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PROCEEDINGS

DAIRY MARKET OUTLOOK SOUTHEAST STATES

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OUTLINE

- 1. Milk Market**
- 2. Milk Supply**
- 3. Milk Price**
- 4. Federal Order Proposals (briefly)**

SOUTHEAST STATES MILK MARKET

Average Loads Producer Milk per Day

Year	Appalachian	Florida	Southeast	Total
2000	349	158	413	920
2010	334	161	387	883
2015	312	152	288	752
2020	294	139	259	692
2021	293	135	254	682
2022	296	137	217	650

SOUTHEAST STATES MILK MARKET

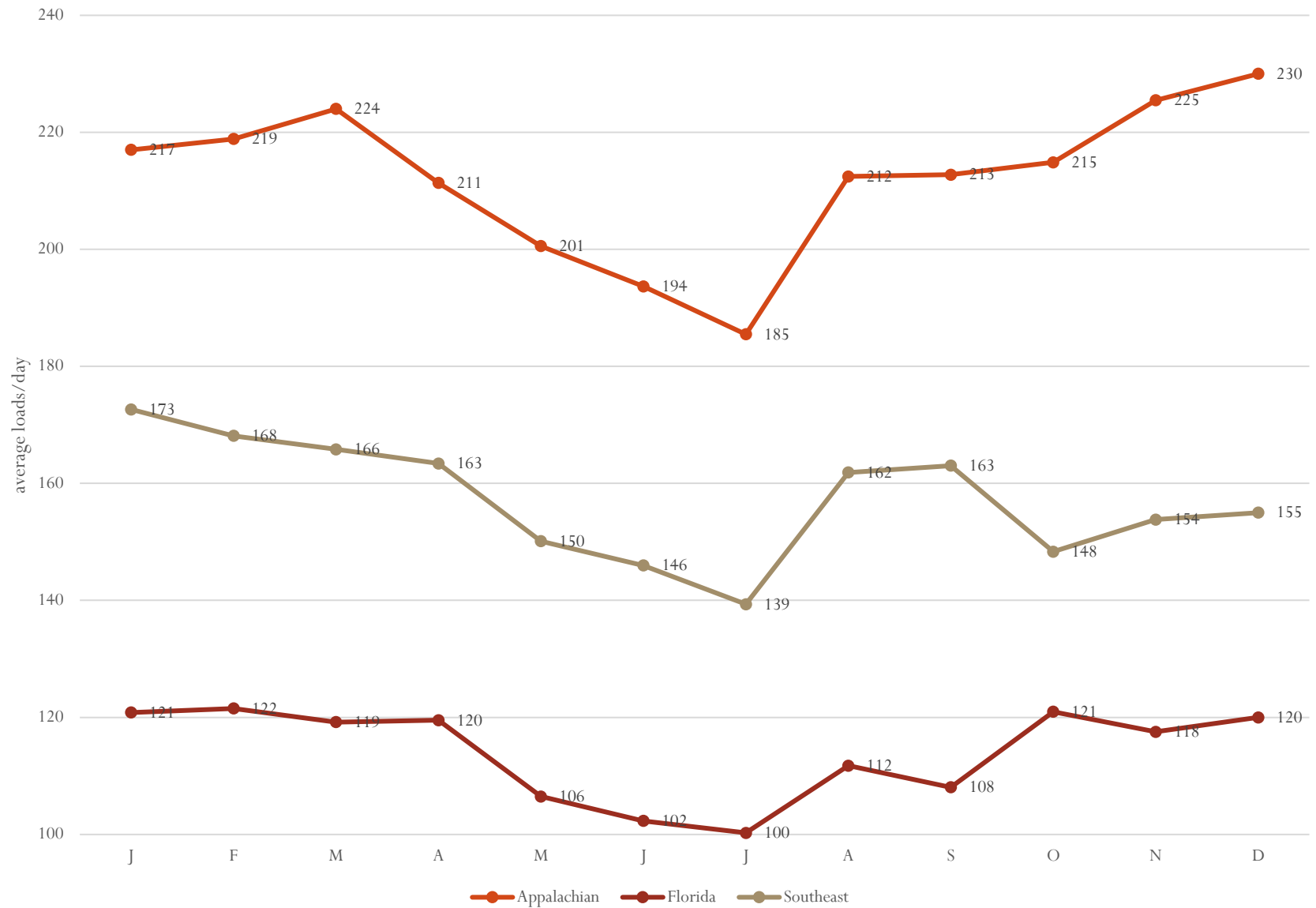
Avg. Loads Class I Producer Milk/ Day

Year	Appalachian	Florida	Southeast	Total
2000	240	139	269	648
2010	229	139	259	627
2015	214	128	216	559
2020	217	114	179	510
2021	207	111	171	490
2022	211	114	157	482

CLASS I UTILIZATION

Year	Appalachian	Florida	Southeast	All
2000	68.75%	88.09%	65.01%	70.39%
2010	68.42%	86.61%	66.90%	71.06%
2015	68.56%	84.60%	75.05%	74.28%
2020	73.88%	82.17%	68.98%	73.70%
2021	70.83%	82.24%	67.54%	71.87%
2022	71.46%	83.01%	72.40%	74.22%
2022 (November) all Federal Orders				27.07%

BALANCING a CLASS I MARKET



MILK MARKETS

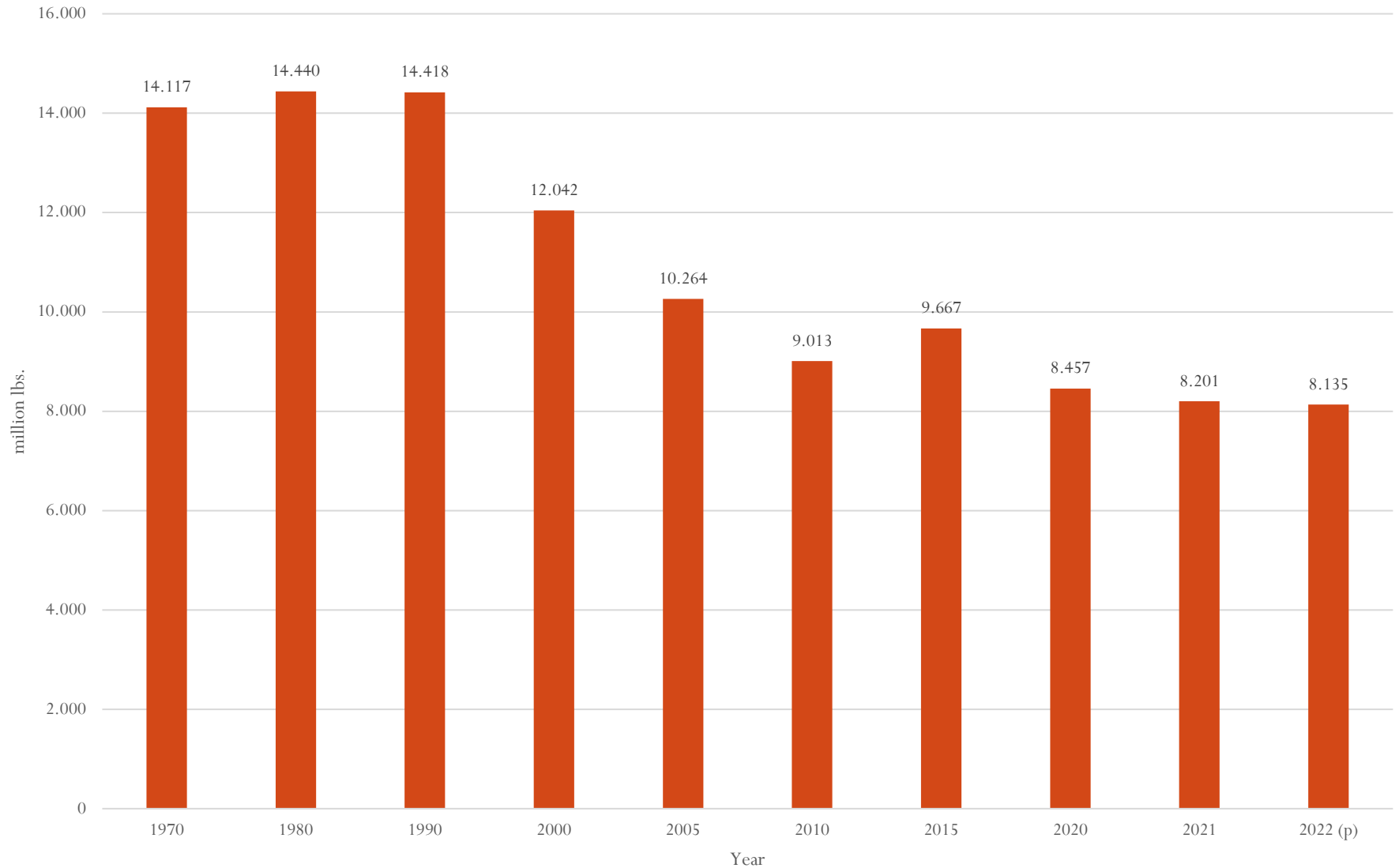
POOL DISTRIBUTING PLANTS

Year End	Appalachian	Florida	Southeast	Total
2000	26	12	32	70
2010	20	12	25	57
2015	17	10	22	49
2020	17	10	19	46
2021	17	9	18	44
2022	16	8	15	39

LOCATION & OWNERSHIP PLANTS

State	Cooperative	Grocer	Other	Total
Florida	2	2	4	8
North Carolina	3	1	1	5
Tennessee	3	2		5
Virginia	1	1	2	4
Kentucky	1	1	1	3
Arkansas	3			3
Louisiana	1		2	3
Georgia		2		2
Missouri	1		1	2
South Carolina	1			1
Mississippi	1			1
Alabama			1	1
Indiana	1			1
Total	18	9	12	39

TEN SOUTHEAST STATES ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION 1970-2022



SOUTHEAST MILK PRODUCTION

State	2020	2021	2022 (p)	% of Total
	Average Number Loads of Milk per Day			
Georgia	98	100	112	25.0%
Florida	127	120	108	23.9%
Virginia	84	81	79	17.6%
Kentucky	52	50	51	11.4%
N. Carolina	50	51	50	11.2%
Tennessee	30	28	27	6.1%
S. Carolina	10	9	9	2.0%
Louisiana	7	7	6	1.4%
Mississippi	7	6	5	1.1%
Alabama	2	2	2	0.4%
Total	468	454	450	

Southeast Supply versus Demand

“STEADY”

Year	Production	Fluid Sales	Difference
	(lbs. per capita)		
2010	122	177	-55
2015	125	155	-30
2020	105	141	-36
2021	103	134	-31
2022 (p)	101	133	-32
Georgia (p)	186	133	+53

MILK MARKETS and PRODUCTION

“Take Home Message”

- Less markets for milk in the Southeast. 39 pool distributing plants today.
Next year - will be less. KY and VA only balancing plants.
- Southeast milk production leveling off – concentrate in Georgia and Florida.
- Georgia is a “milk producing” not a “milk processing” state.
- Relationship between per capita production and fluid consumption – steady.
- Challenge – markets for milk.
- Increase efforts to:
 1. Expand profitable sales at existing plants
 2. Seek new dairy processing or manufacturing
- Keep a viable Southeast Dairy Industry requires a growing milk market

BLEND PRICES – Base Zone

	Appalachian	Florida	Southeast
<u>2021</u>			
\$ / cwt. 3.5% fat	\$19.33	\$21.30	\$19.50
<i>Butterfat \$ / lb.</i>	<i>\$1.8784</i>	<i>\$1.8905</i>	<i>\$1.8801</i>
Butterfat % of Blend	34%	31%	34%
<u>2022</u>			
\$ / cwt. 3.5% fat	\$26.42	\$28.42	\$26.87
<i>Butterfat \$ / lb.</i>	<i>\$3.2423</i>	<i>\$3.2475</i>	<i>\$3.2395</i>
Butterfat % of Blend	43%	40%	42%
Difference \$ / cwt.	\$7.08	\$7.13	\$7.37

DAIRY PRODUCT PRICES

“Calculate Federal Order Prices”

Year	Butter	Nonfat Dry Milk Powder	Block Cheddar	Barrel Cheddar	Dry Whey
	\$ /lb. Dairy Products Sales Report Prices				
2018	\$2.26	\$0.79	\$1.58	\$1.47	\$0.34
2019	\$2.24	\$1.04	\$1.78	\$1.70	\$0.38
2020	\$1.58	\$1.04	\$2.04	\$1.77	\$0.36
2021	\$1.73	\$1.27	\$1.73	\$1.60	\$0.57
2022	\$2.87	\$1.69	\$2.10	\$2.09	\$0.61
22 vs. 21	\$1.14	\$0.42	\$0.37	\$0.49	\$0.04

PRODUCTION: Milk and Cows

Milk % Change

Quarter	2021	2022
First	1.2%	<u>-1.0%</u>
Second	3.7%	<u>-0.5%</u>
Third	0.8%	1.2%
Fourth	<u>-0.2%</u>	
<u>Month</u>		
October		1.1%
November		1.3%

Cows – Change Number

Quarter	2021	2022
First	+ 91,000	<u>-80,000</u>
Second	+ 146,000	<u>-86,000</u>
Third	+10,000	+12,000
Fourth	<u>-69,000</u>	
<u>Month</u>		
October		+32,000
November		+38,000

DEMAND –Total Solids

Quarter	Domestic	Export	Total
	<u>Percentage Change 2022 versus 2021– total solids basis</u>		
First quarter	0.8%	-1.4%	0.4%
Second quarter	-0.7%	4.3%	0.2%
Third quarter	1.2%	5.4%	1.9%
October	0.6%	8.4%	1.8%
YTD	0.4%	3.4%	1.0%
Five- year average % Change (2017-2021)	1.5%	6.7%	1.8%
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Export % of Total	16.8%	17.5%	

DAIRY DEMAND by Products

Product	Domestic	Export	Total	Export % 2022
	Percent Change 2022 vs. 2021 (J-O) Commercial Disappearance			
Butter	-6.0%	43.5%	-3.7%	6.8%
Dry Skim Milk Powder	-19.7%	-7.5%	-11.2%	72.9%
American Cheese	-0.6%	38.3%	0.7%	4.6%
Other Cheese	2.8%	5.0%	3.0%	6.0%
Dry Whey	3.6%	-3.1%	0.0%	52.0%
Fluid Milk (November)			-2.3%	

DAIRY PRODUCT INVENTORY

Product	November 2020	November 2021	November 2022	Change
	(million lbs.)			(%)
Butter	252	210	200	(5.1%)
Nonfat Dry Milk Powder	250	227	256	12.9%
American Cheese	762	835	816	(2.2)%
Dry Whey	68	60	73	22.0%

2023

- Production up to 1% increase
 lower margins
 higher interest rates
 fewer dairy replacements – more beef on dairy
- Demand – challenge
 inflation – higher prices – smaller package and serving sizes
 recession – worldwide
 China's economy

2023 PROJECTIONS

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<i>Butterfat \$ / lb.</i>	\$2.7676	\$2.7856	\$2.7740
Butterfat % of Blend	42%	39%	42%
Difference \$ / cwt.	(\$3.57)	(\$3.59)	(\$3.80)
Third highest	blend price.		

Final Words – Price Projections

- Best estimate, as of today, based on the information available.
- A small change in supply or demand makes a larger change (up or down) in milk prices.
- My projections are federal order blend prices not mailbox prices.
- Not including any potential federal order changes.

Federal Order Changes

- Southeastern Orders – proposals submitted
 - Update “inter-order” transportation credits
 - Implement “intra-order” transportation credits
 - Assembly credit
- All Federal Orders – areas under consideration:
 - Class I Mover “Higher of”
 - Update Class I Differentials
 - Increase make allowances
 - Eliminate barrel cheese from formula
 - Update milk component levels

BE INVOLVED

STUDY

ASK QUESTIONS

IT is YOUR MILK CHECK and MARKET BEING IMPACTED

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY

QUESTIONS

Key Principles and Concepts Required to Navigate Your Dairy and Feed Markets"

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Dairy Producer Opportunities I see....



Product “Milk”

**Commodity
“MILK”**



Dairy Food Chain Commodity/Product, Producer/Processor Divide



Various Scales, Aligned Fresh, Local, Organic, Non-GMO Products

Traditional Commodity Based System Family Farm

Large Scale, Concentrated, Destination, GMO Commodities



- 4 Keys Principles and Concepts Required...

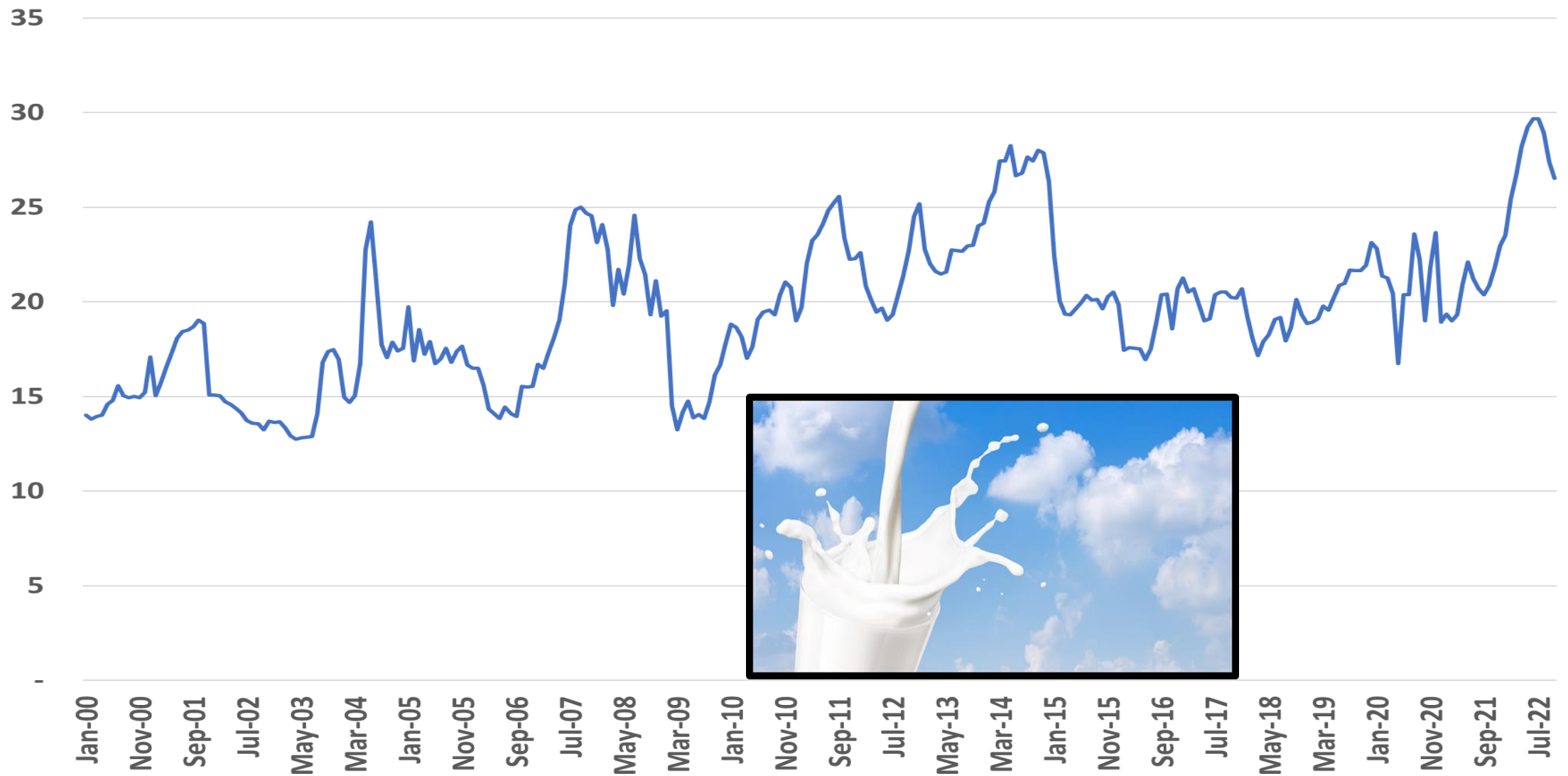
1. Understanding Price
2. Price has reoccurring Behavior
3. Price is the focus of Marketing
4. Identify Price Risk first step in Marketing

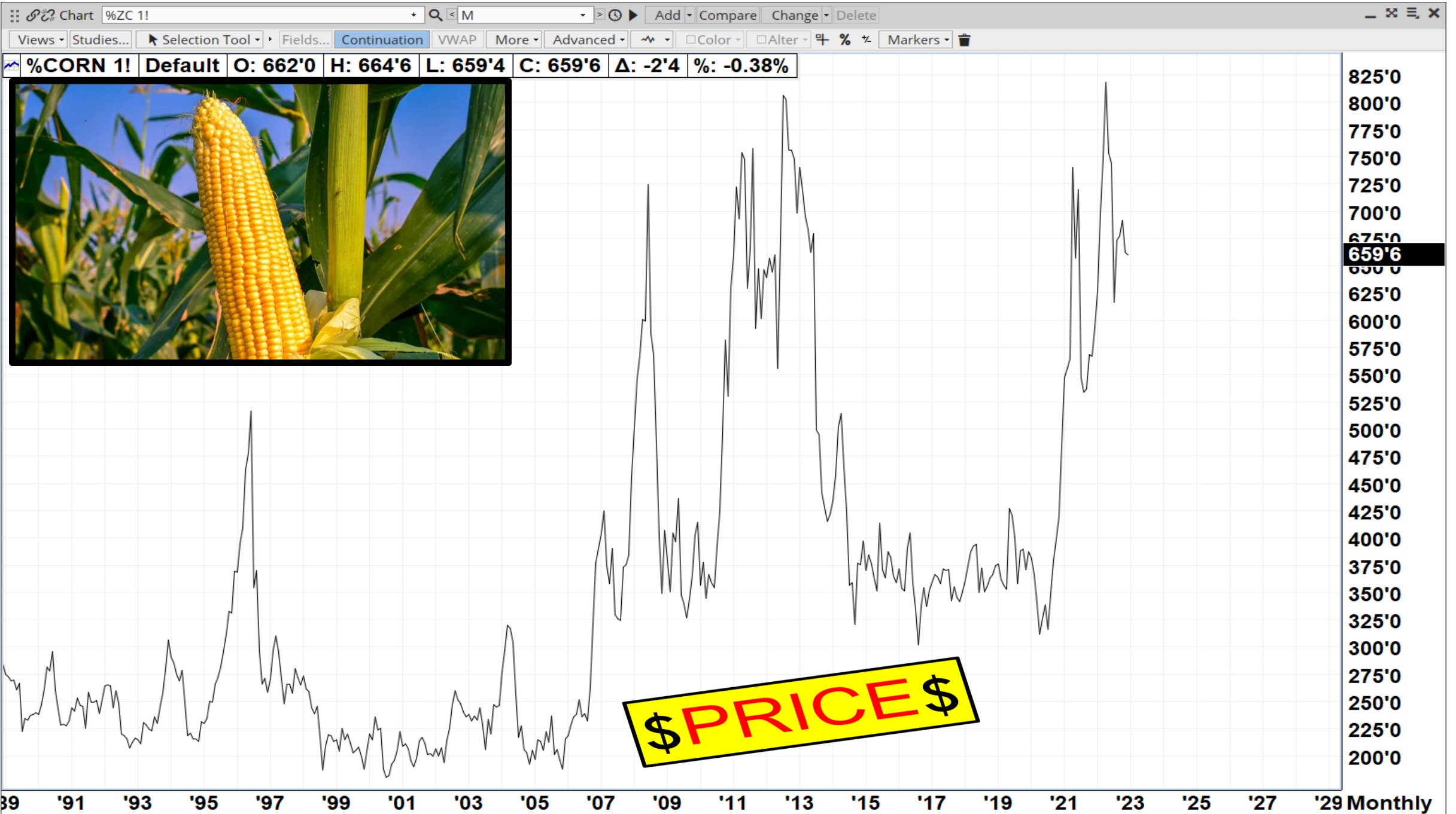
Plus: The Observed Characteristics of a Successful Marketer

