# Pregnancy & Disease Detection from Milk Samples A Global Overview - ICAR Chile 2016 - 25 October, 11.20-11.40



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### **Agenda**

- The Milk Sample
- Diagnostic Solutions
- IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test:
  - What have we learned since the launch?
- Global Overview of Milk Pregnancy Testing Services
  - Europe
  - North America
  - Australia
  - Latin America



### The Milk Sample

- Cattle, Sheep, Goat, Buffalo, ...
- Native, skimmed, conserved
- Multiple information:
  - Milk quality parameters
  - Mastitis, SCC
  - Disease: antibodies, antigen, DNA, RNA
  - Pregnancy-associated glycoproteins
  - Progesterone
  - More?
- Easy to collect sample
- Not so easy to store...getting sour easily
- Conserving milk helps stabilize the sample for use in the lab
- Tends to build flocks upon multiple freeze/thaw cycles



Fresh milk



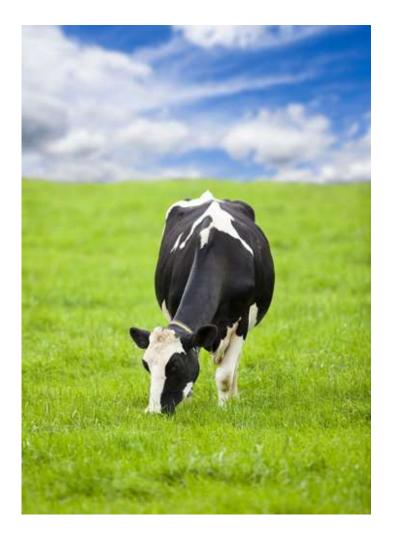
Soured milk





# **Diagnostic Solutions: Adding Diagnostic Value**

- More results from every milk sample
- Milk is a simple, accurate medium for regular disease testing
  - Bulk tank, individual milk
- Simplified collection and logistics
- Offer veterinarians and producers greater value with every result
- Antibody disease testing:
  - BVDV (bulk tank and individual)
  - IBR (bulk tank and individual)
  - EBL (BLV) (bulk tank and individual)
  - Brucellosis (bulk tank and individual)
  - Johne's (individual)
  - Fasciolosis (bulk tank)
  - Q Fever (individual)
- PCR:
  - RealPCR BVDV RNA Test
  - RealPCR MAP DNA Test (in validation)







# **IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test**

- From 28 days post breeding (cows and goats)
- Coming soon:
  - Water Buffalo: from 30 days post breeding
  - Sheep: from 60 days post breeding
- ELISA test designed for large scale testing in DHI laboratories



**IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test** 



### **IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test – Lab-Based Milk Test**

### Value Proposition

• The IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test helps labs, veterinarians and producers detect pregnant and open cows accurately as early as 28 days post breeding and throughout gestation with the first milk-based laboratory test in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner which allows re-breeding of open cows to improve reproductive efficiency.

### Dairy producer benefits

- Shorter calving intervals, improved calving rates, increased milk production
- Save \$3-5 per day open
- Easy to collect routine samples
- Less animal handling, cow comfort benefit
- Veterinarian benefits
  - Optimize on-farm time for investigating open cows and providing more value added services
  - Systematically capture pregnancy data to improve long-term reproductive management
- Laboratory benefits
  - New value-added service addresses top producer need using existing milk samples
  - Easy-to-run, familiar and trusted, high-throughput ELISA platform



### **IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test Performance**

### Early and simple:

- From 28 days post breeding and throughout gestation
- Test for pregnancy from routine DHI milk samples
- Bovine and caprine milk
  - Whole or skim
  - Fresh or preserved



- Performance (bovine milk):

**Sensitivity** = 98.7% (LCL: 98%)\*

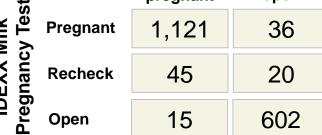
**Specificity** = 94.4% (LCL: 92%)\*

Rechecks: 3% of total tested (2%

pregnant and 1% open)

Palpation / Ultra	sound
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Pregnancy Test		pregnant	open	
	Pregnant	1,121	36	
	Recheck	45	20	
	Open	15	602	





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### **IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test Worldwide**

