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Firstly - thank you for everything y'all do. I am a mixed animal veterinarian in Oregon, and feel strongly that allowing lay people to perform pregnancy checks on cattle would be detrimental to the cattle, the production system, and the humans involved (the ones performing the pregnancy checks, the owners of the cattle, and all those down the chain of production). Pregnancy is a diagnosis - therefore determining pregnancy should be a skill kept within veterinary medicine. Without proper training, all methods of pregnancy checking/diagnosis can be detrimental to the animal. Also, a veterinarian performing pregnancy checks can at the same time determine if there are issues - workup of low conception rates, genetic abnormalities of the calves, monitor for diseases, etc. As simple as pregnancy checking seems, it is truly a skill and should therefore be required to be performed by a licensed veterinarian.