Commodity Prices you Care About

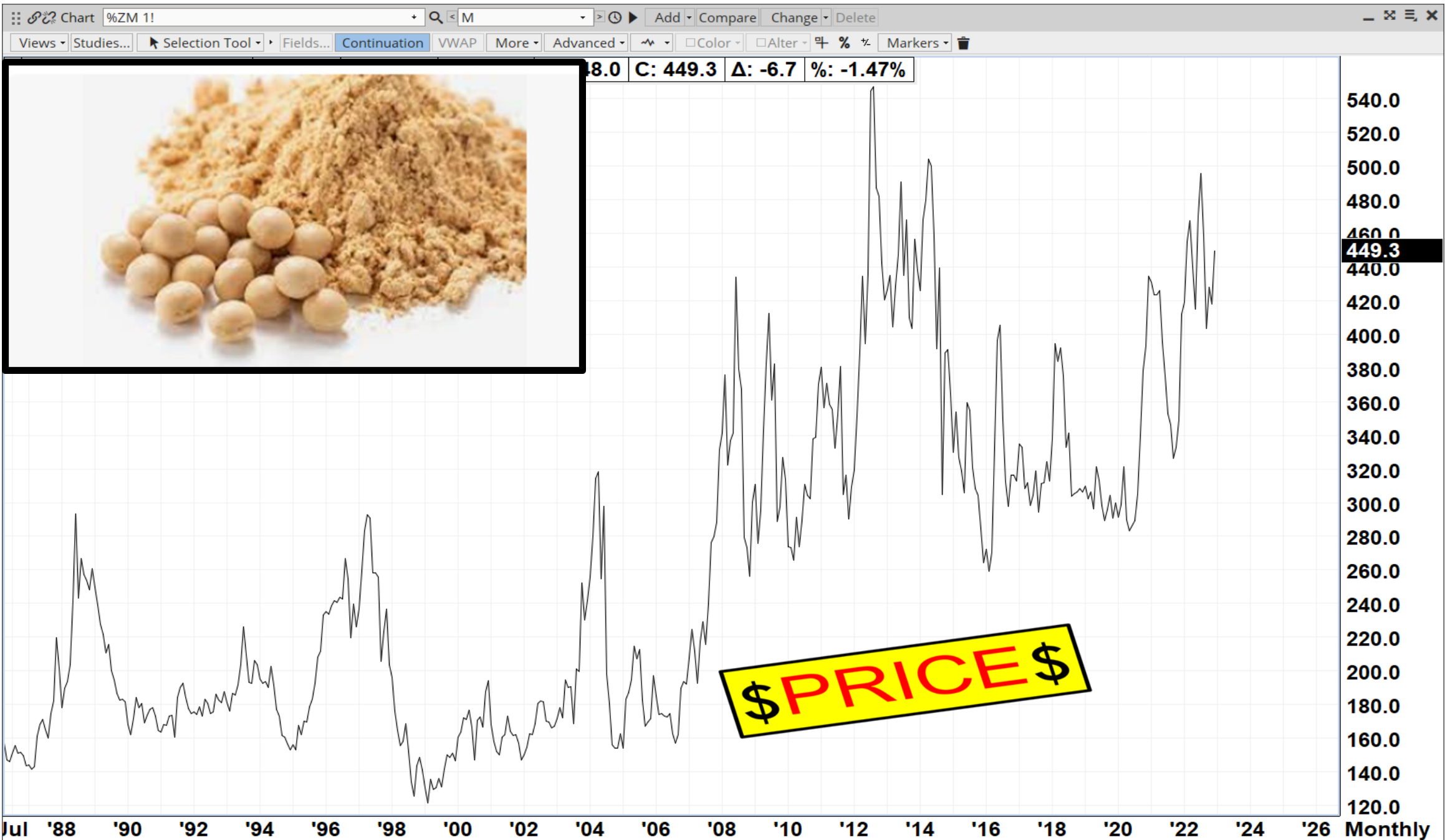


Georgia (Southwest) Class I Price History



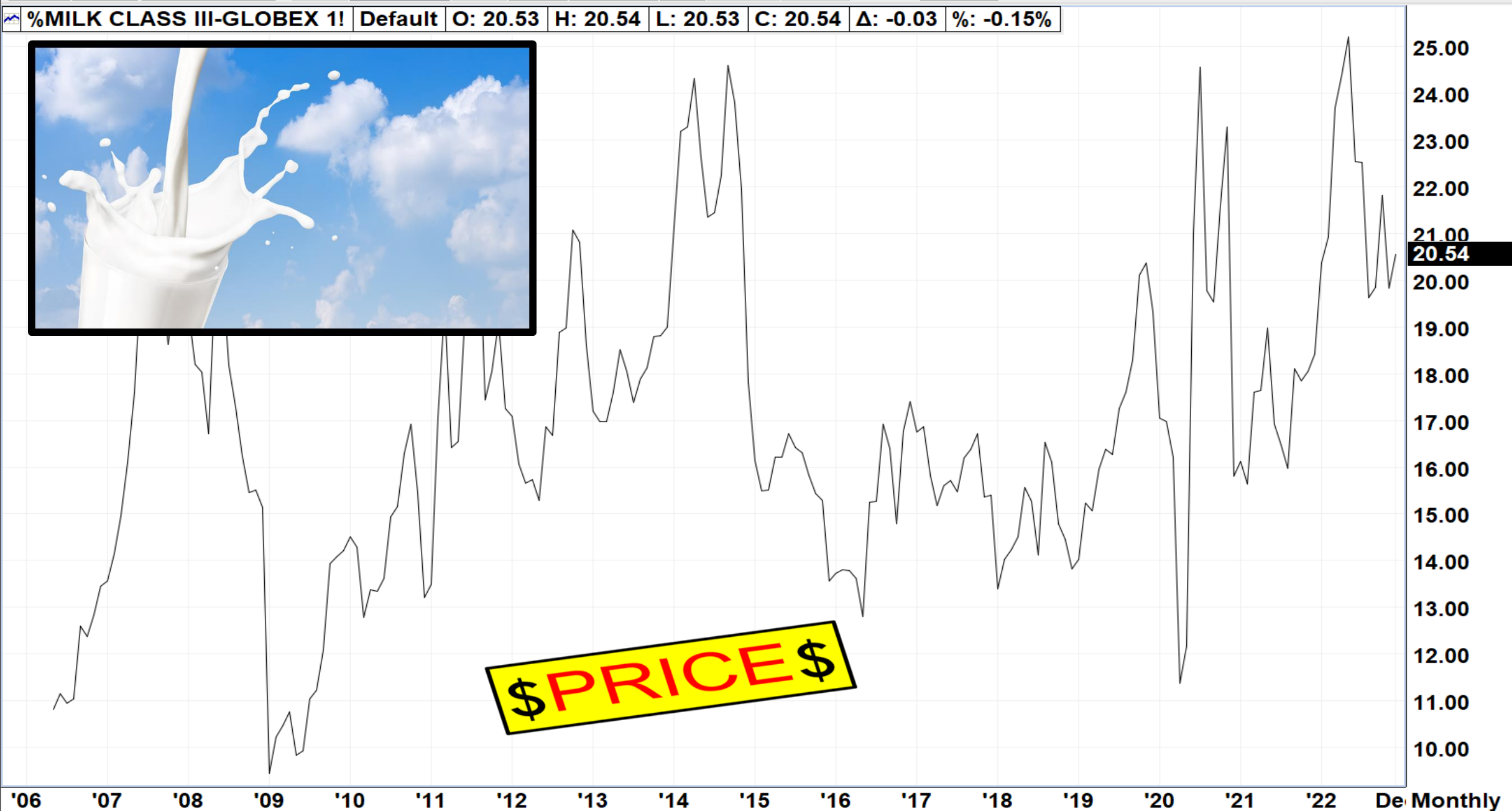


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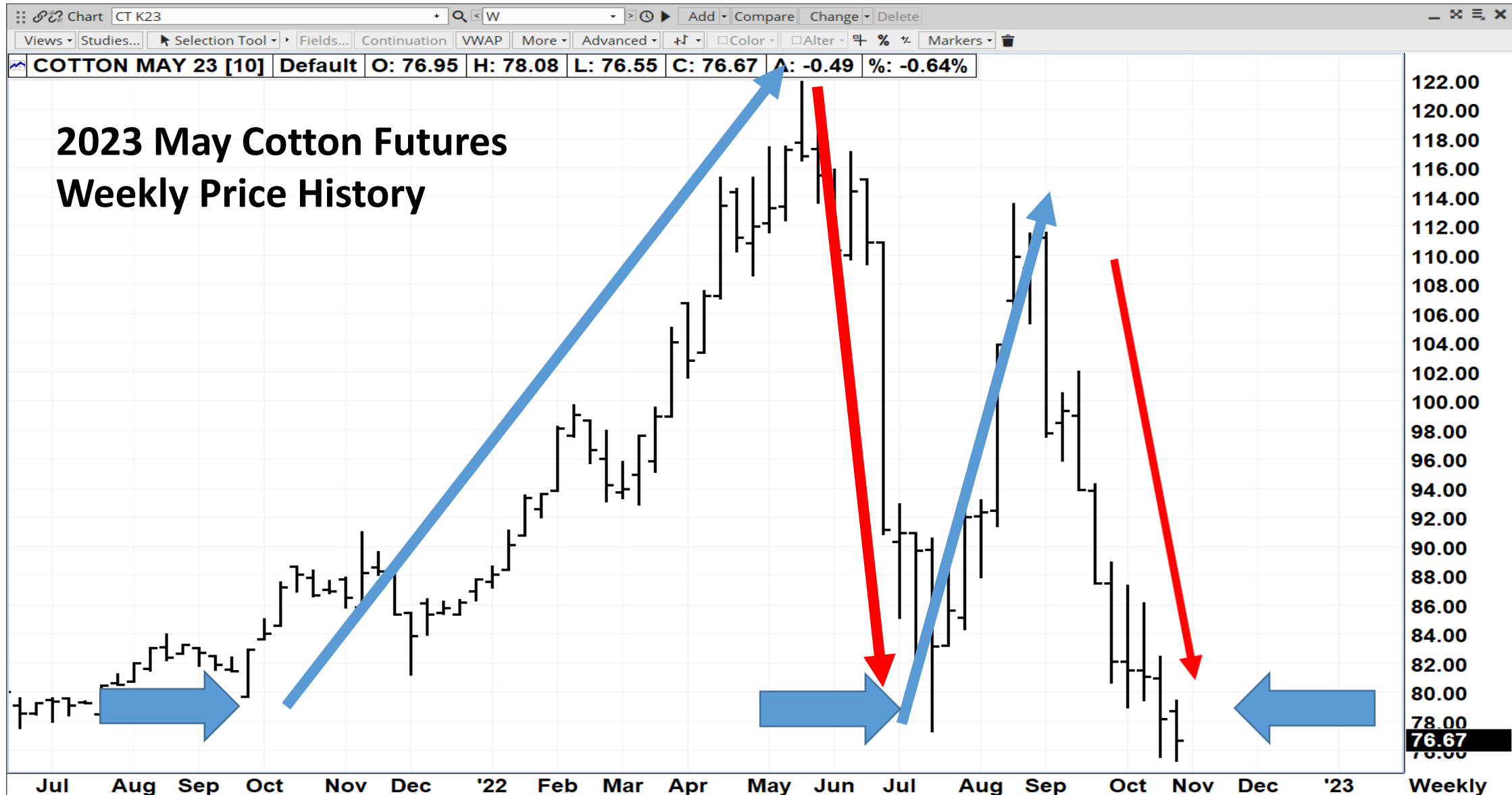
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- Price is not Random
- Price is not fixed, set, or mandated
- Price is discovered. Buyers and Sellers, both emotional “basket cases” meet and nervously agree to a price.
- Prices relate one to another
- Price has patterns of “Behavior” trends, consolidation, cycles, seasonal direction,

Price has Behavior.....



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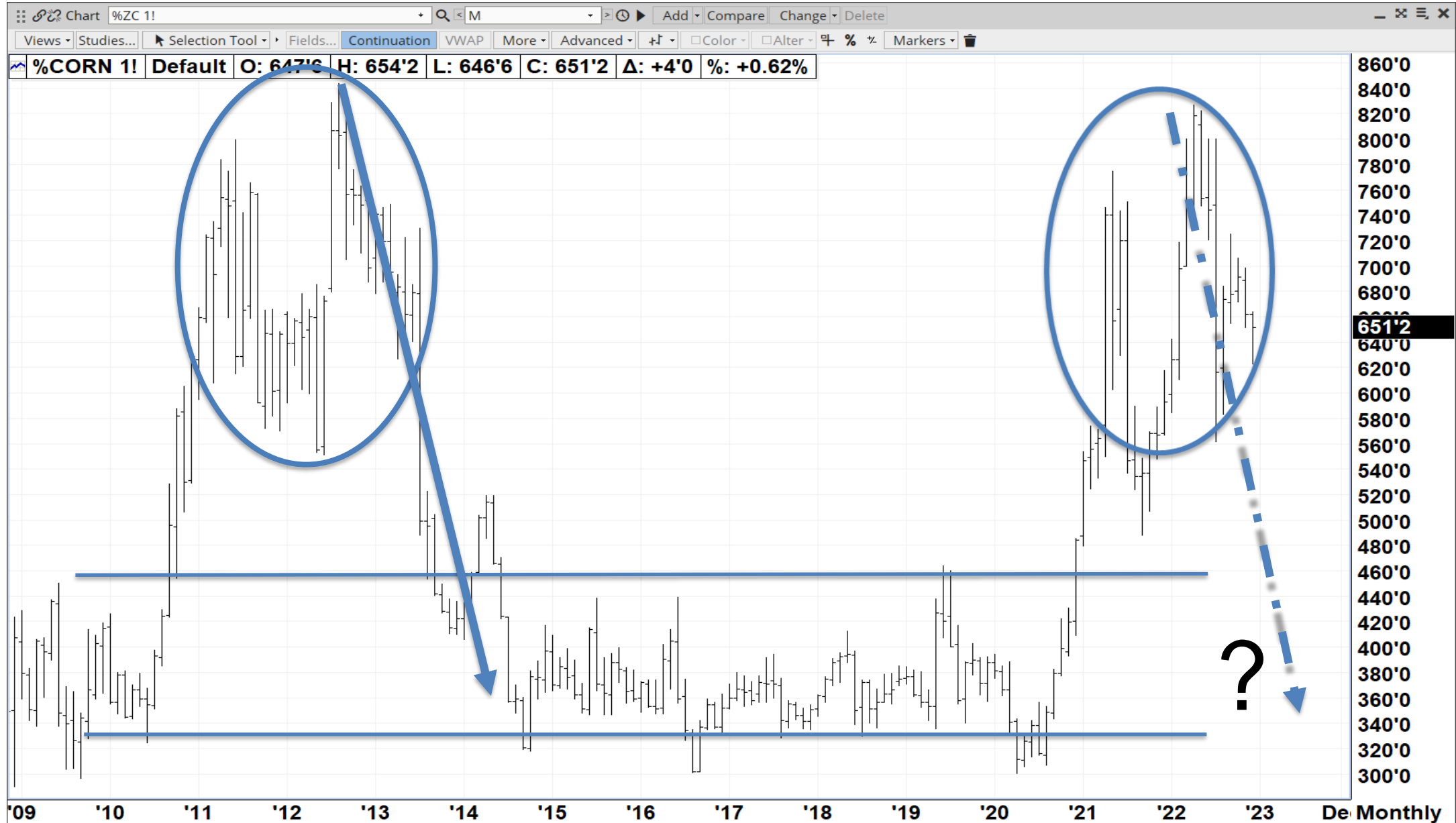
Price has Behavior....



Commodity Market Prices have Behavior



Monthly Continuous Corn Futures Price Chart



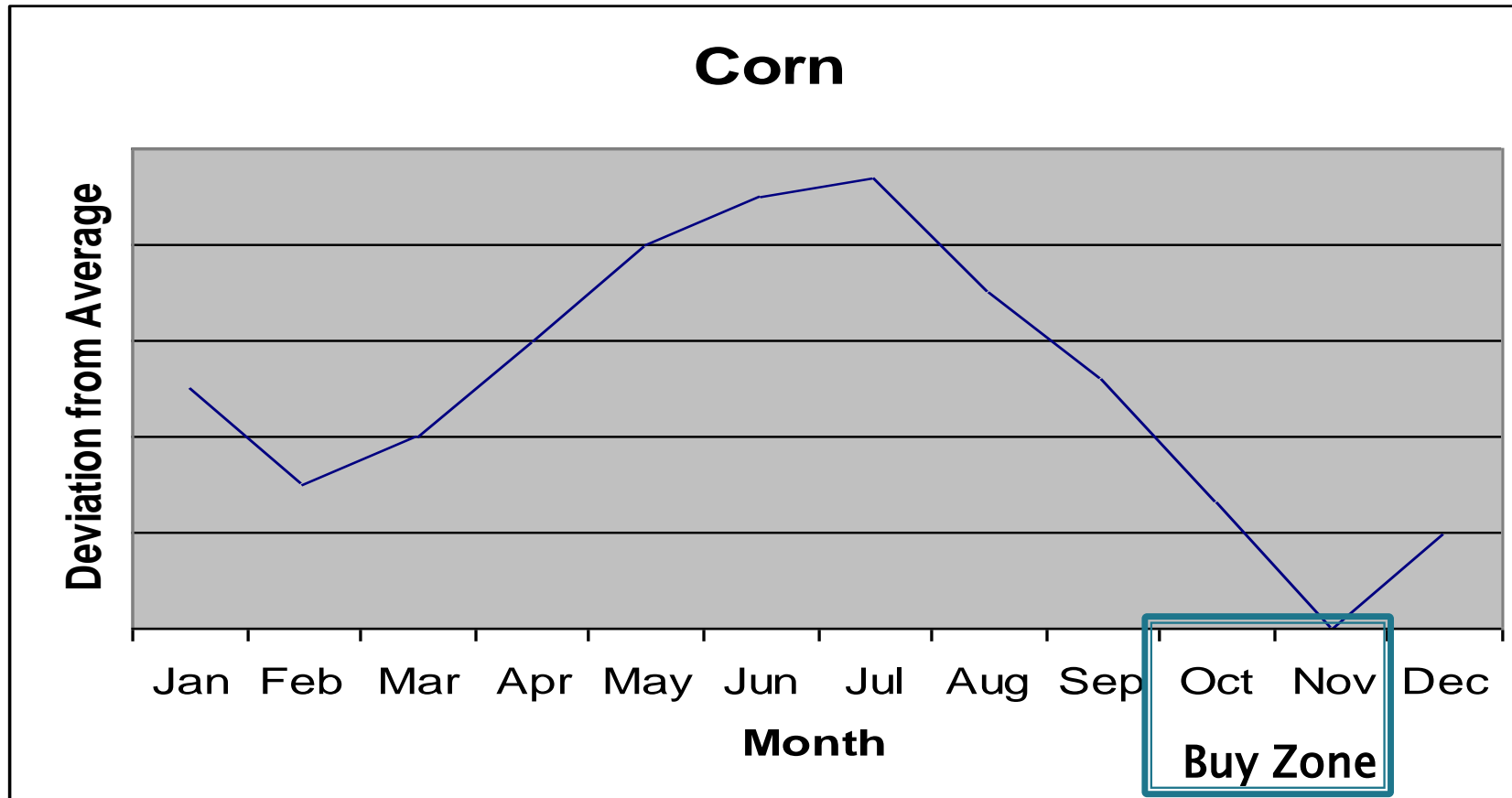
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Monthly Continuous Bean Futures price