- Mainly introduced to DHIs that service different dairy production systems
- Adoption of pregnancy diagnosis service in milk
  - Logistics: use routine samples from existing flow to lab and also use individual samples anytime
  - Install new testing parameter besides milk quality, mastitis PCR testing
    - IDEXX recommends instruments (shaker-incubator) and supports with all facets of installation (many DHIs are new to ELISA testing)
  - Recommended: participate in regular proficiency tests
  - Reporting: website (login), e-mail, SMS, fax and letter rare
  - Invoicing: routine, mostly on monthly basis for DHI members
  - Promotion:
    - Advertisements, producer events
    - Leverage regular presence of DHI technicians on farm
    - Examples of successful collaboration between DHI, breeding associations and genetic companies
  - Technical challenges
    - Carry over
    - The dip
    - Decline of PAGs after early embryonic death (EED) and abortion
    - Optional recheck zone



### **Carry Over Contamination**

- There is a technical risk of carry-over contamination\* for the IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test
  - Carryover of <1% does not present a significant risk for false positive or recheck sample</li>
  - 2.5-5% carryover may increase # of recheck results but low risk of false positives
  - >10% carryover could significantly increase number of recheck and false positive results
- However, in reality, we see very few 'field-based' issues of carryover contamination
  - >2000 samples tested from routine DHI collections with very few false positive samples that could have been attributed to carryover contamination
  - Specificity in field trials and validation testing exceptionally high (>97%)
- In order to mitigate the risk of carryover contamination, IDEXX has the following recommendations included in the test protocol:

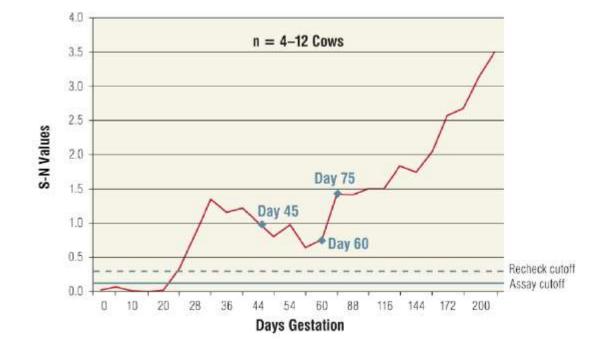
### **Sample Quality and Handling**

- Care should be taken to minimize the likelihood of milk carryover from cow to cow during sample collection, particularly when using samples collected for routine herd recording.



### The Dip

- Pregnant cows show rapid increase of PAGs up to day 32 post breeding. Levels decline above cut-off and increase again to day 70 post breeding creating a dip.
- Similar findings in published study (Ricci et al.)
- Conclusion: there is a dip between 32 and 70 days post breeding resulting in lower PAG levels. However, test performance remains at high levels.

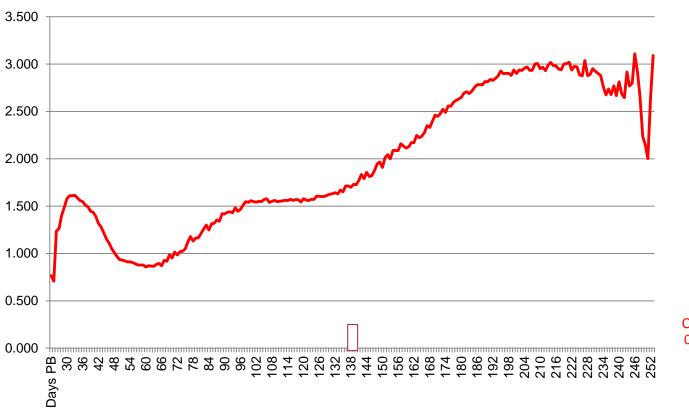




### Milk PAG Levels in Danish Milk recorded Cows 2013-2016

294.584 positive results in Holsteins, Jersey, Red Nordic, and Cross breed

### Milk PAG Levels (S-N) and Days Post Breeding



Cut-off (S-N) 0.100-0.250



### Decline of PAGs after EED or Abortion

PAGs are produced by trophoblast cells in the placenta. If placenta loses functionality
due to early embryonic death (EED)/abortion PAGs will not be produced anymore and
concentration of PAGs in blood and milk will decline over time.

Time of loss	Estimated (1) duration of PAG decline in blood			
28-60 days of pregnancy (EED)	Up to 10 or more days			
> 60 days of pregnancy (abortion)	Up to 60 days			

### Decline of PAGs after EED or Abortion

Study at University of Hannover, Germany with IDEXX Bovine Pregnancy Test:









### **Optional Recheck Zone**

• To summarize overall sensitivity and specificity for the IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test on bovine milk samples using the optional method for interpretation of results for cows over 45 days postbreeding. With this method, cows more than 45 days postbreeding are considered pregnant if the S-N is greater than 0.10 (there is no recheck zone).

