **Using Precision Dairy to Improve Milk Quality**
   Herd and individual data—including SCC, production levels, milk components, feeding and milking times—are easier to access on farms using precision technologies. Specialists shared their experience on how best to use technologies on the farm.

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