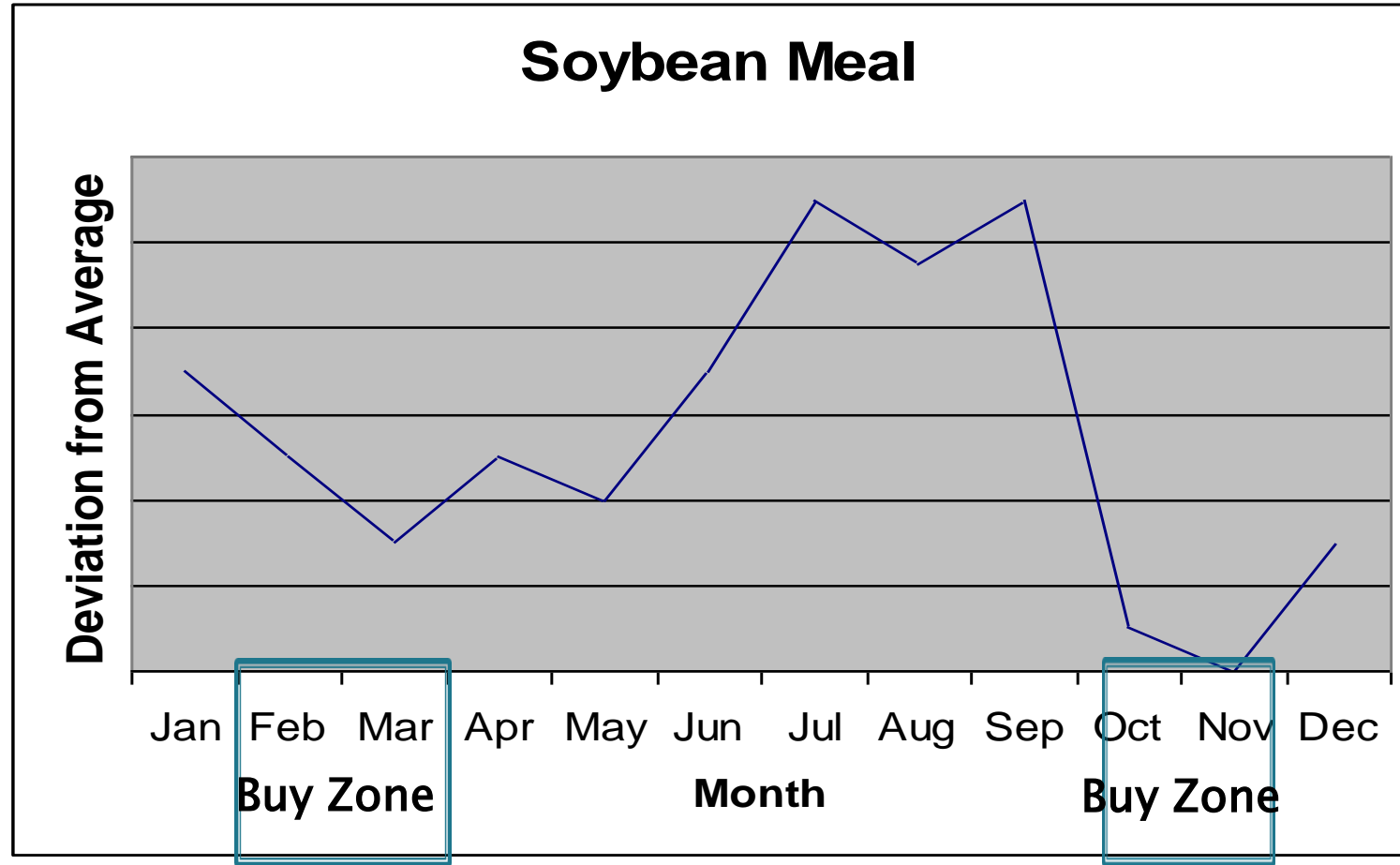


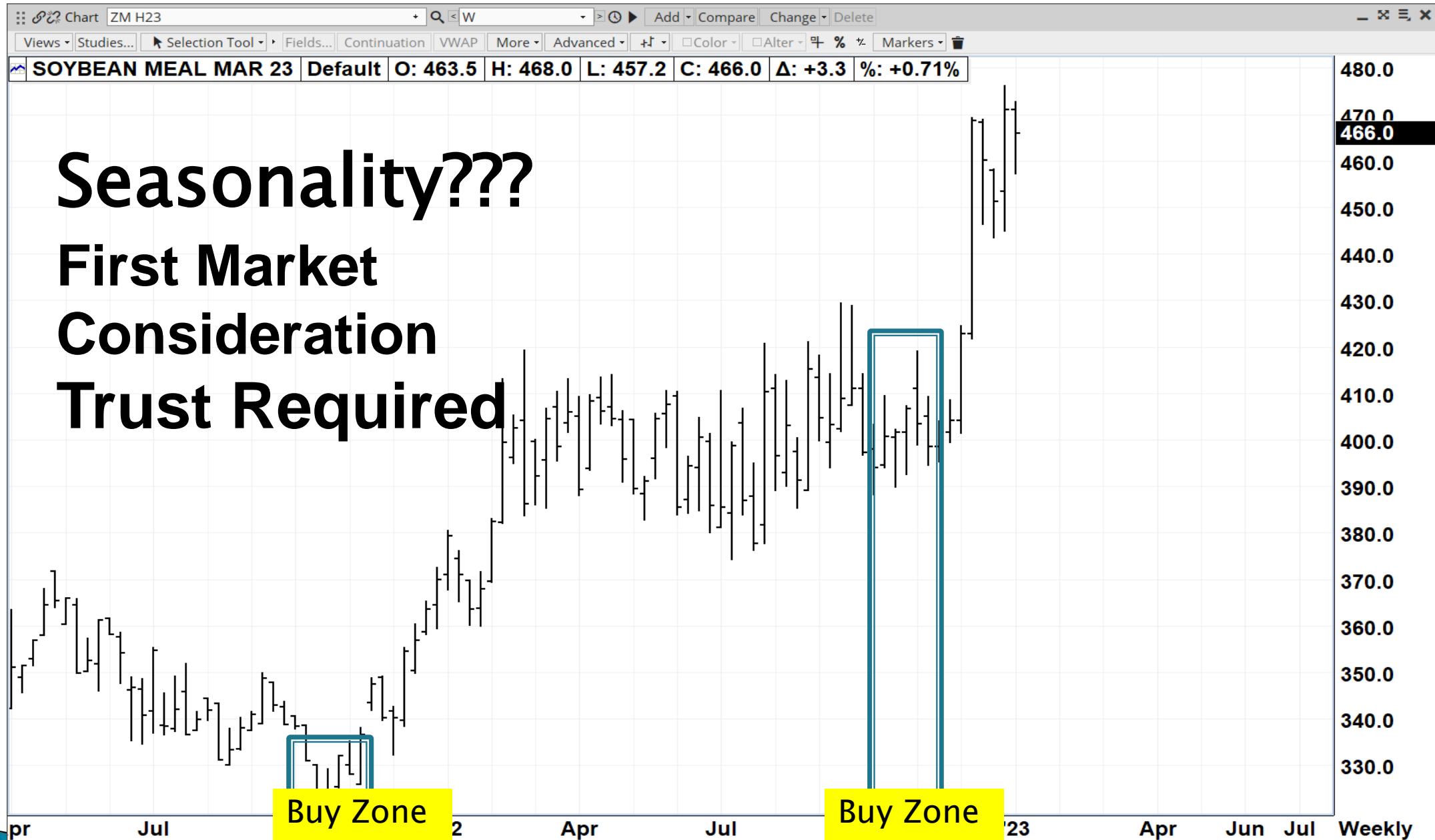
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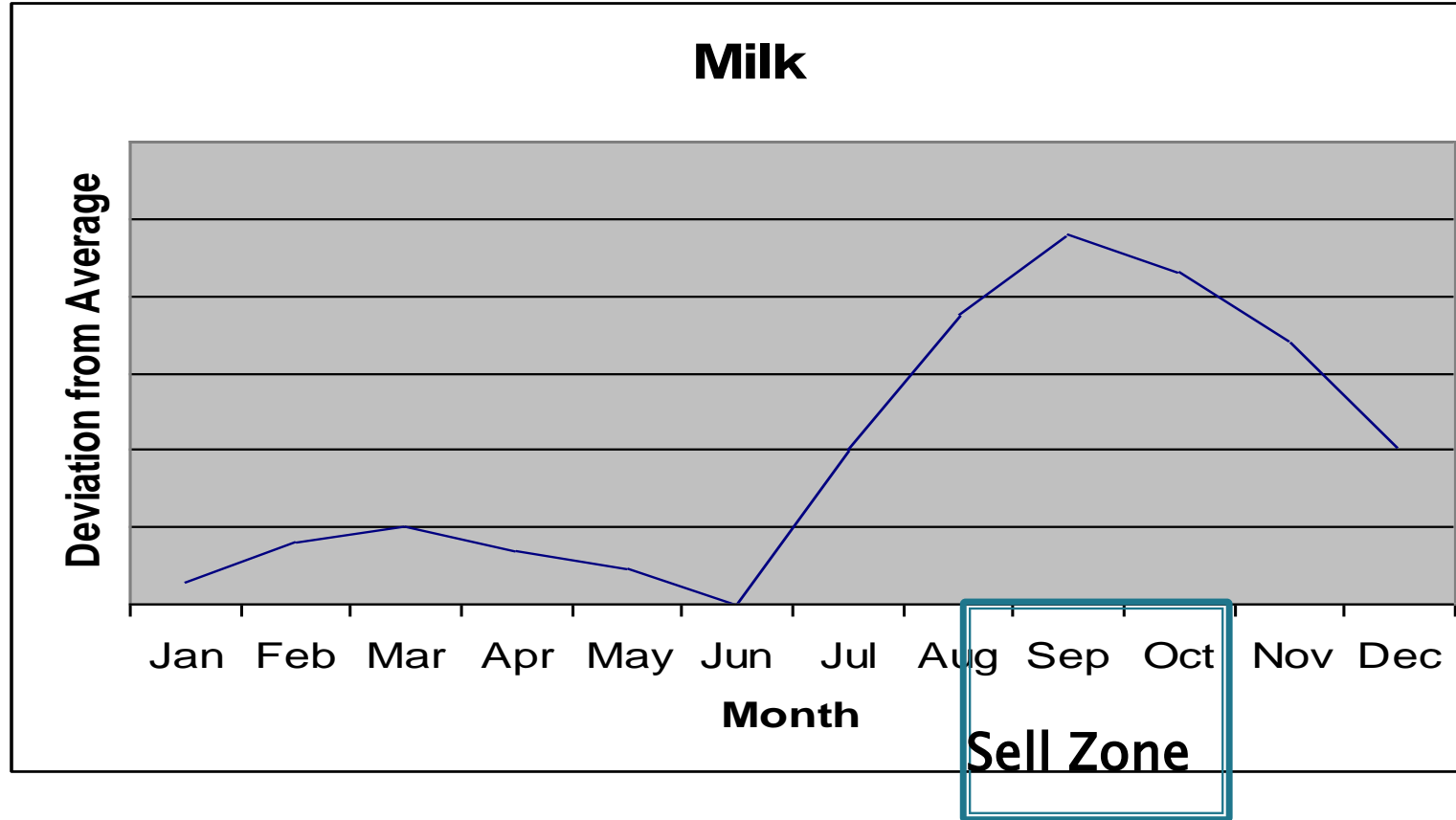


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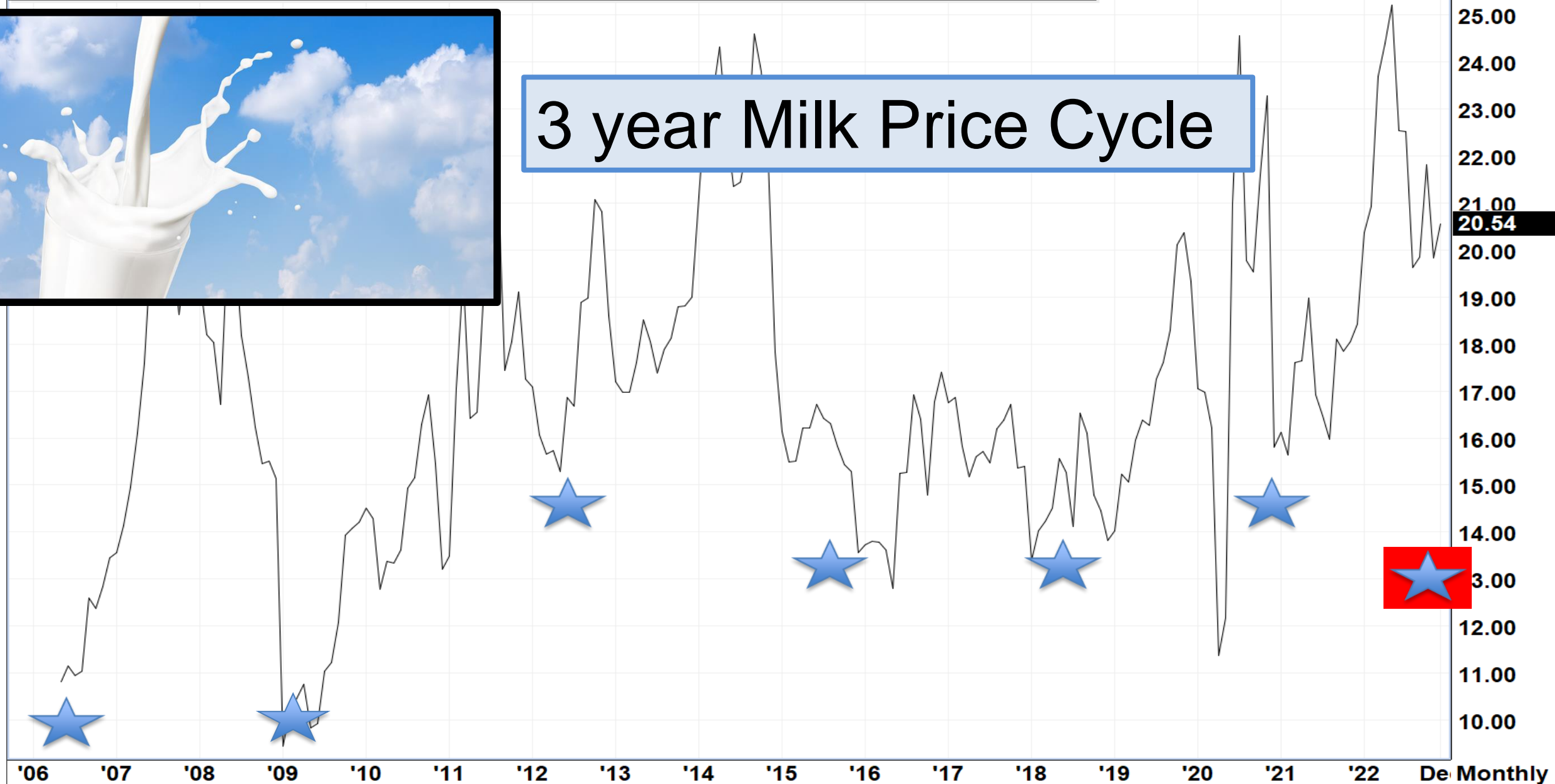




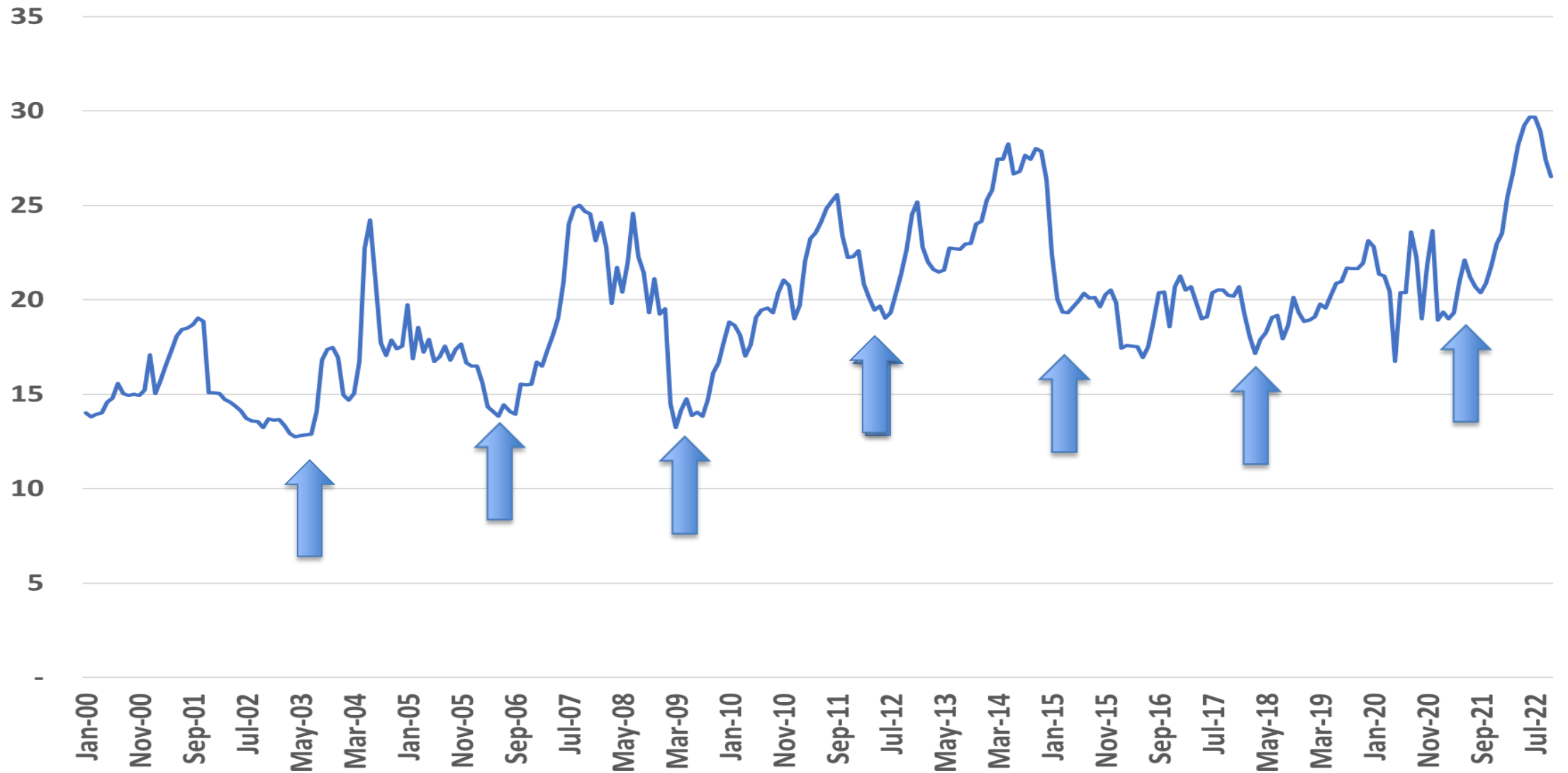
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3 year Milk Price Cycle



Georgia (Southwest) Class I Price History

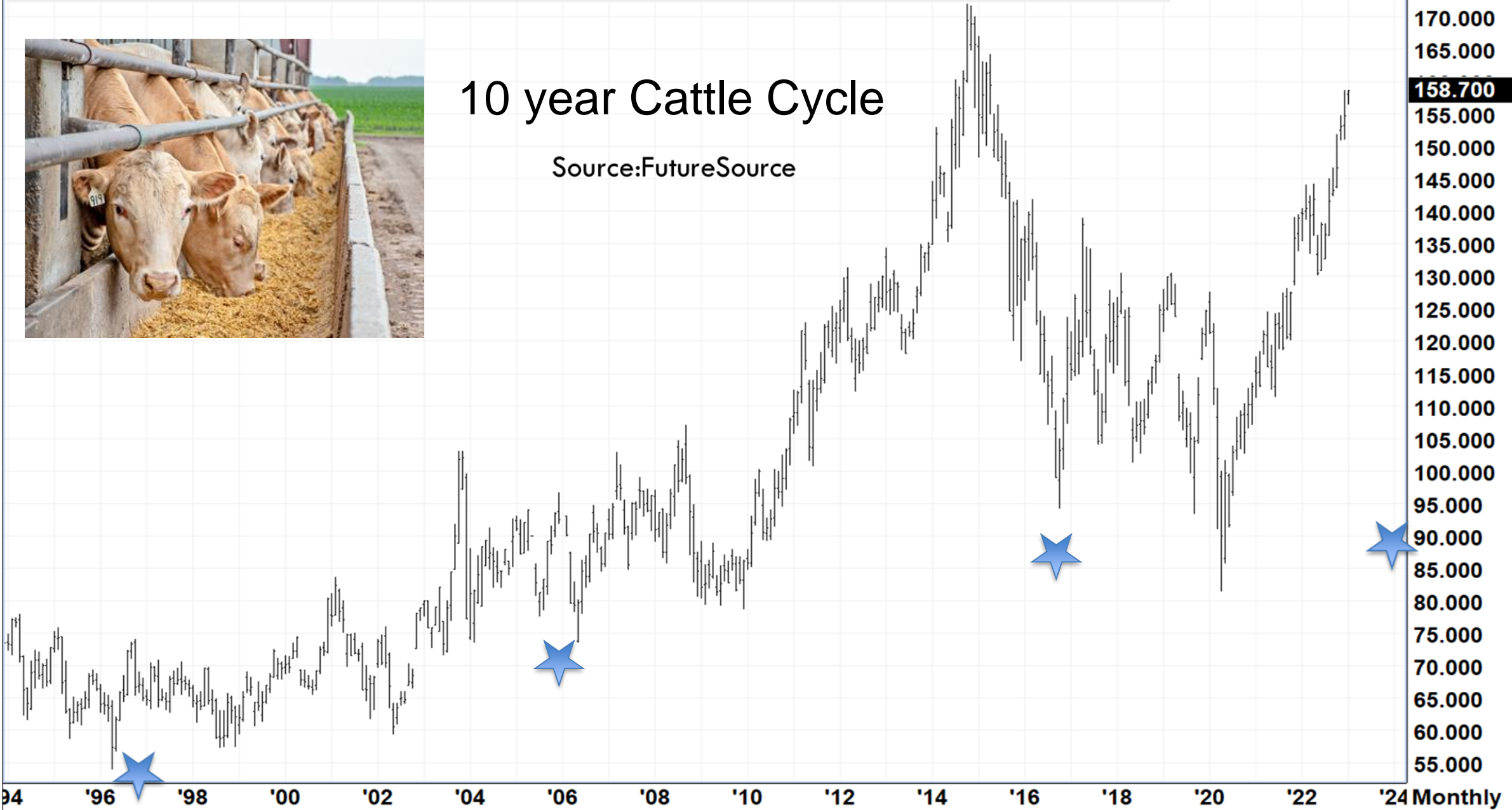


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10 year Cattle Cycle

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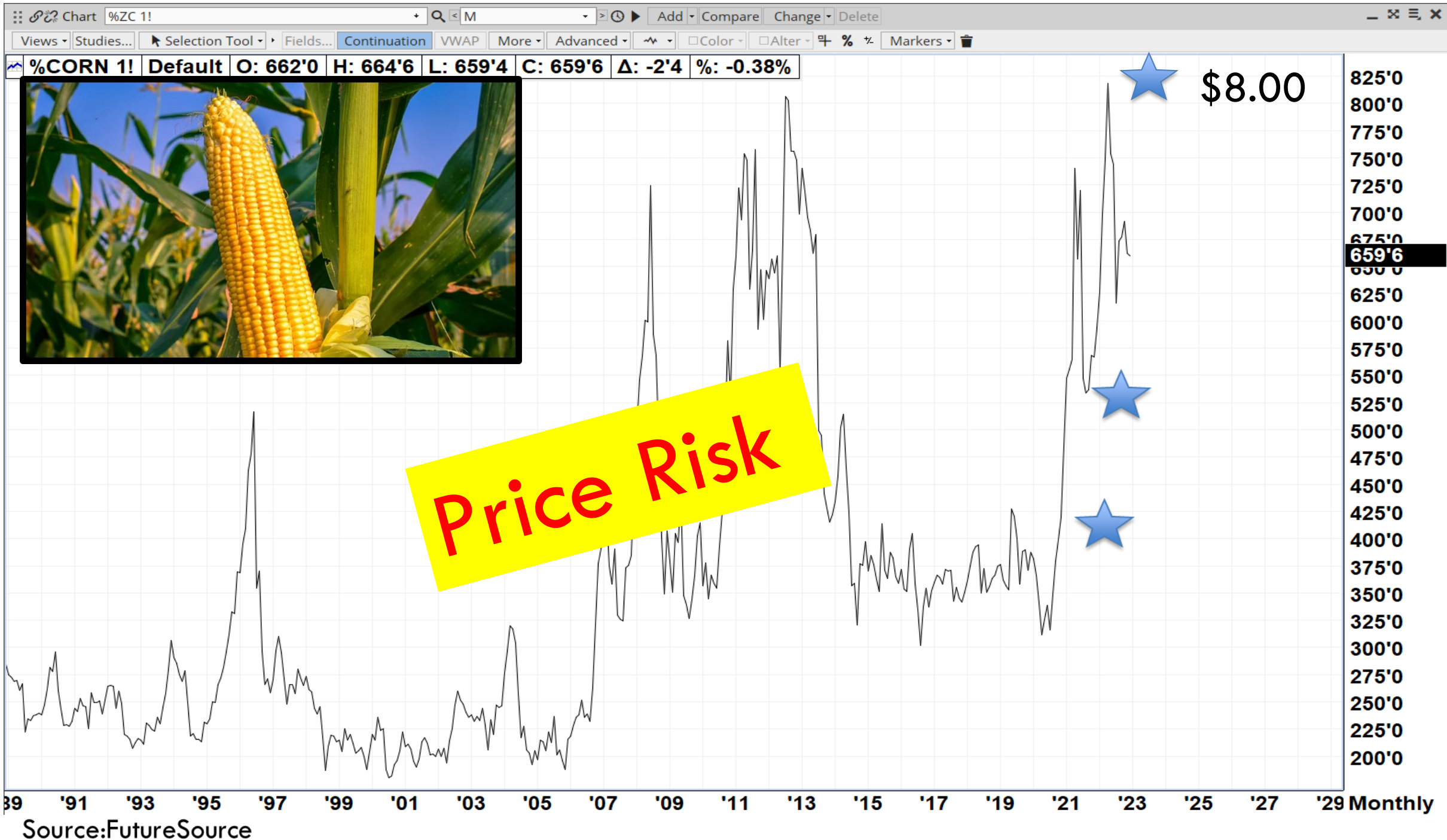