	Standard Interpretation				Optional Interpretation		
	(0.10-0.25 Current Recheck)				(0.10 Cutoff and No Recheck)		
	Performance				Performance		
Days Bred	Cows	Se	Sp	% Recheck	Cows	Se	Sp
28-34	524	99%	90%	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
35–45	132	98%	91%	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
46-55	125	97%	100%	13%	125	97%	92%
56-65	167	96%	100%	15%	167	97%	100%
66–75	62	98%	100%	3%	62	98%	89%
76–85	34	97%	100%	0%	34	97%	100%
86-95	54	100%	100%	2%	54	100%	100%
96–105	66	100%	100%	0%	66	100%	100%
>105	411	100%	92%	0%	411	99%	85%
Overall	1,839	99%	94%	3%	1839	99%	93%

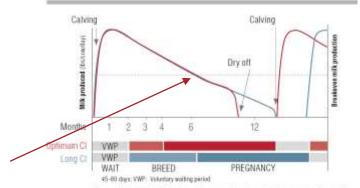


### **Recommended Times to Assess Pregnancy Status**

### With IDEXX Milk Pregnancy Test

- P1: 28-35 days in gestation (post AI)
  - The opportunity to find non-pregnant (open) cows
  - Estrous Synchronization programs allow these cows to re-enter the program quicker
- P2: 45-70 days in gestation
  - Peak period of Early Embryonic Death (EED)
  - Best practice management programs
- P3: 90-110 days of gestation
  - Early Embryonic Death (EED) peak is now past
  - Cow approaching break-even phase of lactation curve
- P4: 200-230 days of gestation (dry-off)
  - Although uncommon, pregnancy loss can occur between 100-230 days
  - Important decision point for culling after finishing lactation

#### Individual Cow Lactation Curve



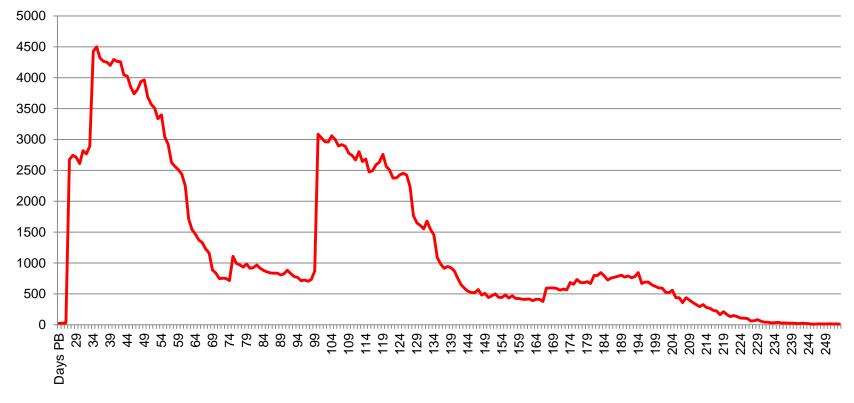
Source; de Vries, et al. Economics at improved seproductive performance in dairy sattle



### **Frequency of Positive Pregnancy Checks**

Danish milk recorded cows, between day 25 and 254 postbreeding

#### Number of positive results





### Germany

- Milchprüfring Bayern e.V.Routine DHI (https://www.mpr-bayern.de/eng)
  - One of the largest independent milk testing laboratories for automated analyses of payment and DHI samples worldwide.
  - 275.000 pregnancy tests since launch two years ago
  - Routine DHI samples and individual samples for members and also non-members
  - Shortly available: mpr-App «mpr-mobil» for online reception of results.

#### Animal Health Bayaria

- www.tiergesundheit.bayern.de
- Do not slaughter high pregnant cows!
- Test options recommended:
  - PD by vet or technician
  - PAG test using blood or milk



Dead unborn calf in abbattoir, "0.6% of high pregnant cows have been slaughtered in Bavaria in first half of 2016." Information leaflet tiergesundheit.bayern, Sept 2016

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#### Switzerland

- The only Swiss DHI lab, Suisselab offers pregnancy testing services (<u>www.fertalys.ch</u>) together with breeding associations and swissgenetics (Swiss semen company), results via e-mail or SMS
- Easy contact options: <a href="mailto:fertalys@suisselab.ch">fertalys@suisselab.ch</a>
- Online order options for sample kits
- Currently establishing program to promote 2<sup>nd</sup> sample from same cow (confirmation)



Fertalys: advertisement

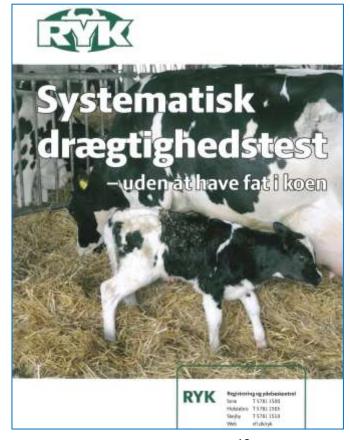
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Fertalys: Result via text message (SMS) to farmer