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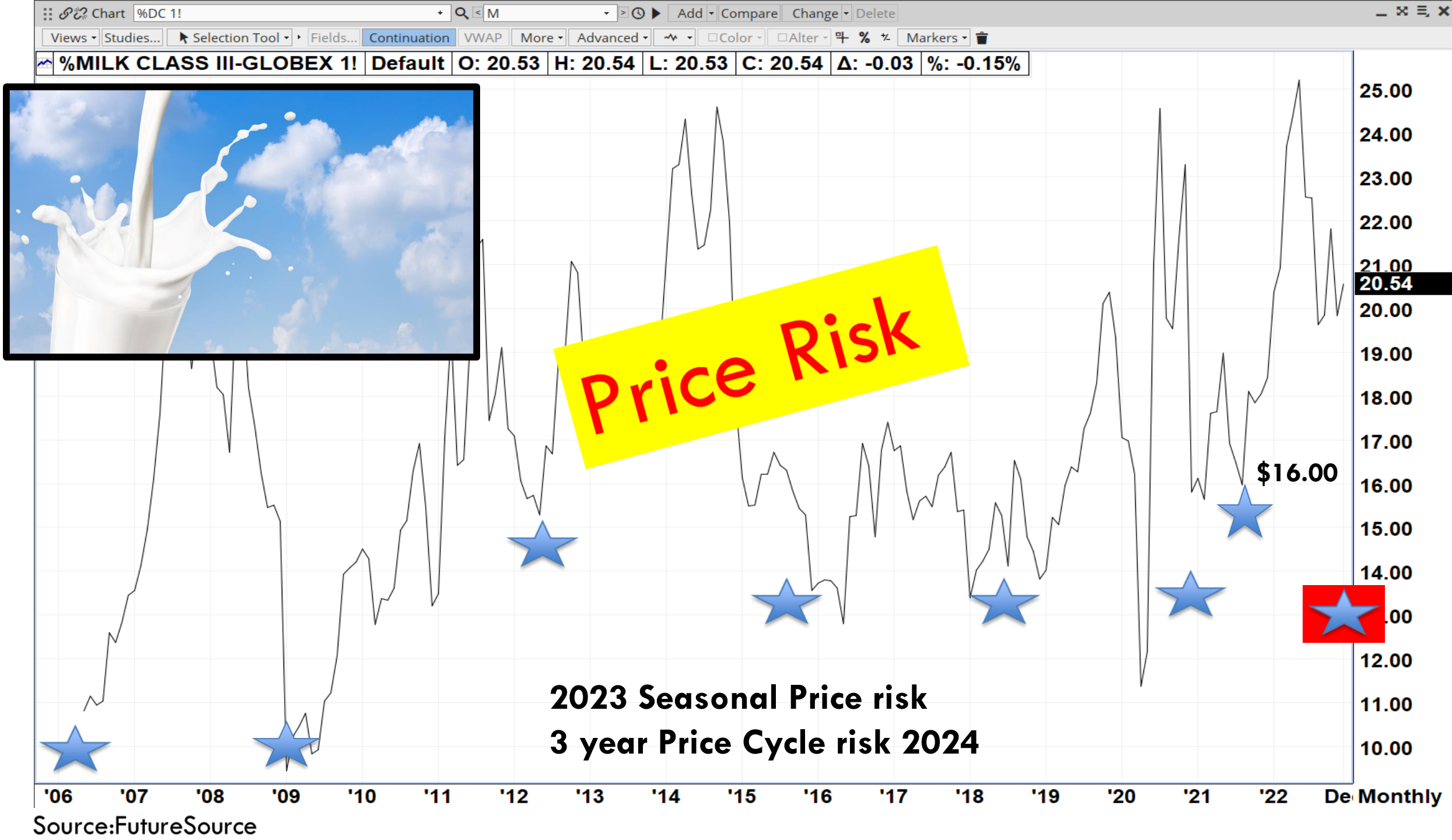
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- Nobody knows where the Price is going
- But everyone should know where Price Could go. Acknowledge Risk

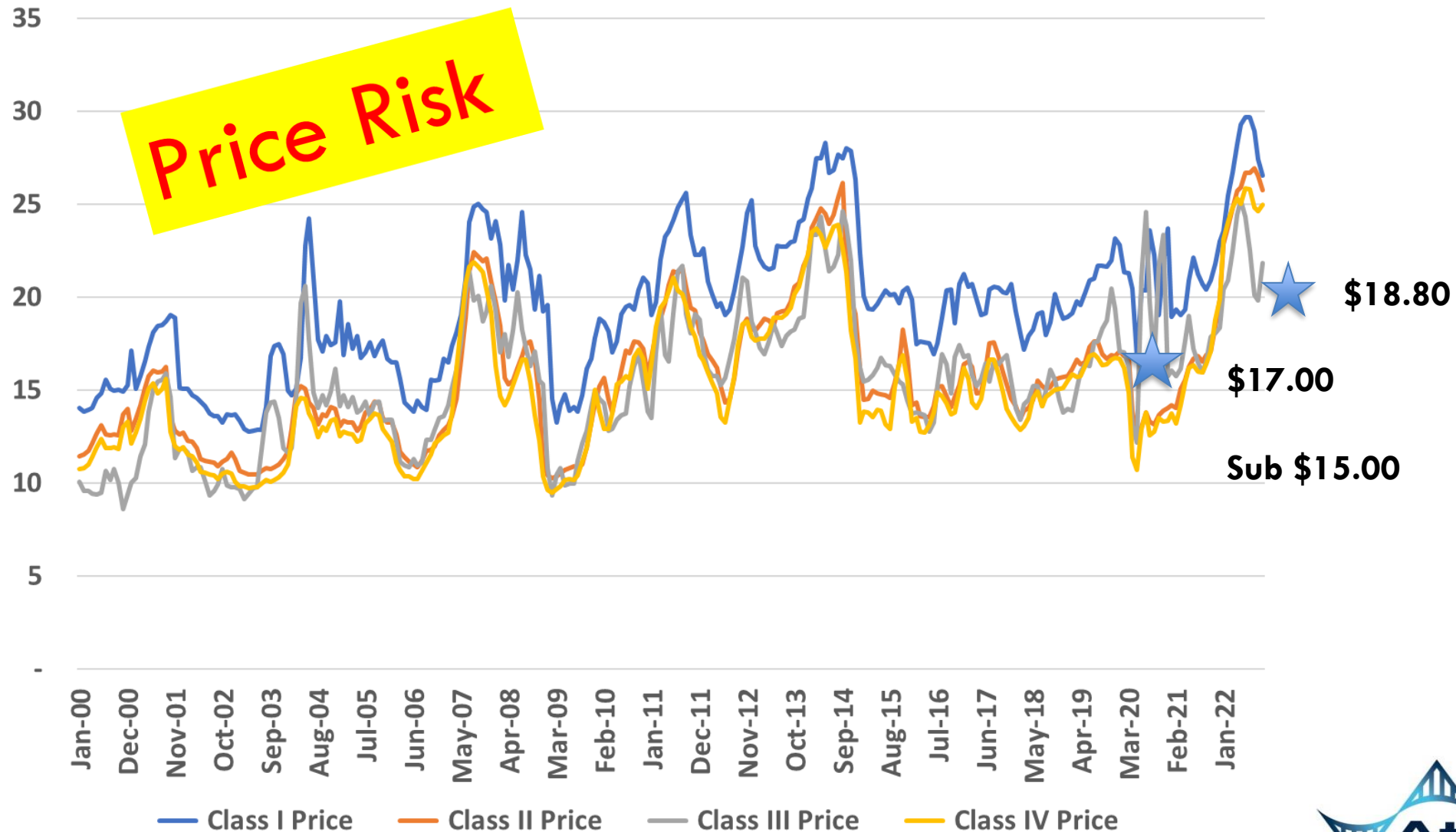




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Georgia (Southwest) Federal Order Prices





\$8.00



\$550



\$15.00

MARKETING:

Efforts involved in pricing and or protecting price of commodities in advance of their production or use.

“Doing Something with Price”

For Dairy Net Margin is 62% dependent on Markets

- Fully Acknowledging Price Risk forward
 - Have a written management approved Plan/Policy/System
 - Forward Modeled Price/Revenue/Margin drive Strategy
 - Have Funding/ Budget for marketing action.
 - Employ consistency/decisiveness/systematic approach
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- Successful Marketer
 - Never “Doubts” a market

- We focus on Price currently offered not what we hope it to be.
- We admit to not knowing where price is going
- We acknowledge Price Risk as it applies to each client
- We appreciate Price Patterns of Behavior
- We are not surprised that Prices go up Prices go down
- Risk is framed around Price going back to where it came from
- We coach clients through Marketing Plan development
- We understand Marketing requires Funding/ Budget
- Price/Revenue/Profit drive Strategy
- We promote Systematic Market action consistency/decisiveness
- We Never “Doubt” a market

Dairy's Future is Very Bright

- Milk Nutritious and Safe
- Milk can be processed into wide variety of products
- Dairy Production and Processing infrastructure is highly developed
- Technology continues to develop through out industry
- Dairymen can leverage their comparative advantages
- Mature Markets and Marketing Tools are available.



Conclusion

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Management Tools to Improve Milk Quality & Profitability

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Whenever You Lose Interest in
being Better at Something,
Chances are You've Already
Stopped Being Good At It!

Typical Milk Quality Issues

There is a gap between knowledge and action.

A plan with no action is a **dream**, action without a plan is a **nightmare!**

"Change the dip because of increased clinical mastitis!"

Principles of Milk Quality

- Keep cows clean, dry, & comfortable
- Milk clean, dry, stimulated teats
- Use a quality post dip on every cow
- Properly maintain & analyze milking equipment on a schedule
- Promptly treat clinical mastitis
 - Maintain records of treated cows/qtrs
- Cull Chronic cows

Principles of Milk Quality

- Most of you have a good working knowledge of these Principles
- Many of you will violate as many as possible & still want milk quality!









Dairy Profitability Key Factors

1. Milk as many cows as you can in your parlor
2. Maximize milk quality
3. Achieve the highest milk yield while minimizing input costs.

Interesting Reid Observation

Low SCC herds typically have more consistent udder preparation & more relaxed cows in the barn or parlor

Consistency between technicians & milking to milking

Milking 1 Sunday am

		Total	Milk	Milk		Cows	Total	Start	Stop	Avg	Avg
PEN		Milk	/Hr	/Cow	Cows	/Hr	Time	Time	Time	#/m	Dur
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No	1	5138	662	36	141	18	7:45	7:50	15:36	7.6	4.9
	ID	5497	682	24	228	28	8:03	7:50	15:54	6.5	3.6
	2	3330	912	24	140	38	3:39	8:09	11:49	5.4	4.3
	3	4978	5635	26	189	213	0:53	9:32	10:26	6.6	3.9
	4	5465	6831	28	193	241	0:48	10:24	11:12	7.0	4.0
	10	56	373	28	2	13	0:09	10:59	11:09	6.0	4.6
	5	4704	5644	27	176	211	0:50	11:11	12:02	6.6	4.1
	6	5139	6166	30	172	206	0:50	12:04	12:54	6.7	4.4
	9	5011	5466	25	202	220	0:55	12:52	13:48	6.5	3.8
	7	5196	7993	27	190	292	0:39	13:47	14:26	7.1	3.8
8	6709	6822	37	183	186	0:59	14:20	15:19	7.6	4.9	
	1	3527	5161	32	110	160	0:41	15:16	15:58	7.3	4.5
	2	89	485	44	2	10	0:11	15:41	15:53	9.1	5.0
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Total		54839	6756	30	1928	237	8:07	7:50	15:58	6.8	4.1

Description	Pen	1	0	2	3	4	5	6
% Units were attached	32	2	3	5	27	31	28	30
Milk / stall / hour	135	13	13	18	110	136	110	123
Cows / stall / hour	4.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.1
"Peak" Flowrate	9.5	11.6	1.1	7.8	10.1	10.8	10.3	11.0

Milking 1 Monday am

PEN		Total Milk	Milk /Hr	Milk /Cow	Cows	Cows /Hr	Total Time	Start Time	Stop Time	Avg #/m	Avg Dur
No	ID										
1		6443	847	39	167	21	7:36	8:17	15:54	8.3	4.7
		6713	885	25	266	35	7:35	8:17	15:53	7.1	3.4
2		3050	3812	23	131	163	0:48	8:59	9:48	6.5	3.6
3		4900	6837	26	185	258	0:43	9:47	10:31	7.2	3.7
4		5611	7481	30	187	249	0:45	10:28	11:13	7.3	4.0
5		4575	5718	25	185	231	0:48	11:12	12:01	6.8	3.6
6		4828	4598	27	178	169	1:03	12:00	13:03	7.1	3.8
7		4608	2684	27	173	100	1:43	12:57	14:40	7.4	3.6
9		5157	6726	30	174	226	0:46	13:00	13:47	8.1	3.7
8		5583	5153	35	161	148	1:05	14:26	15:31	8.3	4.2
1		1808	4520	32	57	142	0:24	15:29	15:54	8.0	4.1
Total		53276	7010	29	1864	245	7:36	8:17	15:54	7.4	3.8

Description	Pen	1	0	2	3	4	5	6
% Units were attached	31	3	3	19	31	33	27	21
Milk / stall / hour	140	16	17	75	133	149	113	91
Cows / stall / hour	4.8	0.4	0.7	3.2	5.0	4.9	4.5	3.3
"Peak" Flowrate	10.4	12.8	1.2	9.5	11.5	12.2	10.8	11.7

Sunday
am

PEN	Total Milk	Milk /Hr	Milk /Cow	Cows	Cows /Hr	Total Time	Start Time	Stop Time	Avg \$/m	Avg Dur
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% Units were attached	31	3	3	19	31	33	27	21
Milk / stall / hour	140	16	17	75	133	149	113	91
Cows / stall / hour	4.8	0.4	0.7	3.2	5.0	4.9	4.5	3.3
"Peak" Flowrate	10.4	12.8	1.2	9.5	11.5	12.2	10.8	11.7

Interesting Reid Observation

- Many producers want to improve parlor performance with equipment adjustments and/or purchase of new equipment.
- Much easier and less stressful than training people!

Goals

1. Healthy Cows Are Profitable
2. Control Inputs
3. No Management Belief Is Beyond Questioning
4. Make No Changes Without First Establishing How Their Effect will Be Measured.

Key Milking Time Focus Points

- Bring Clean, Calm cows to the parlor
- Excellent pre-milking teat end sanitation & stimulation
- Adjust machines to come off in a timely manner
- Effective complete post milking teat dip coverage

Mastitis "FACTS!"

The new mastitis infection rate is directly related to the number of bacteria on teats when units are attached

The best udder preparation will only reduce the number of bacteria on teats at unit attachment by 80 to 85%

Evaluate Manure Splash & Cow Cleanliness

What can be done to bring cleaner cows to the parlor or barn.















What is wrong with this picture?





Move against the cows to move them forward in the parlor







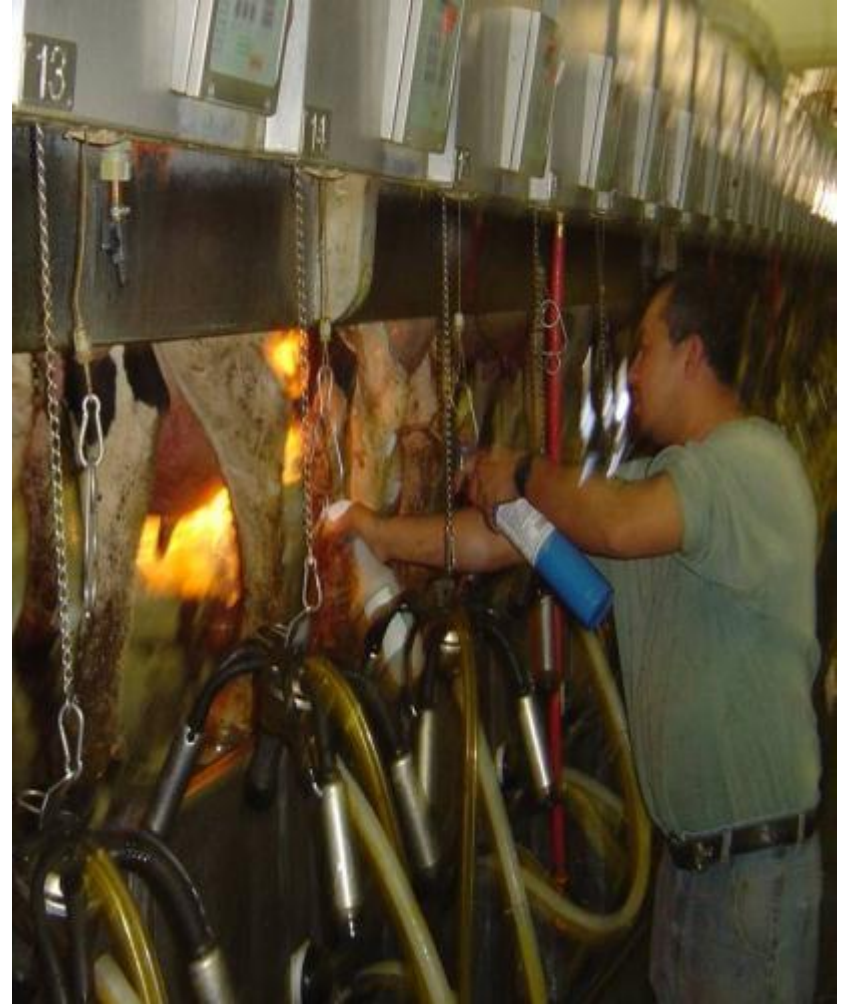
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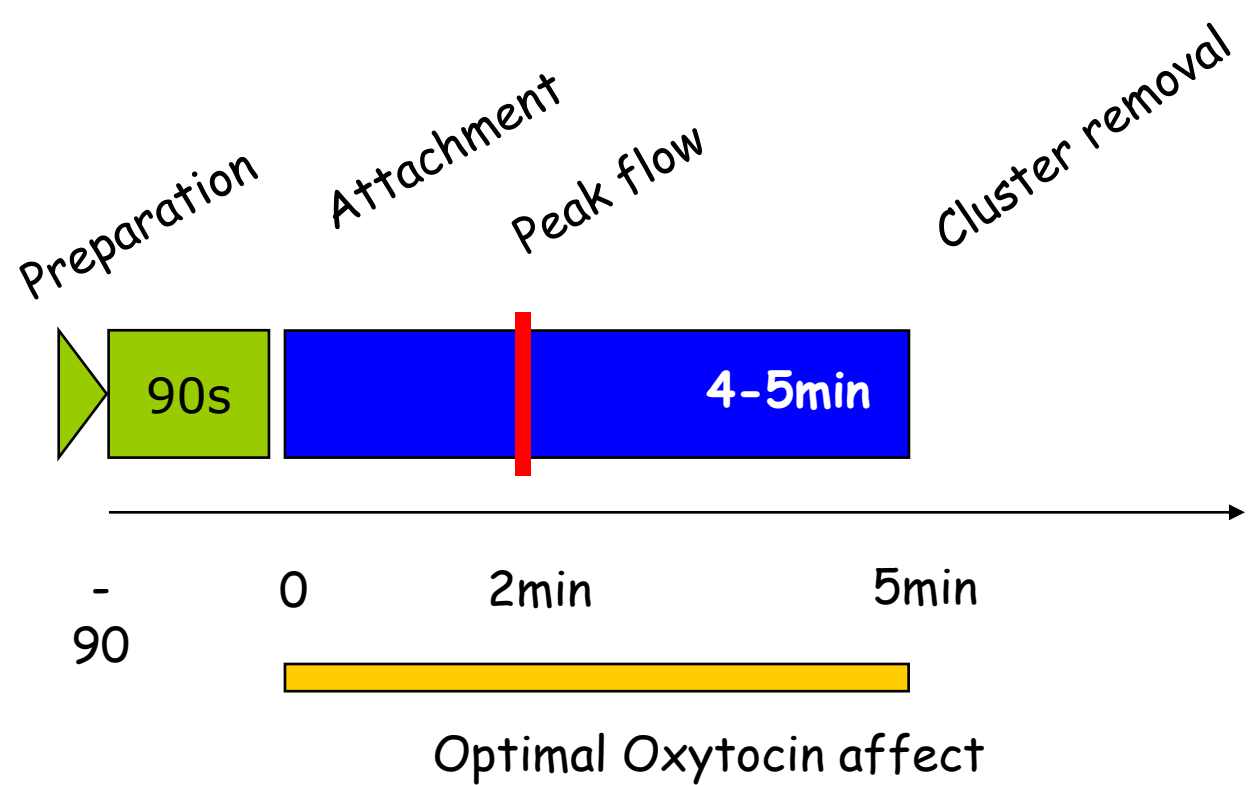
- Tail docking makes no difference to cow cleanliness.
- Firing udders does not lower SCC

Does someone from management trim tails for an entire milking monthly?



Firing; Isopropyl Alcohol Method





Timing Goals

10-12 seconds of stimulation or teat contact time

20-30 seconds of contact time for pre-dip

90 seconds from beginning of teat contact time to unit attachment



Milking Routine

If contact times are low during stripping, rubbing and/or drying

- Devise a routine that allows the procedures to be performed during one stop at the cow
 - i.e. Dip 5 cows, now back to the first cow to strip two streams of milk from each teat, then rub each teat end, then dry each teat. This allows all the contact times to be immediately after one another resulting in better primary oxytocin letdown.

Milking Procedures:

Drying Teats is the Key Factor for reduced bacteria on teats at unit attach

Dry with 1 circular motion



Flip the towel & aggressively pinch teat end



Milking

- Milking time is harvest time!
- Why are so many people in a hurry to get milking finished?
- What other business can you do a better job today and get a raise tomorrow!

Teat Cleanliness Scoring

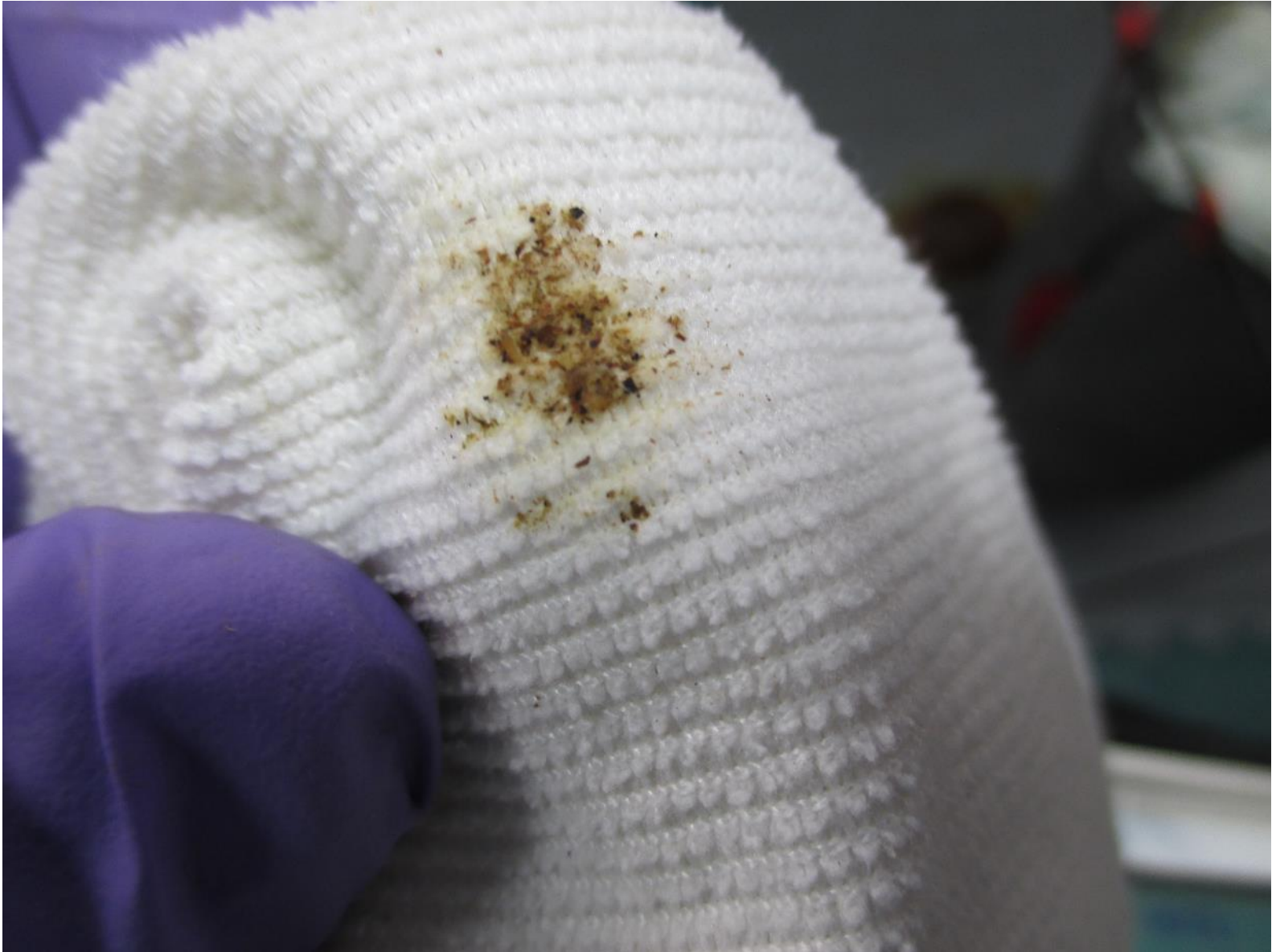
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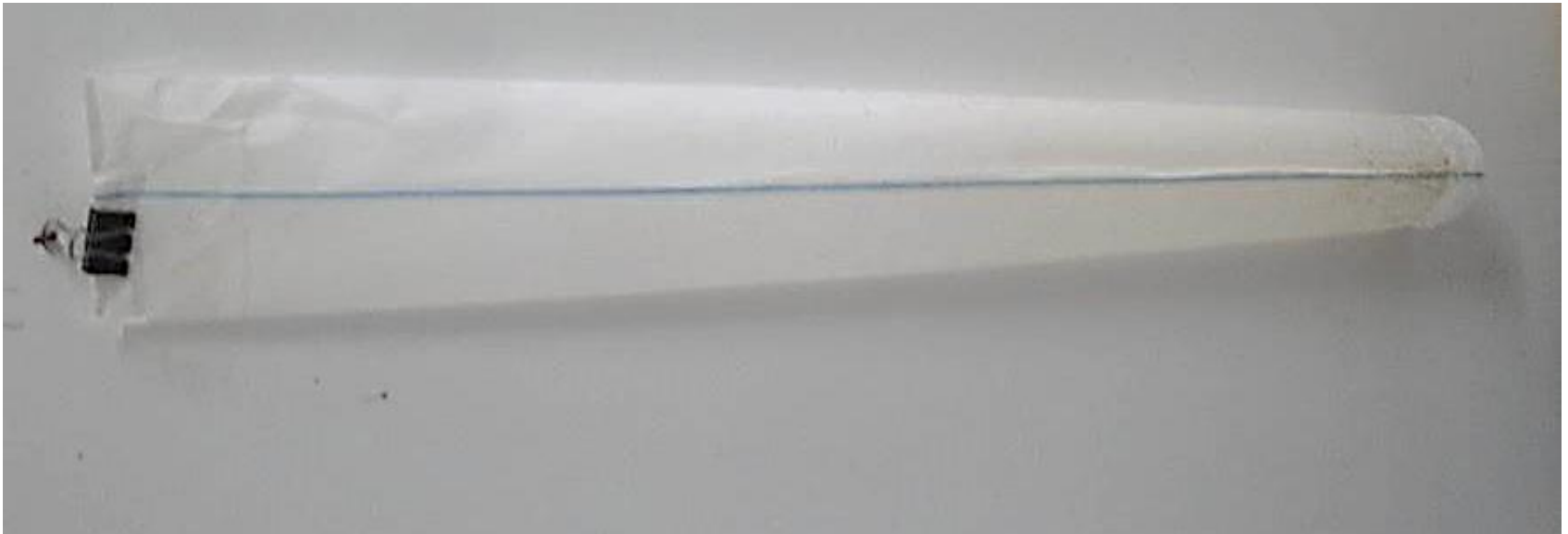




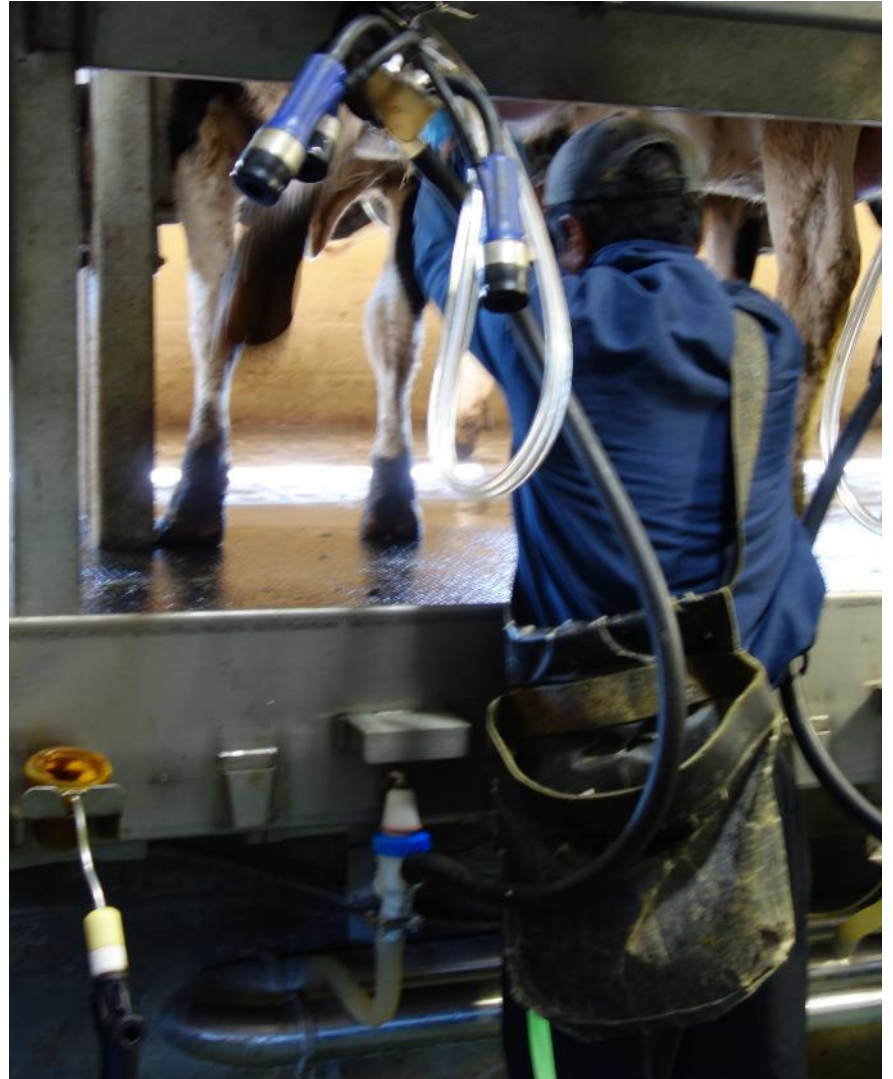
What do Your filter socks look like?



500 cows



Is this normal in your herd?



More Reid Observations

- Low SCC and low Clinical mastitis levels only mean you are milking clean cows!
- Many producers are reluctant to change parlor settings, because “we have always done it this way!”

Stripping Milk Testing

- Hand strip into 500 ml measuring cup
- Strip immediately after unit removed
- Examine teat color, swelling, ringing
- Note resistance to stripping and volume of stripping milk
- Do test uneven or 3 quarter cows!

Stripping Milk Testing

100 to 250 ml from all 4 quarters with some higher. (.5# - 225ml)

Less than 1# (454mL) is considered milked out & will not impact the next milking's yield.

Fast milking, high production cows will always have minimal stripping milk!



Stripping Milk Testing



Monitor volume and resistance of the cows to hand stripping

Parlor Performance:
greatly influenced by the
attitude of the Milk Harvest
Technicians!

What can you do to make it easier for
technicians to do their job?





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The right tools help Milk Harvest Technicians follow the Protocols













Have you considered outside vendor to supply clean towels?



How often do you move cows to maximize parlor use?



Parlor Performance

- Consider utilizing maximum unit on time if your system has this option
- Don't be afraid to have technicians remove the last 1 or 2 units if the side is being held up; manually remove and post dip!

Vacuum drop is a function of both hose length and hose lift



Lifting this hose = .5" increase in claw vacuum
What happens if the hose is now cut off?



.3" difference in claw vacuum







System Maintenance



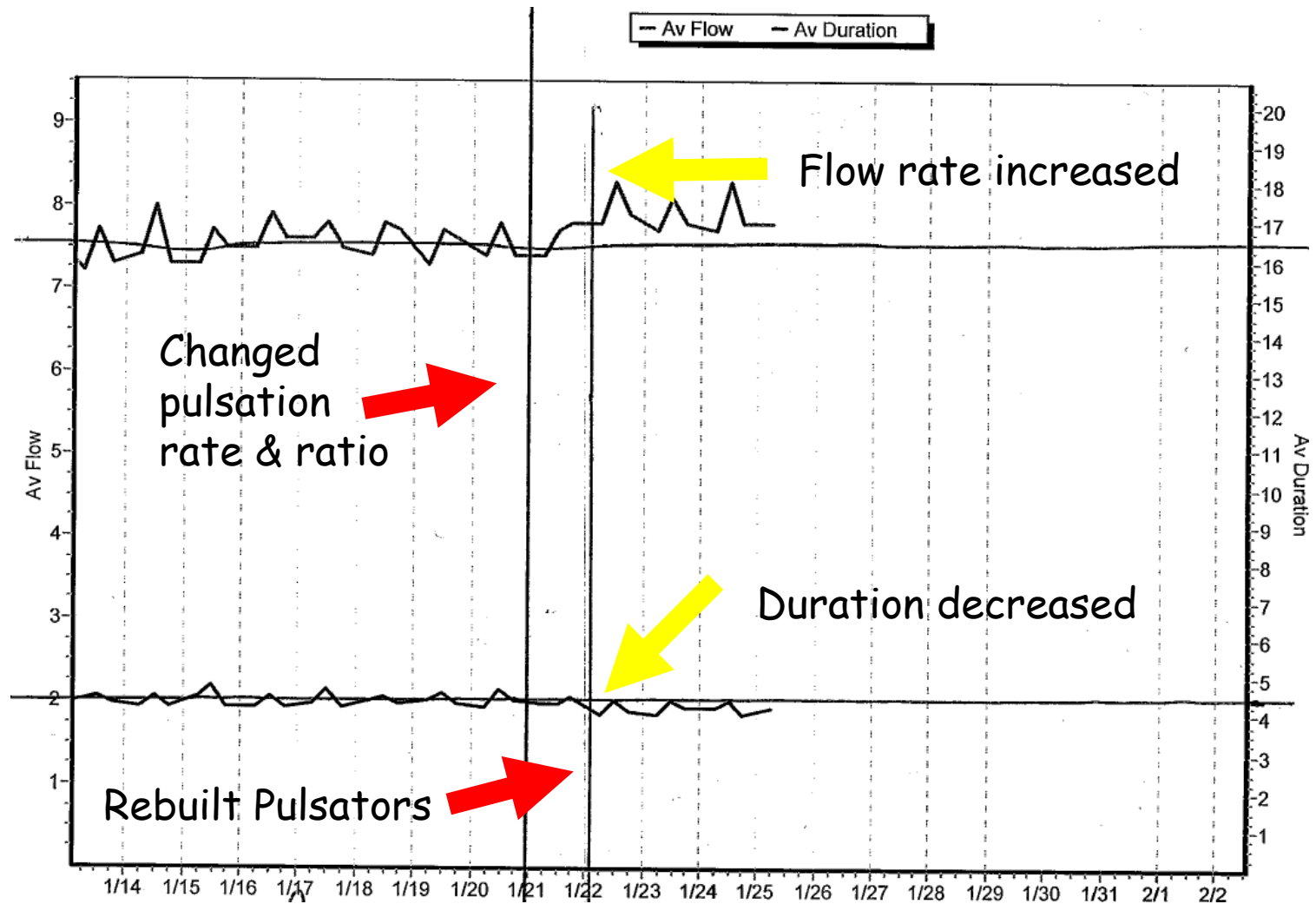
- Check vacuum daily
- Change short air tubes every 2 months maximum!
- Change all upper milk hoses 6 months maximum
- Change all upper long dual pulsation hoses 6 months maximum
- All other hoses every 12 months

System Maintenance

- Liners at recommended milking
 - Commonly 1200, 1800, 2500, or with silicone up to 6000
 - If performance changes with new liners, then used to long or chlorine levels above 150 in wash cycle
- Pulsators at factory recommendations

Read the manual, follow completely!
- Pulsation filters; check monthly replace as needed

Is pulsator performance important; What Happened?



System Washing Issues

- Low hot water capacity at some wash cycles
- Partial failure of pump shaft seals
 - Rebuilt every 3 months maximum
- Failure to change diaphragms in air injectors - 6 month maximum
- Poor hose maintenance on peristaltic chemical pumps
- Cheating on cycles when get behind in milking

Sometimes, even with the best of training, some individuals just don't get it!



Why was the cow lying
backwards?



"What do you See"





What did you really SEE?





What did you really SEE?











Environmental Footprinting to Support Sustainable Dairy Production

Georgia Dairy Conference, January 2023

Kristan Reed, PhD

Cornell University

Agriculture and the Environment

- All agriculture has an impact on the environment
 - Cultivating the land will alter immediate and surrounding ecosystem
- The goal is to understand and manage the impact and resources in sustainable ways





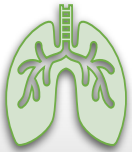
Climate

- Global Warming Potential



Water Quality

- Freshwater and Marine Eutrophication
- Groundwater Contamination



Air Quality

- Odors
- Particulate Matter
- Ammonia



Soil Health

- Soil Carbon
- Microbiome



Non-Renewable Resource Use

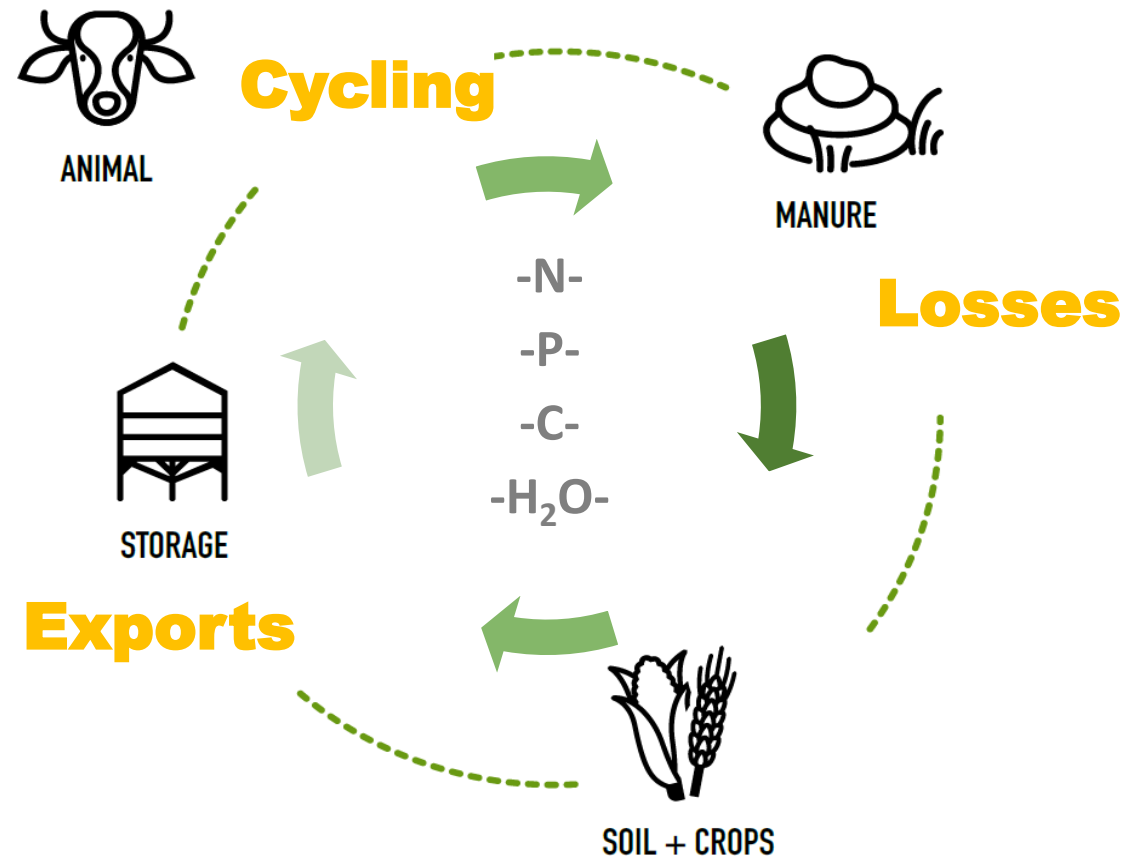
- Fossil Fuels
- Minerals
- Metals



Biodiversity

- Insects
- Birds
- Rodents

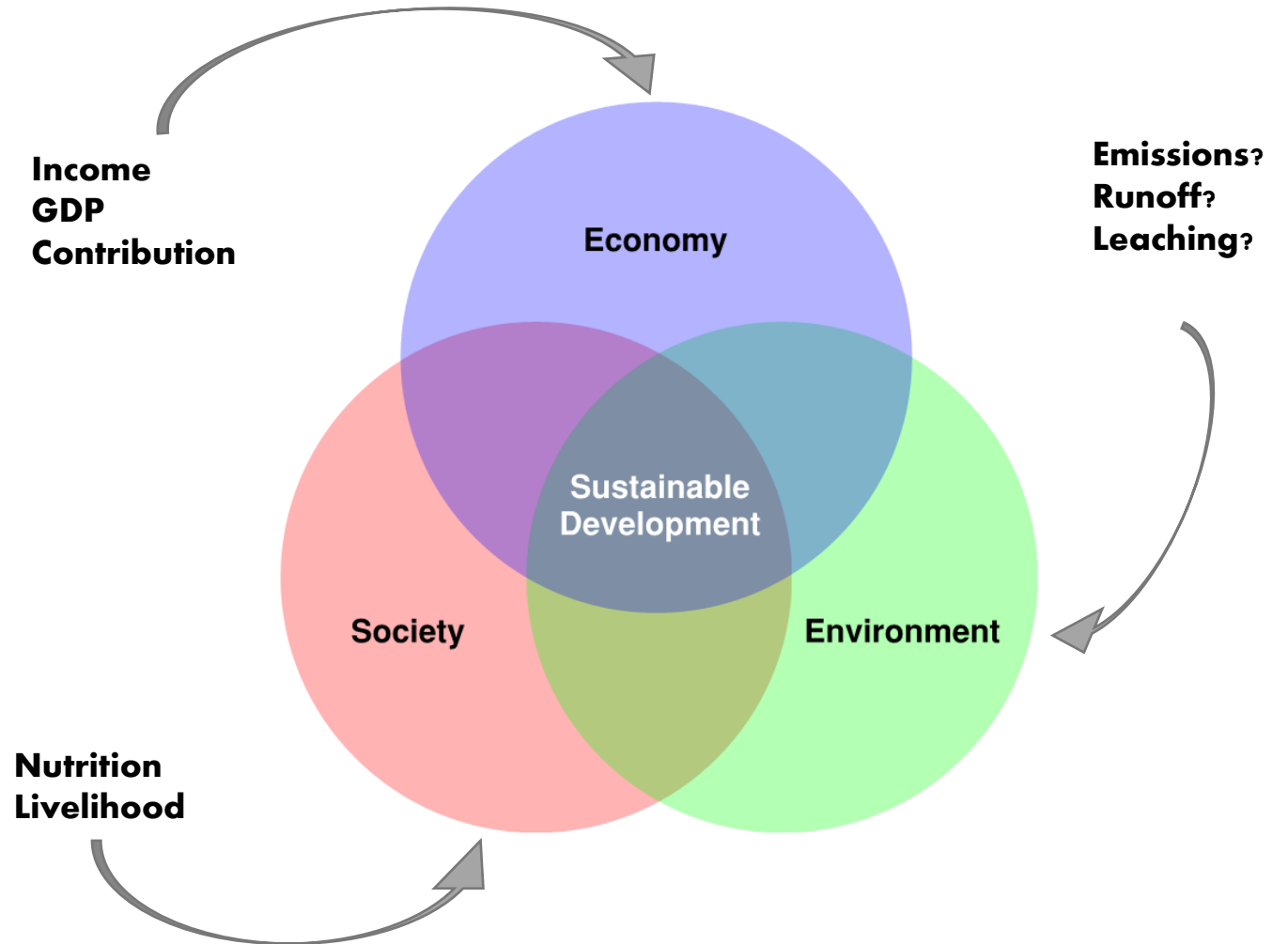
What are the *potential* environmental impacts of dairy production?