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- Denmark
  - RYK Eurofins Steins, www.vfl.dk/ryk
    - Great experience with samples from robot units





#### **Testimonials**



Promotional folder





- France
  - Clasel, French DHI lab
    - http://www.clasel.fr/clasel-nos-prestations/offre-medria-copie.html
    - Gestadetect, a reliable, simple pregnancy indicator
- United Kingdom
  - National Milk Recording (NMR)
    - https://www.nmr.co.uk/breeding/pregnancy-testing
    - Why use?
      - It's accurate, flexible, easy, cost-effective, pays a check, pays a dry-off check
  - The Cattle Information Service CIS
    - http://www.thecis.co.uk/theCIS/CIS\_PregCheck.aspx
    - Managing the reproductive cycle on your farm



Gestadetect: the five advantages making the difference



- Antelbio USA, a division of NorthStar Cooperative
  - <a href="http://www.northstarcooperative.com/pregnancy/">http://www.northstarcooperative.com/pregnancy/</a>
  - Collaborated to validate the first milk pregnancy test
- USA, Dairy One
  - http://dairyone.com/analytical-services/pregnancy-testing/
  - Dairy One Ithaca Lab, routine samples and individual samples (free shipping), sample transportation system, FAQs,
  - BOTH OPTIONS \*Now Offering free "RECHECK's\*
- The Dairy Authority, Colorado, USA
  - http://www.dairymd.com/lab.php
  - A vet clinic, offering Milk Preg Test 24 hrs TAT



AntelBio and IDEXX collaborated to validate the first milk pregnancy test. It is the only milk-based test for improving efficiency of reproductive programs in dairy herds.



#### Heart of America DHIA

- http://www.hoadhia.com/lab.html
- ELISA submission form for Pregnancy and Johne's

#### Lancaster DHIA

- http://www.lancasterdhia.com/
- "Let us help you find open cows"
- Routine and individual samples, "call your local DHI technician" offer a mailing box, members and non-members



Lancaster DHIA sample kit

#### Texas DHIA

- http://www.texasdhia.com/SERVICES.html
- Our milk pregnancy test is 96% accurate and the results are collected within 6 hours of receiving the samples.
- This is the industry leading test for reducing invasiveness and unnecessary stress on the animal.
- Milk pregnancy testing eliminates the need for additional animal sorting, restraining, and sampling. It also allows for better time management between the producer and veterinarian.



#### Canada

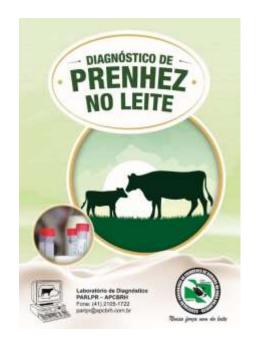
- Valacta (<u>www.valacta.com</u>) DHI, Quebec:
  - Gestalab, now available every day (since 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016)
    - With sampling kits
    - In collaboration with CIAQ (<u>www.ciaq.com</u>, a semen company)
- CanWest DHI (www.canwestdhi.com)
  - Accurate, easy & cost-effective
  - ▶ Use as 1<sup>st</sup> check, Recheck and dry-off check

#### Australia

- <a href="http://www.nationalherd.com.au/herd\_recording/pregnancy\_testing">http://www.nationalherd.com.au/herd\_recording/pregnancy\_testing</a>
- IDEXX Pregnancy Test, 28 Day Milk Pregnancy Testing



- Brazil
  - Clinica do Leite
     (<a href="http://www.clinicadoleite.com.br/fazenda/B">http://www.clinicadoleite.com.br/fazenda/B</a>
     2B-FazendasLocaweb/Clinica/Inicio.html
    - Promoting P-CHECK
  - APCBRH, Parana http://www.apcbrh.com.br/









- Chile
  - Cooprinsem (<a href="http://cooprinsem.cl/home/">http://cooprinsem.cl/home/</a>)







### **What Customers Are Saying**

- "Our producer clients are really seeing the benefits of getting a pregnancy test milk sample in the parlor without the
  extra efforts of having to lock up or sort cows. The process is efficient and eliminates potential delays in breeding
  programs, which saves valuable time."
  Bruce W. Hoffman, DVM President, Animal Profiling International, Inc., USA
- "Testing milk samples for pregnancy during our DHI test is a lot easier, and it's on my schedule every month."
   Mark Bontekoe, Touchdown Dairy, LLC, USA