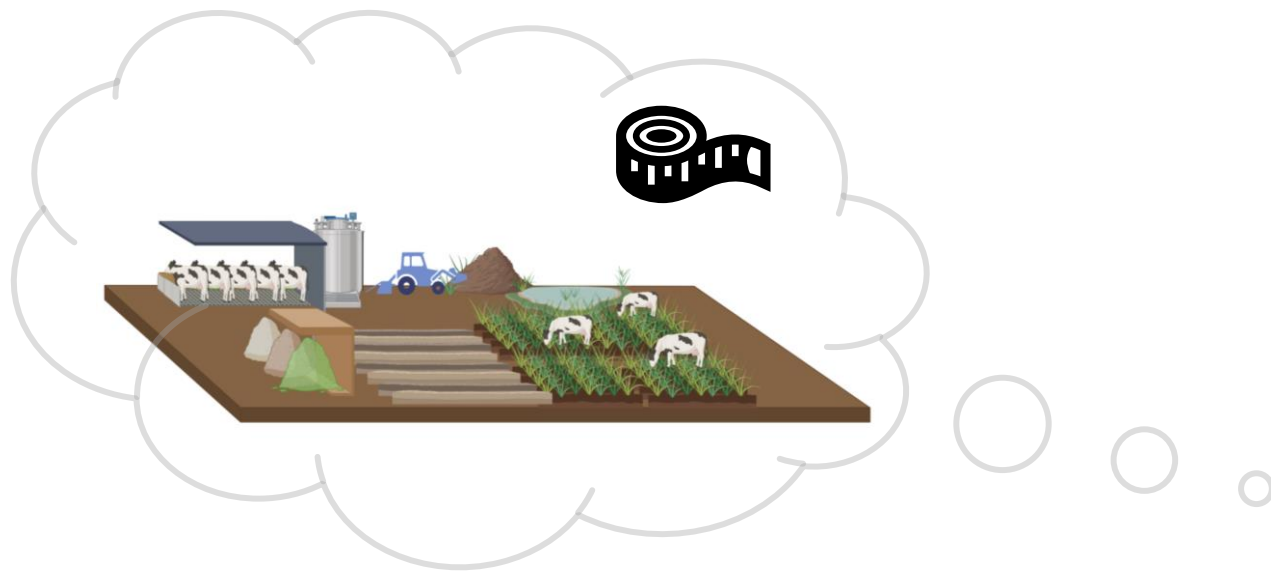


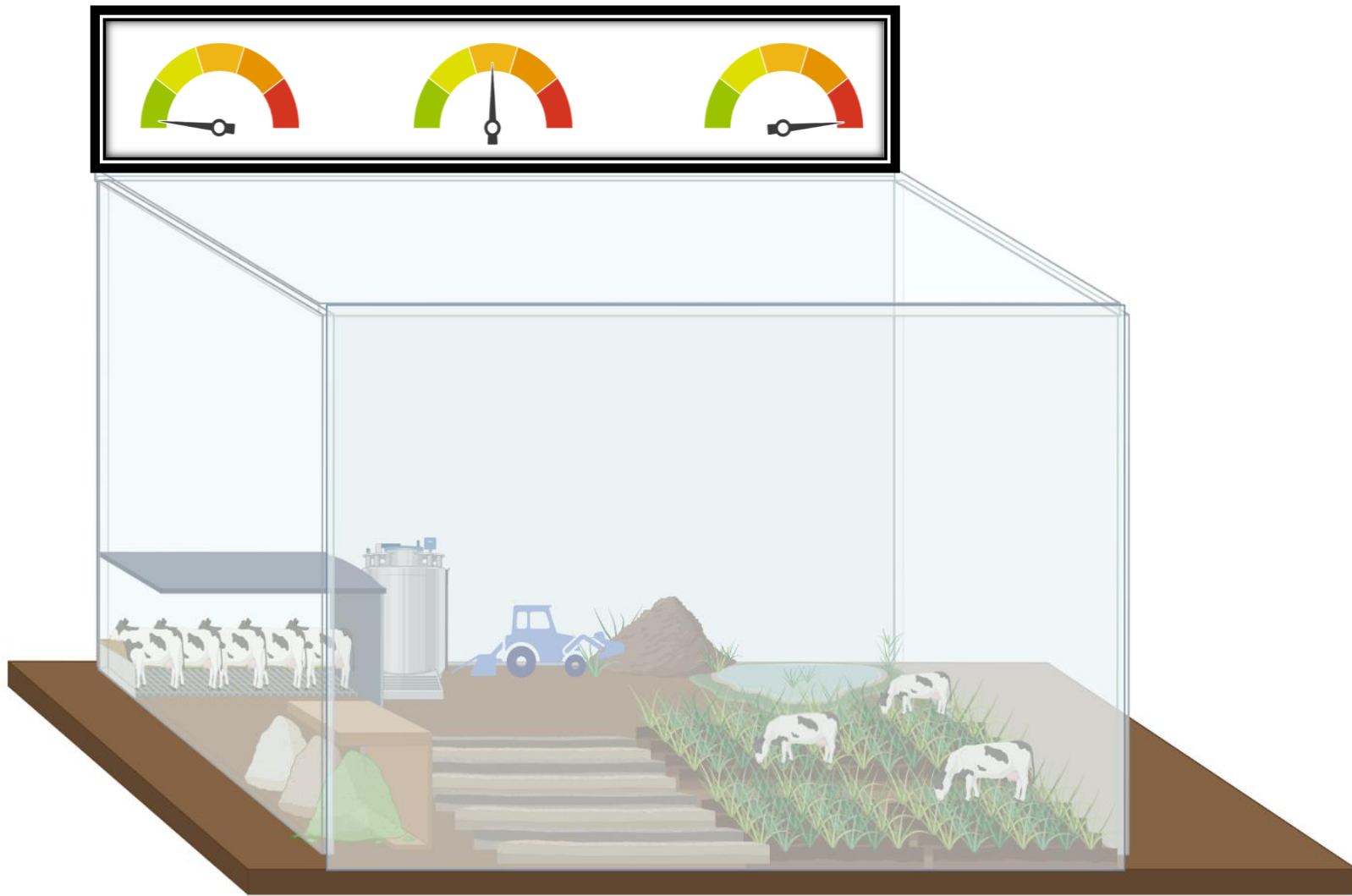
Sustainable Production is more than the environment...

Agriculture that...

- Continues to provide sufficient quantity and quality of food and fiber
- Preserves and enhances conservation of natural resources
- Efficiently uses non-renewable resources
- Maintains economic viability of farmers
- Enhances the quality of life in rural societies







$$\text{CH}_4 \text{ (MJ/d)} = 2.94 + 0.0585 \times \text{ME intake (MJ/d)} \\ + 1.44 \times \text{ADF (kg/d)} - 4.16 \times \text{lignin (kg/d)}.$$

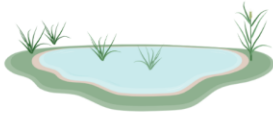
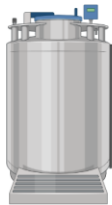


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$$\text{CO}_2 \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{d}} \right) = 0.42 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{kW}} * 9.14^{-5} \frac{\text{kW}}{\text{kg milk}}$$

+

$$\text{Methane}_{\text{liquid}} = \left[\left(\frac{24 * \text{VS}_{\text{d}} * b_1}{1000} \right) * e^{\frac{\ln(A) - \frac{E}{R * T_R}}{1}} \right] + \left[\left(\frac{24 * \text{VS}_{\text{nd}} * b_2}{1000} \right) * e^{\frac{\ln(A) - \frac{E}{R * T_R}}{1}} \right]$$



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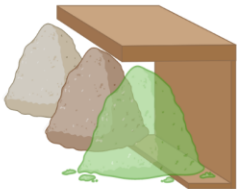
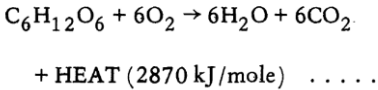
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$$\text{DenitrN} = \text{NO}_3 \times (1 - \exp \{ - \text{deNrate} \times \text{TempFac} \times \text{OrgC} \})$$

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$$\text{Total CO}_2 \text{ Carbon Loss} = \text{CO}_2 \text{ Loss}_{\text{AG}} + \text{CO}_2 \text{ Loss}_{\text{BG}} + \text{CO}_2 \text{ Loss}_{\text{Carbon Pools, Decomposition}}$$

+



$$\text{CO}_2 \left(\frac{\text{kg}}{\text{d}} \right) = 8.9 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{gal}} * 13.6 \frac{\text{gal}}{\text{hr}} * 8 \frac{\text{hr}}{\text{d}}$$

Two Approaches



Inventory

Objectives:

- Establish baseline
- Track Progress
- Set Goals

Features:

- Static, retrospective
- Longer Intervals
- Large Spatial Scales

Decision Support


Objectives:

- Predict Current & Future Outcomes
- Inform Decisions

Features:

- Static or dynamic
- Smaller scale (farm, field, animal)





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Agriculture emits more methane than any other sector of the economy. So why is it getting a pass?

Keeping carbon in check: Carbon farming to address a changing climate

A two-pronged approach — one that reduces and reverses emissions — might be the answer.

Climate Adaptation

Starbucks Says Hold the Milk to Reduce Carbon Footprint

By Eric Pfanner

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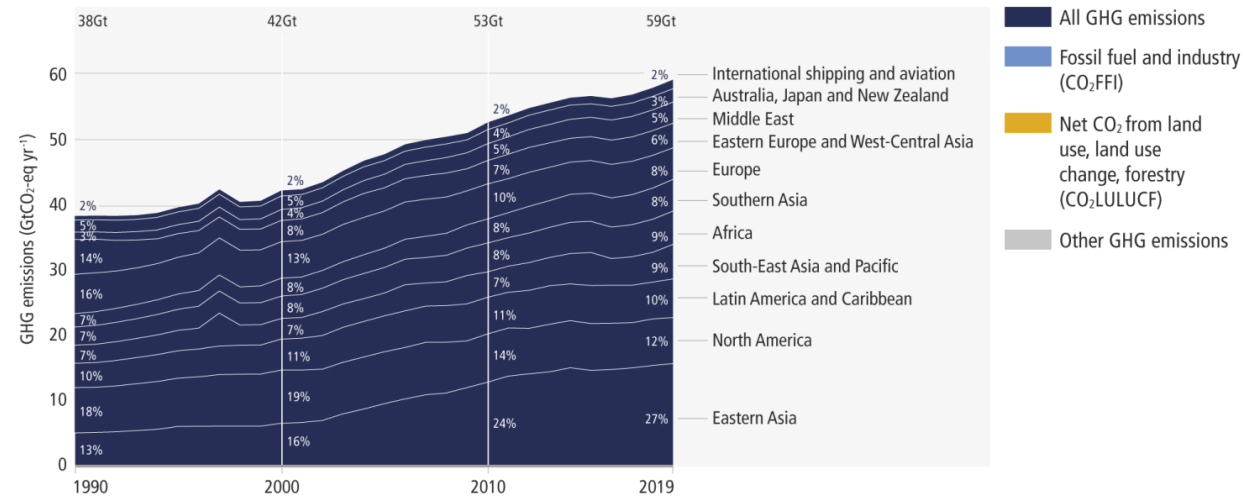
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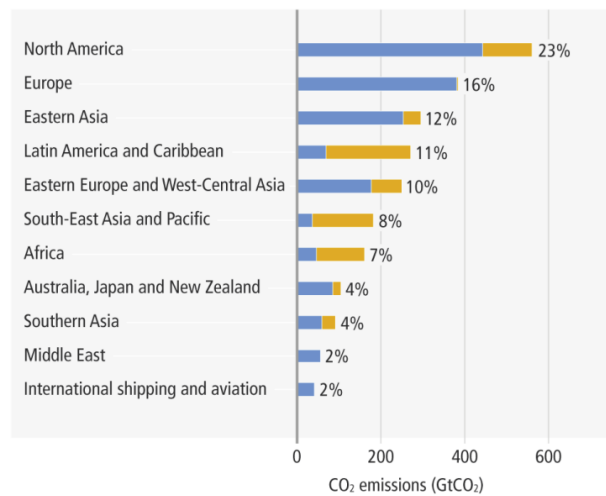
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Total net anthropogenic GHG emissions have continued to rise during the period 2010–2019, as have cumulative net CO₂ emissions since 1850... but the rate of growth between 2010 and 2019 was lower than that between 2000 and 2009

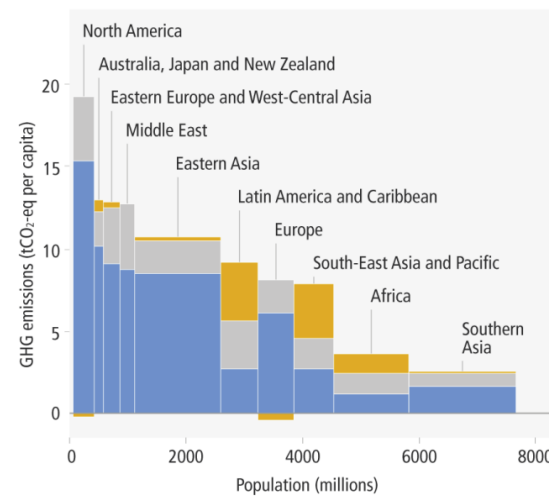
a. Global net anthropogenic GHG emissions by region (1990–2019)



b. Historical cumulative net anthropogenic CO₂ emissions per region (1850–2019)



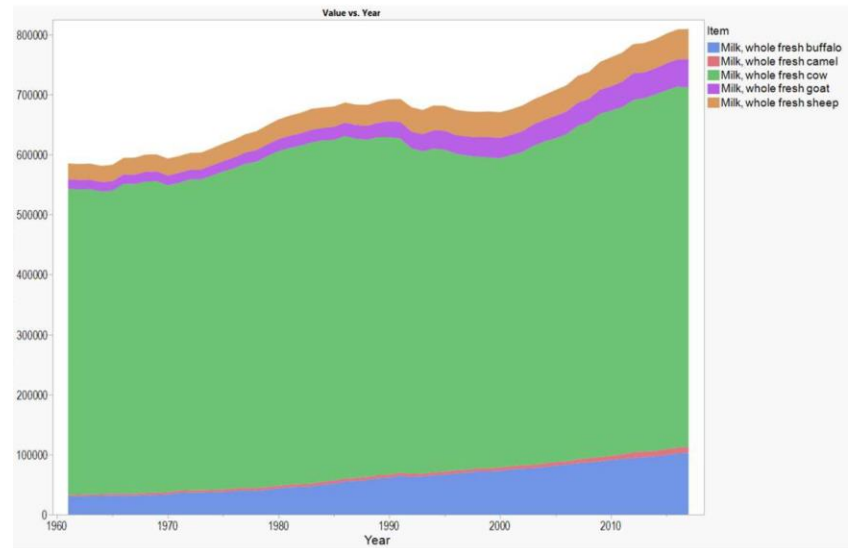
c. Net anthropogenic GHG emissions per capita and for total population, per region (2019)



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Establish
Long Term
Trends

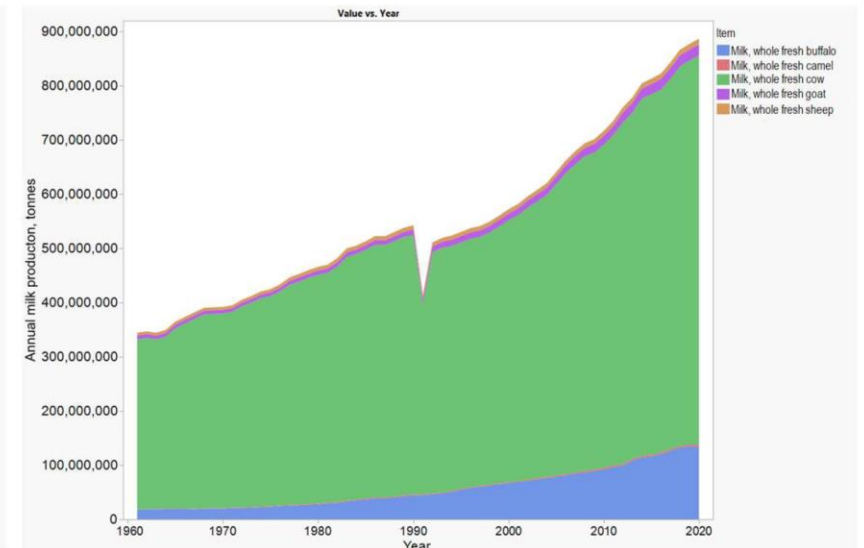
Total direct emissions vs total milk production globally

1961 – 2017 increase in emissions: **+38.3%**



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1961 – 2017 increase in production: **+144%**



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Inventories can highlight important relationships that hold true at large scales

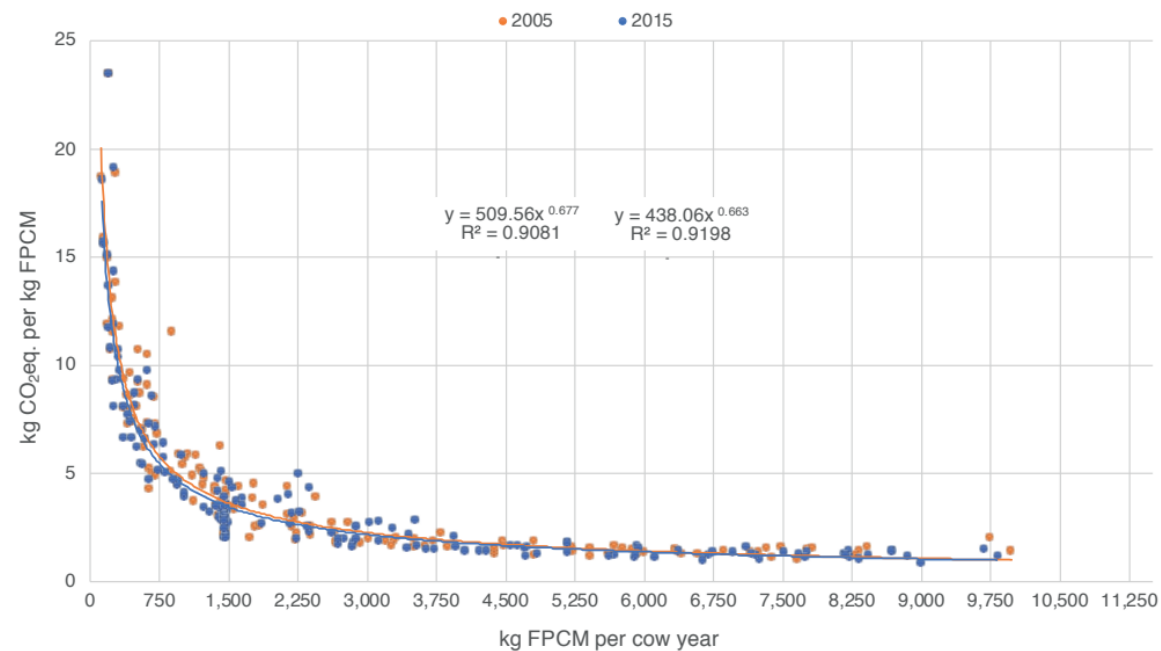


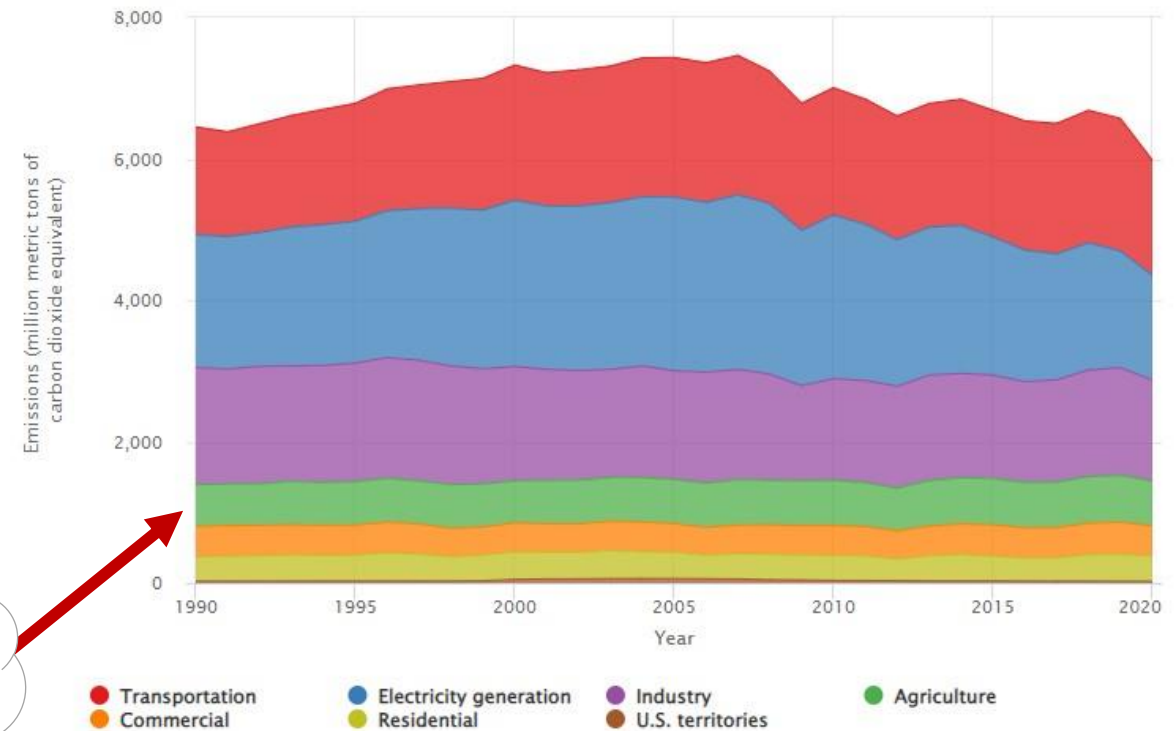
Figure 12: Emission intensity and milk yield

Note: Each dot represents a country. The fitted line clearly indicates an inverse relationship between milk yield per cow and emission intensity, i.e. as milk yield increases there is more milk to spread the emissions over.

Knowledge gained
from inventories
will depend on
the scale...

Agriculture
responsible for
~11% of
US emissions

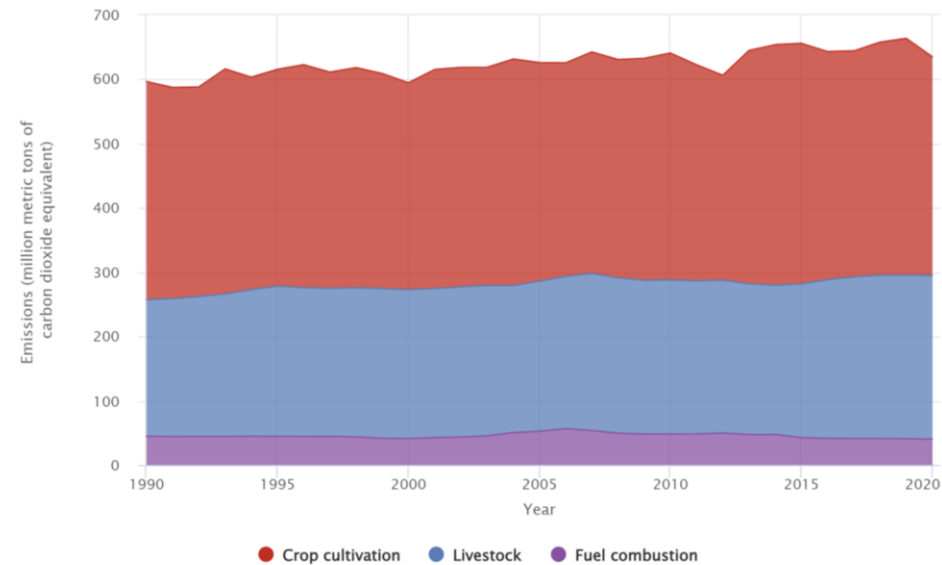
U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector, 1990-2020



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<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks>

... and how total emissions are partitioned/ reported

U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Agriculture Sector, by Category, 1990–2020



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Methodology Matters

- Must be reproducible to enable comparisons over time
- As data availability improves so can the inventories

Capper and Cady: [doi:10.1093/jas/skz291](https://doi.org/10.1093/jas/skz291)

SUSTAINABLE ANIMAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICES

The effects of improved performance in the U.S. dairy cattle industry on environmental impacts between 2007 and 2017

Judith L. Capper,^{†,1} and Roger A. Cady[‡]

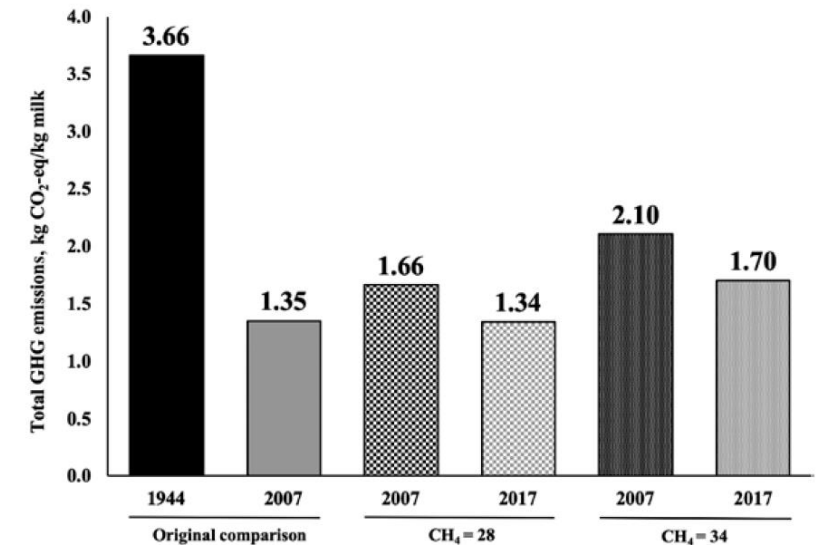
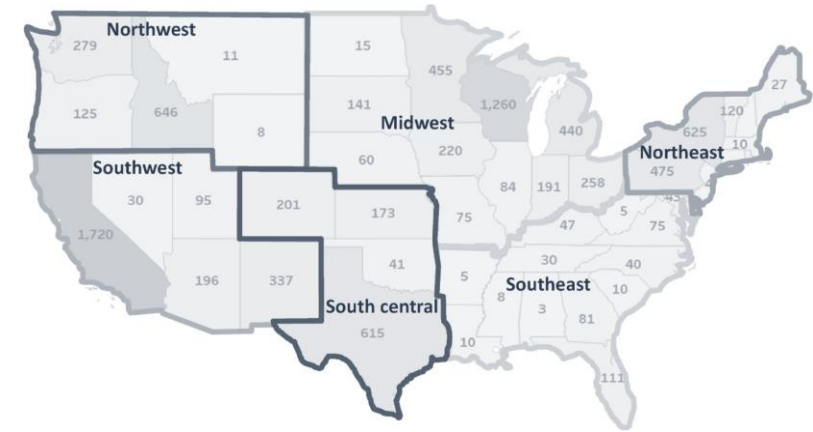
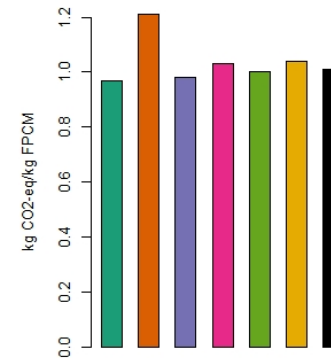


Figure 2. Greenhouse gases (CO₂-eq) per kilogram of milk in original 1944 vs. 2007 comparison (Capper et al., 2009) compared to the current 2007 vs. 2017 comparison with global warming potential values for methane set at 28 (IPCC, 2006) and 34 (IPCC, 2013).

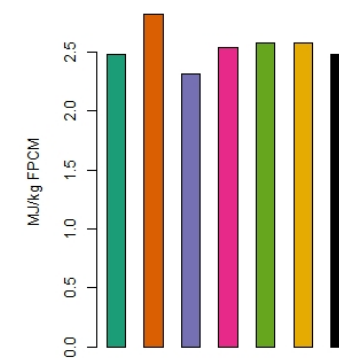
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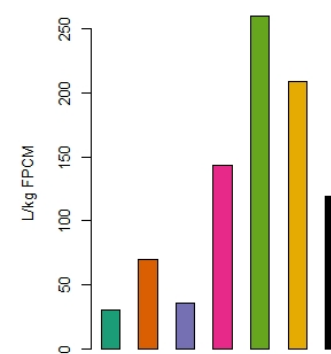
GHG Emissions Intensity



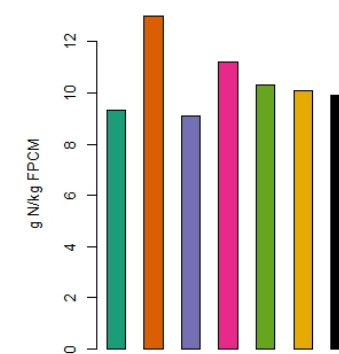
Fossil Fuel Use Intensity



Blue Water Use Intensity



Reactive N Loss Intensity

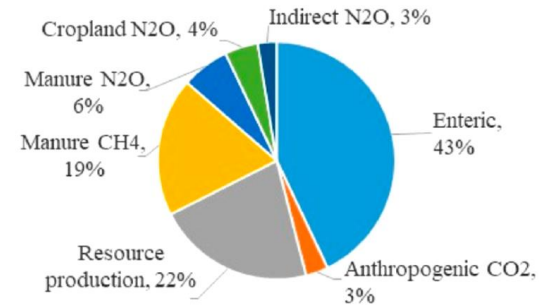


- Northeast
- Southeast
- Midwest
- South central
- Northwest
- Southwest
- National

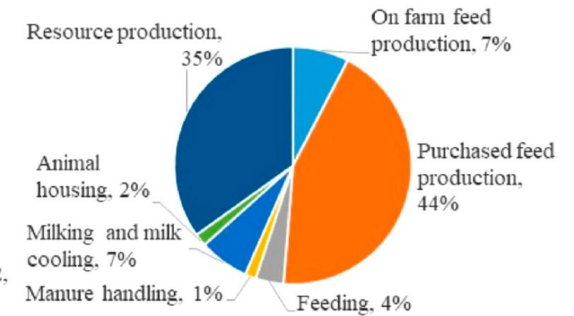
Farm level insights are possible

43% of 1.0 kg Total GHG Intensity
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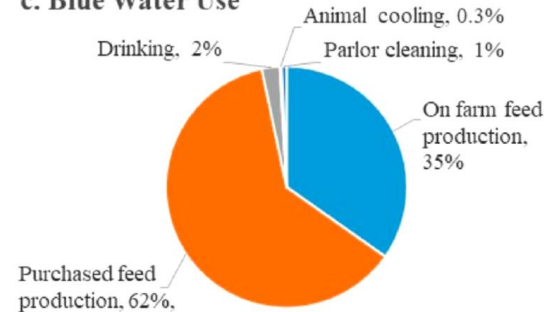
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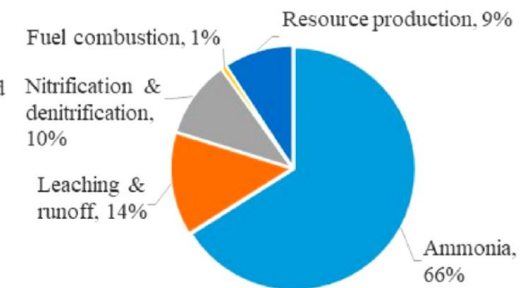
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c. Blue Water Use



d. Reactive Nitrogen Loss

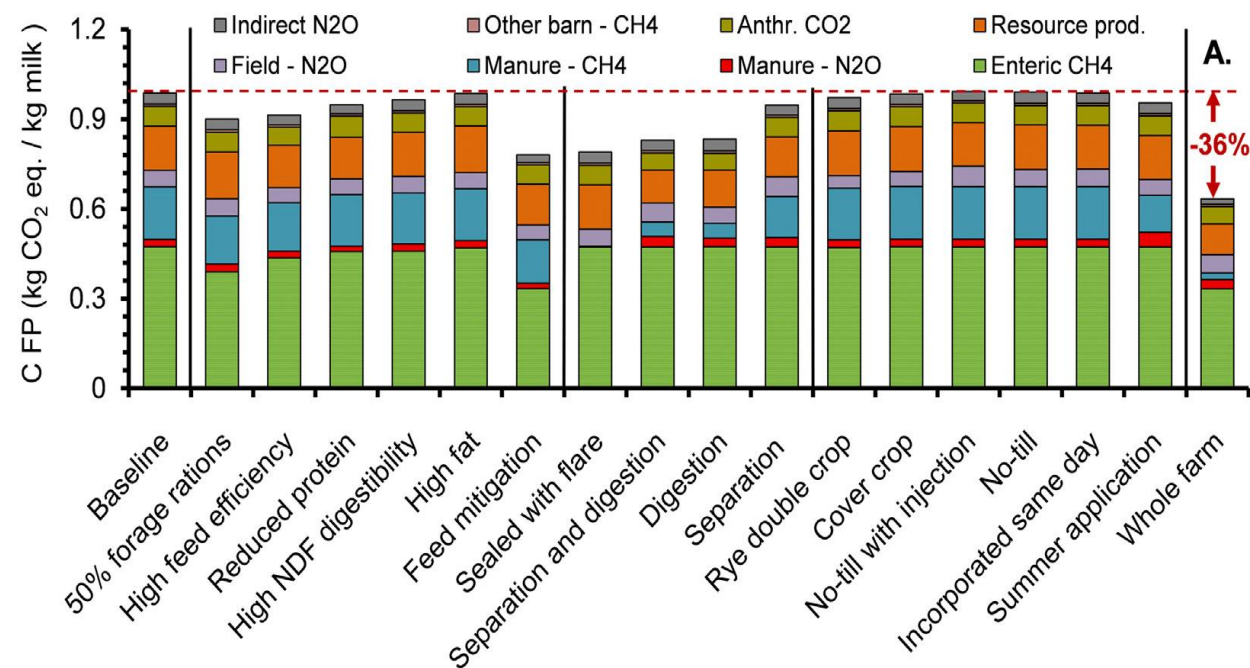


IFSM can also provide more detailed estimates to compare management strategies

This is an example from a representative farm in NY (they haven't released a similar study for the SE yet)

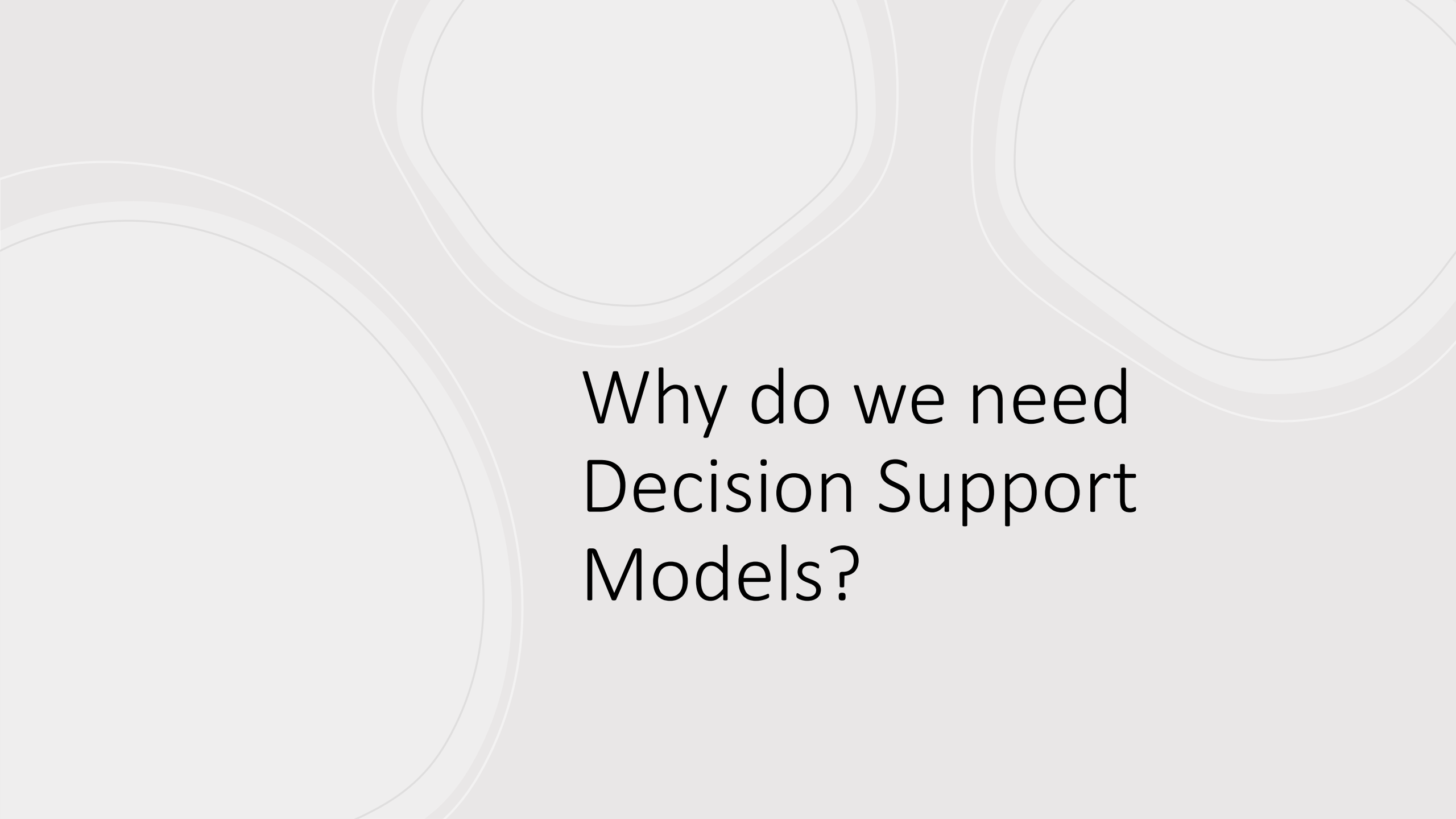
Compares a Baseline farm with other BMPs

- Feed efficiency
- Double Cropping
- No till
- Anaerobic Digestion



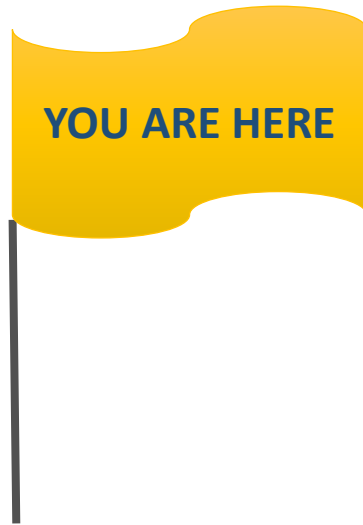
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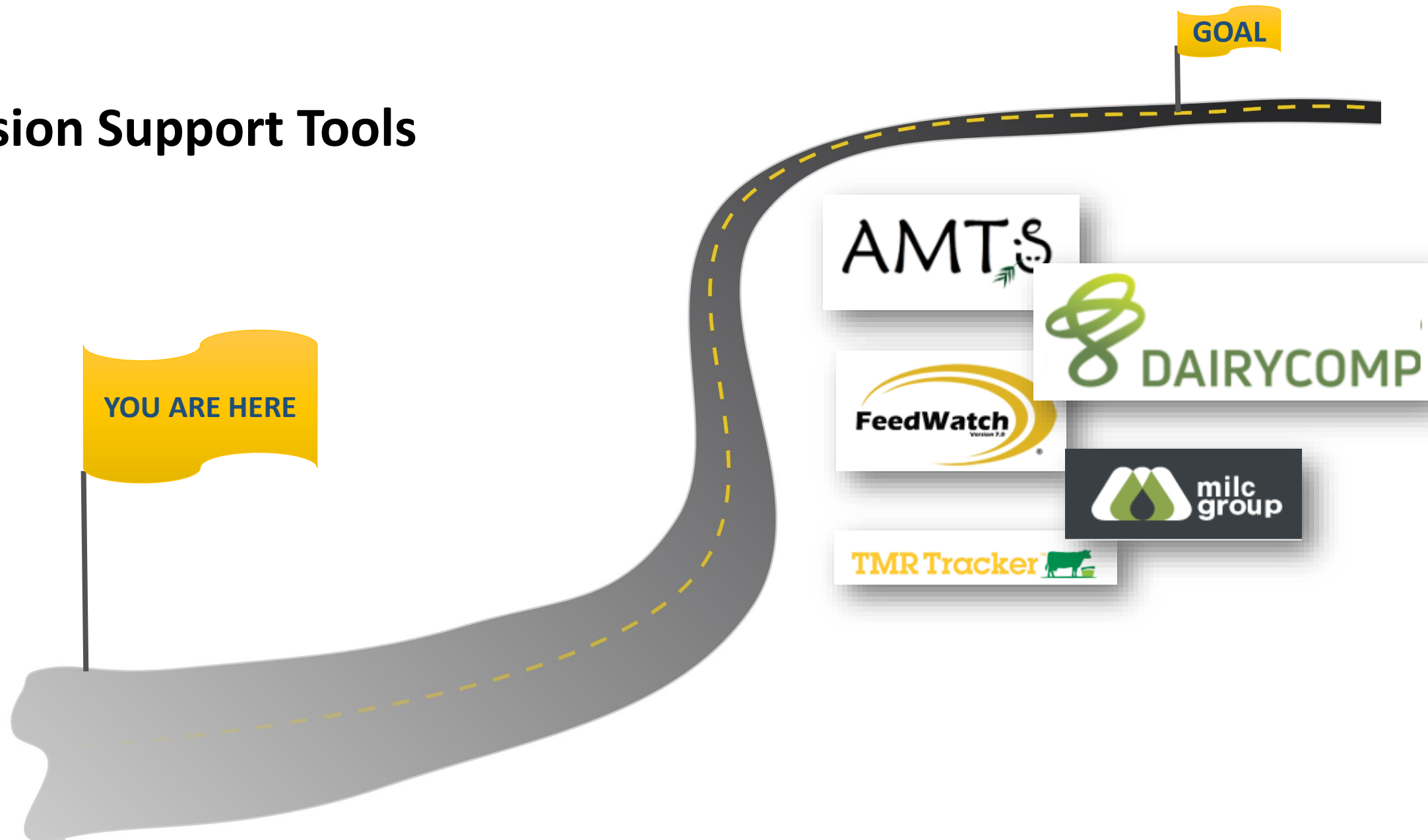


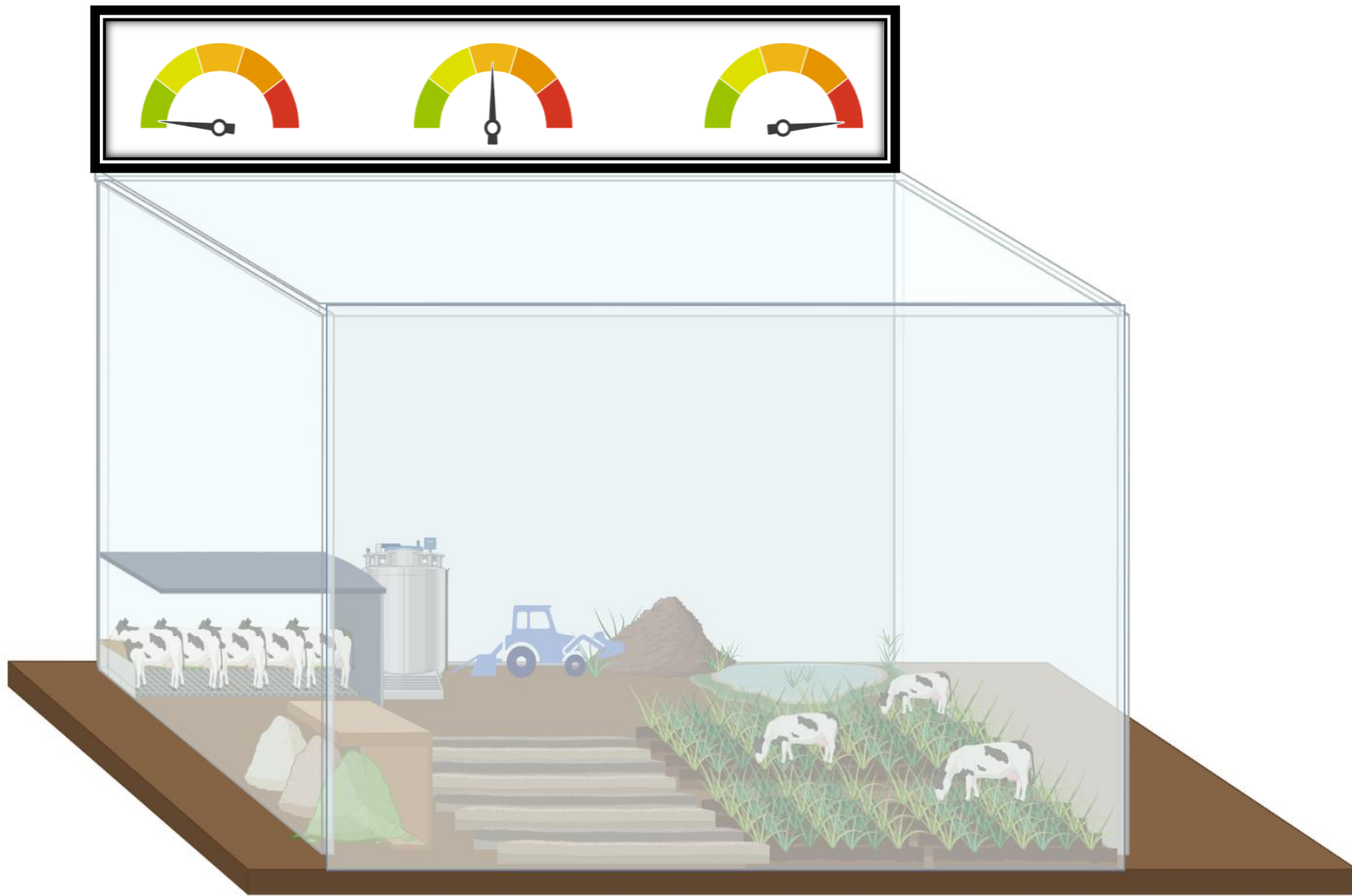
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Decision Support
Models?

Inventories



Decision Support Tools





Decision Support Tools



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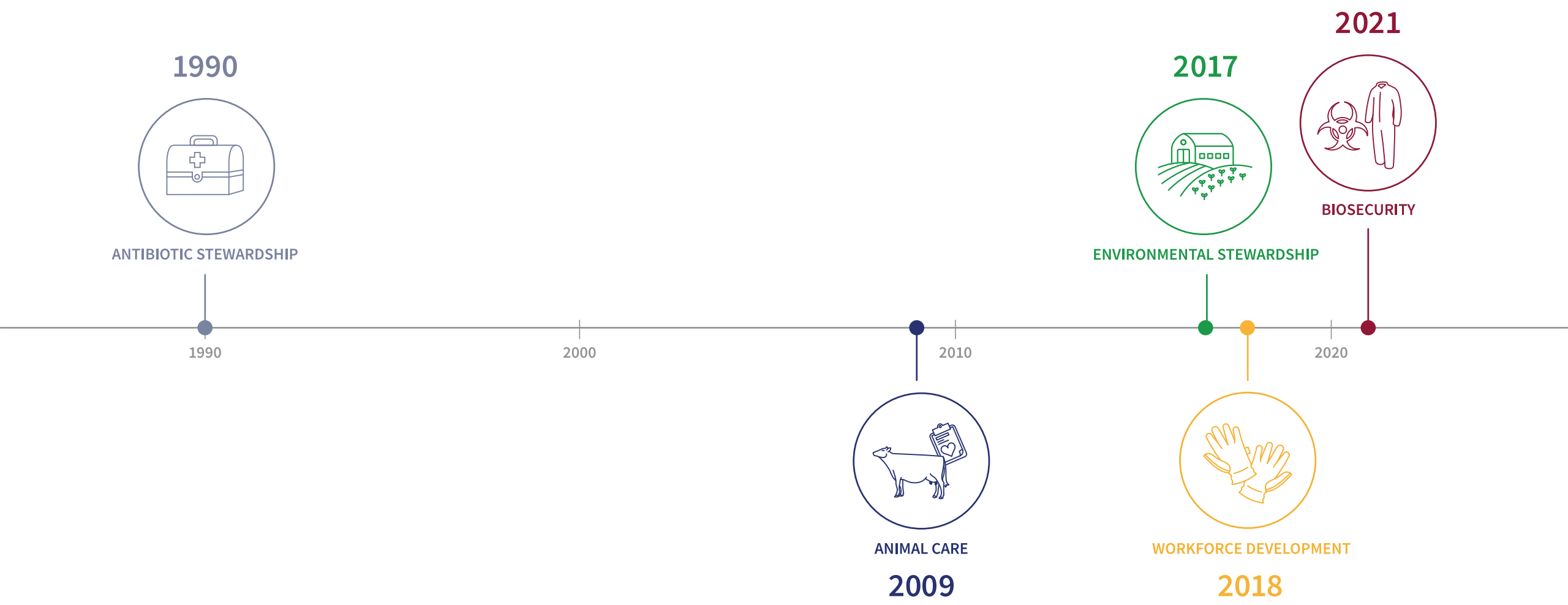
In 2009, National Dairy Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM)[™] Program was **created by the dairy industry**, through National Milk Producers Federation with support from Dairy Management, Inc.



Through the Innovation Center, the dairy community has aligned behind FARM as the **industry-wide on-farm social responsibility program**.



PROGRAM AREAS





FARM Environmental Stewardship

Status

- **2,600+** FARM ES assessments completed since 2017
- **41** participating co-ops and proprietary processors representing **80%** of milk supply
- Trained, 2nd party evaluators
- Resources for implementation and continuous improvement





FARM ES Evaluation

Data Inputs

The data needed to estimate GHG emissions and energy use intensity include:



Milk Production



Herd Data



Rations



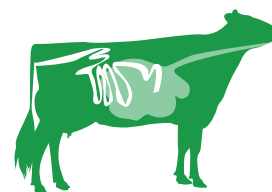
Manure Management



Energy Use

Results

**Footprint (lb CO₂e / lb FPCM)
broken down by category**



On-Site Enteric



On-Site Energy Use



On-Site Manure



Feed Production

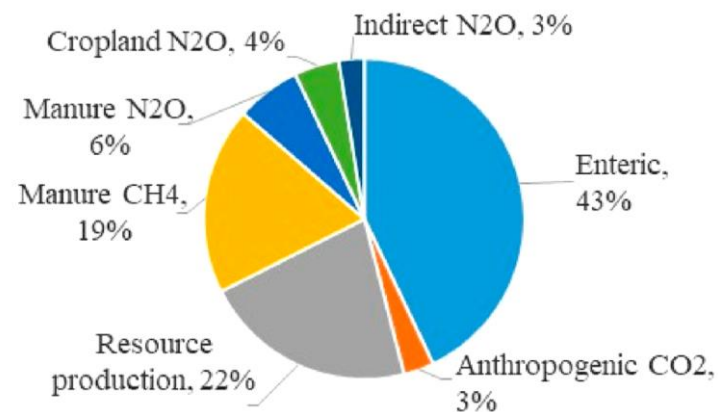
GOAL!

The FARM-ES program currently provides an inventory

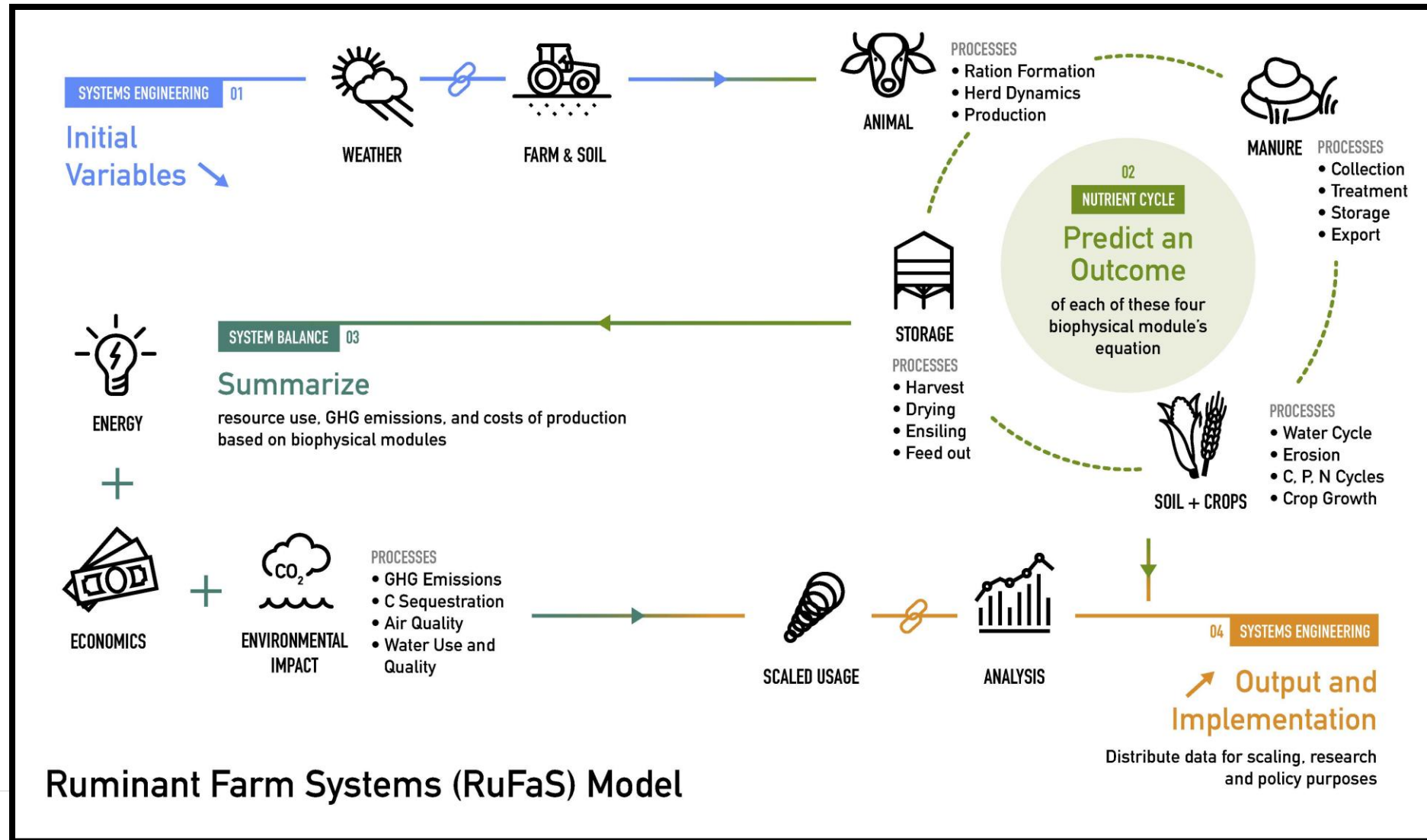
*It provides a static, **snapshot** of the previous year's footprint from an individual farm and the dairy sector*

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a. Greenhouse Gas Emission



This leads us to RuFaS...



Founders



Key Stakeholders



Cornell University



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How can we
use this model
for decision
support?



Nutrition impacts on environmental outcomes

How does forage quality impact manure and emissions outcomes?

GENERAL HERD CHARACTERISTICS	
Breed	Holstein
Herd Size	1000
TMR Diet	Corn Silage, Alfalfa Haylage, SBM, Corn Grain
Mature Body Weight (lbs/kg)	1,630 / 740

Parity	Average 305 MY
First	20,935 lbs (9,516 kg)
Second	24,476 lbs (11,125 kg)
Third+	25,481 lbs (11,582 kg)

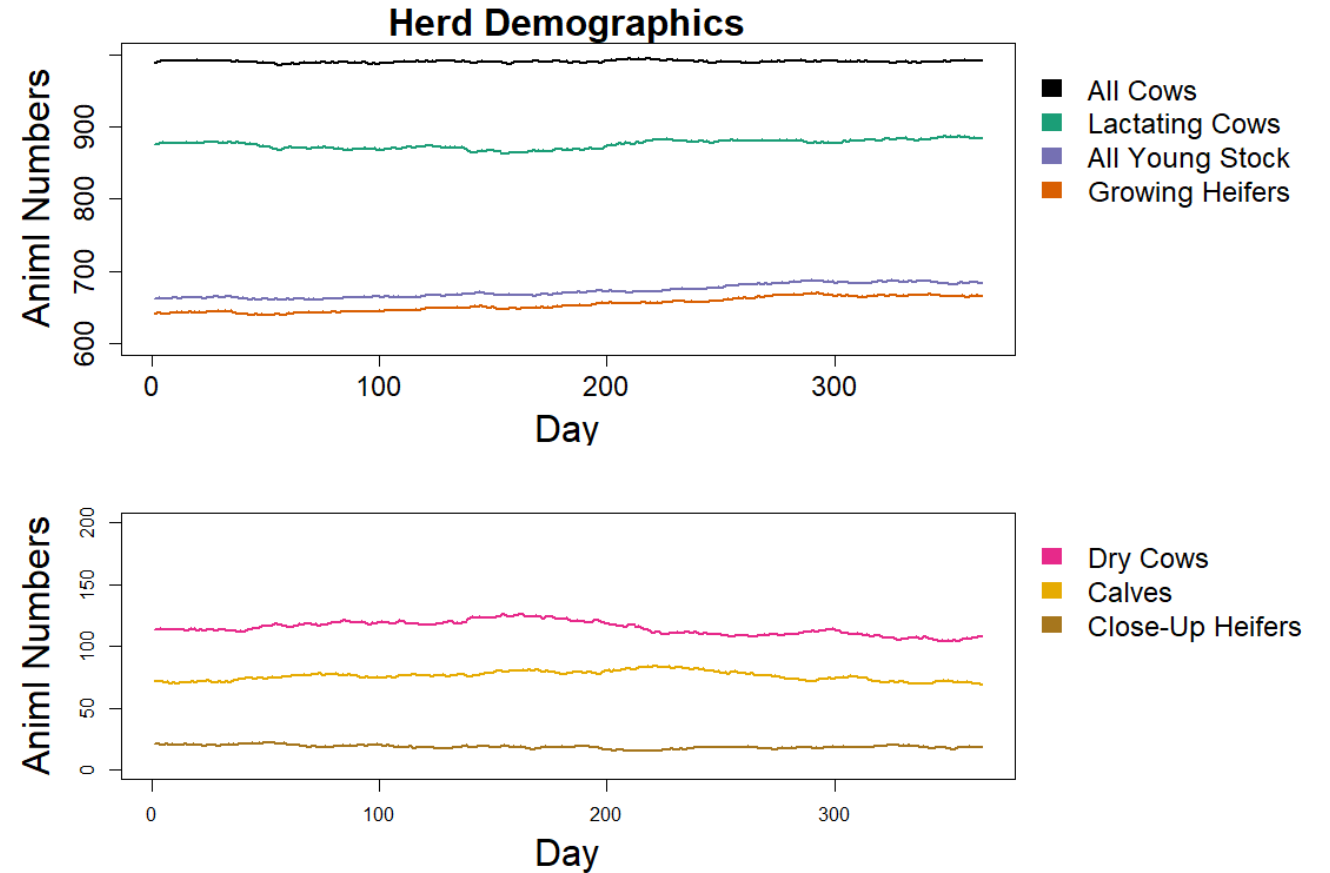
Forage Quality Comparison



Scenario	Corn Silage				Alfalfa Haylage		
	DM	NDF	DE	Starch	DM	NDF	CP
Baseline	35.1	45	2.84	32.87	43.3	47	18.3
+Forage	34.6	38	2.99	38.18	37.5	45.6	19.0

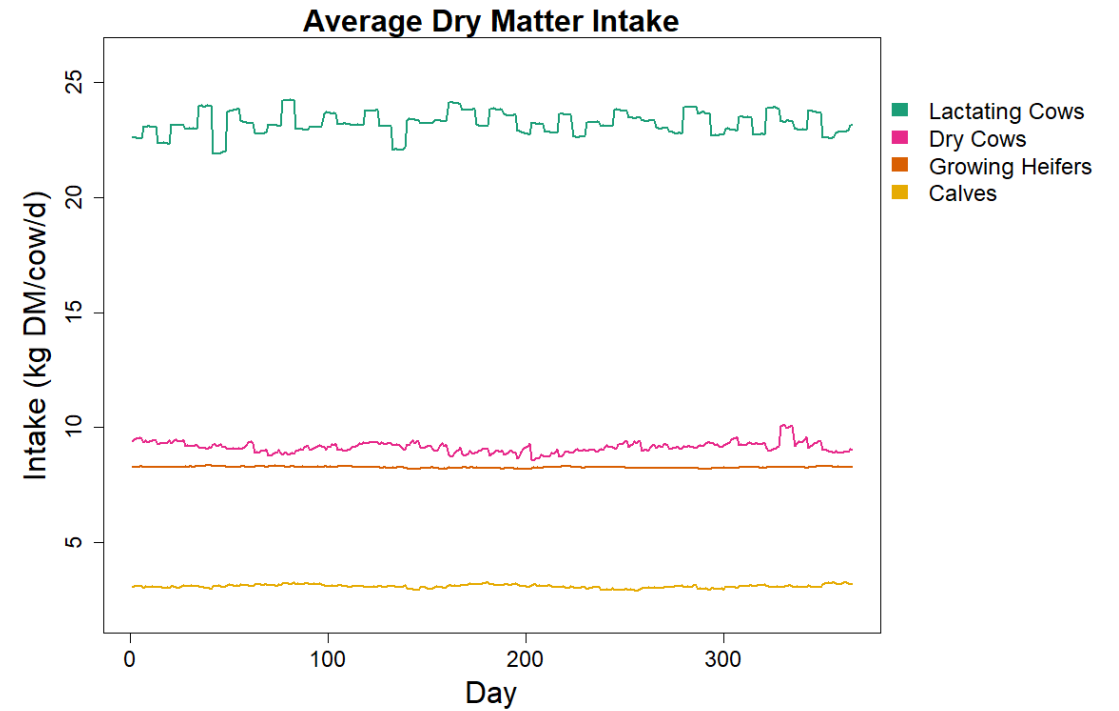
Some neat results...

Daily outputs of animal numbers



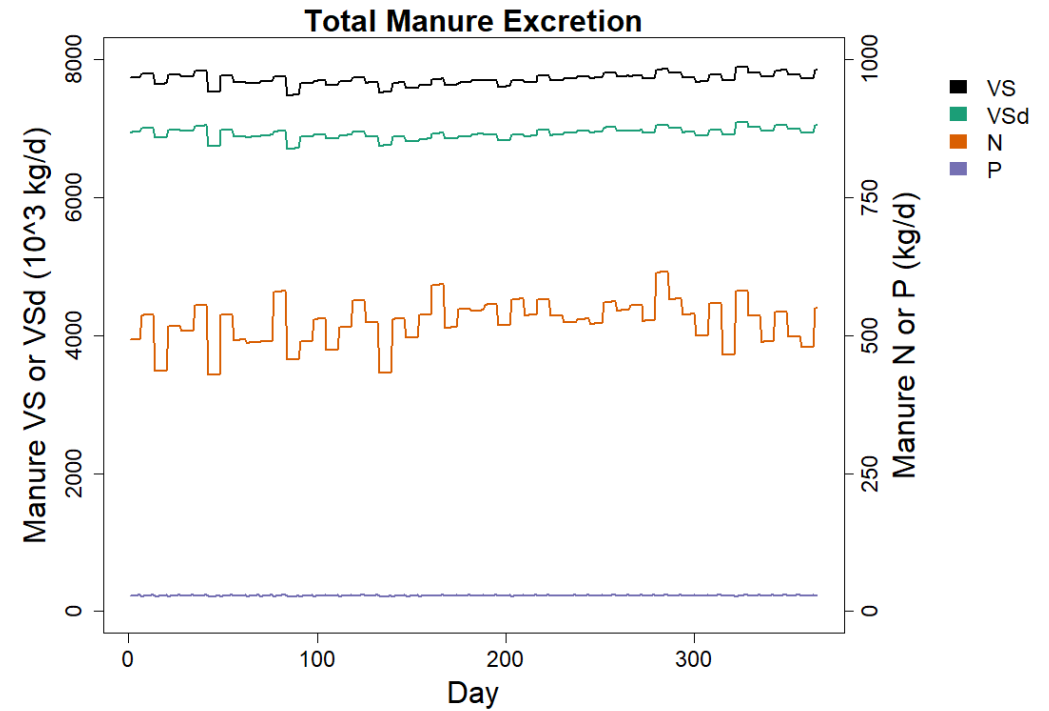
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Animal Intake



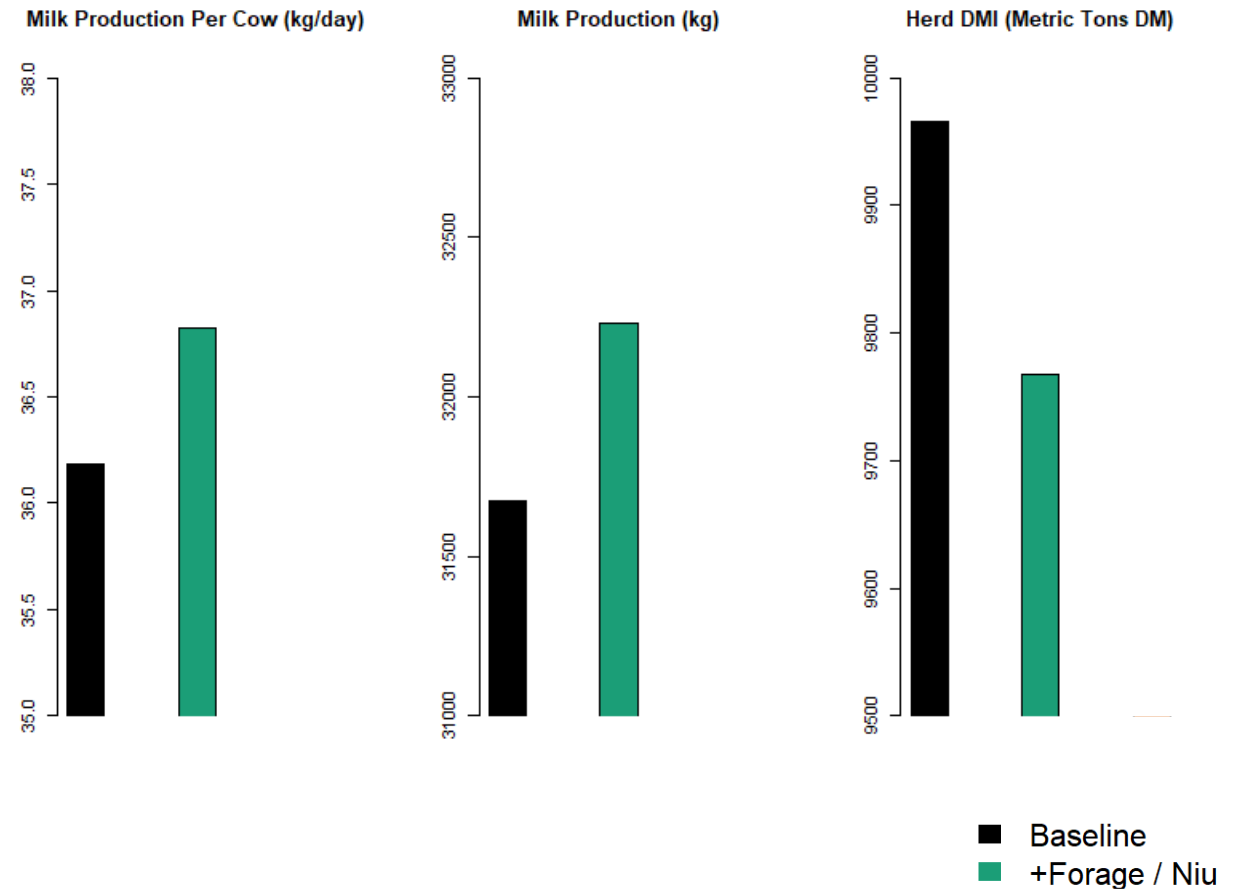
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Herd Manure



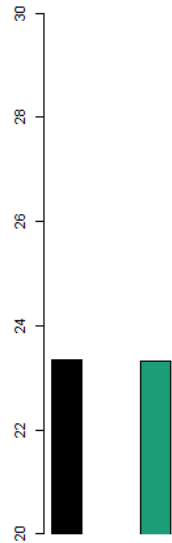
Milk Production & Intake

- Achieved increased milk production response to forage quality
- Reduced total intake

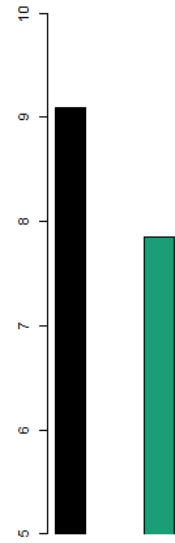


Feed Efficiency

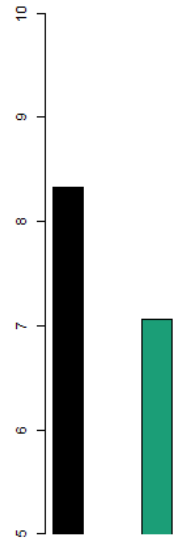
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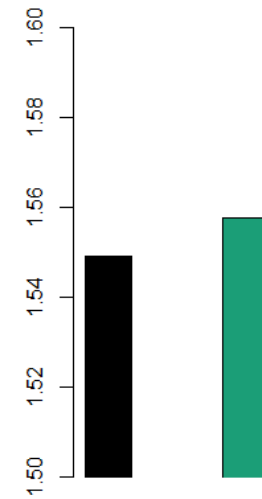
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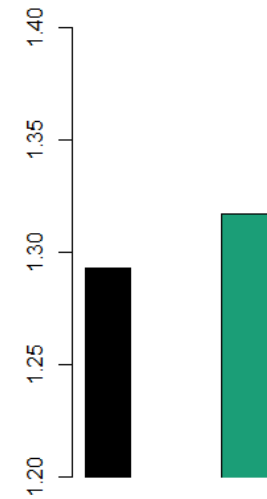
Avg. Heifer DMI (kg DMI/cow/day)



Lactating Cow Feed Eff. (kg ECM/kg DM)



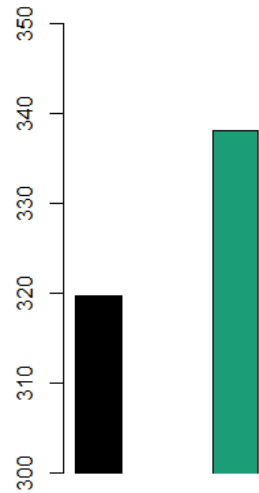
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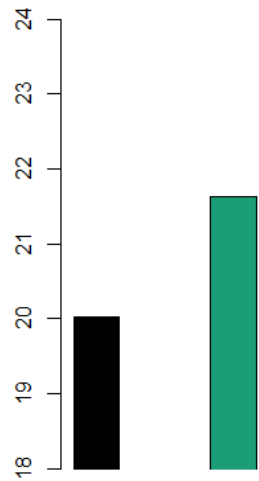
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Intake and Excretion

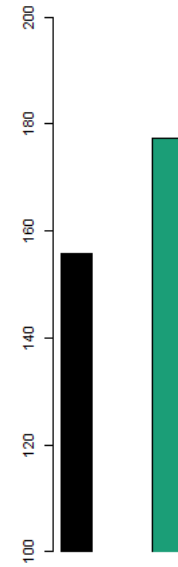
Nitrogen Intake (metric ton/yr)



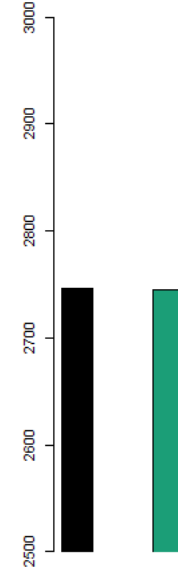
Diet CP (%)



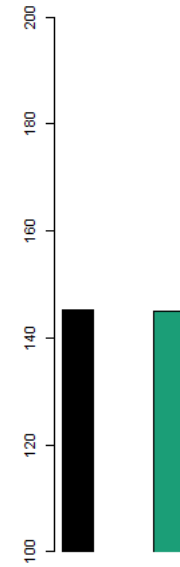
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Avg. Lac Manure VSd (kg /cow/yr)



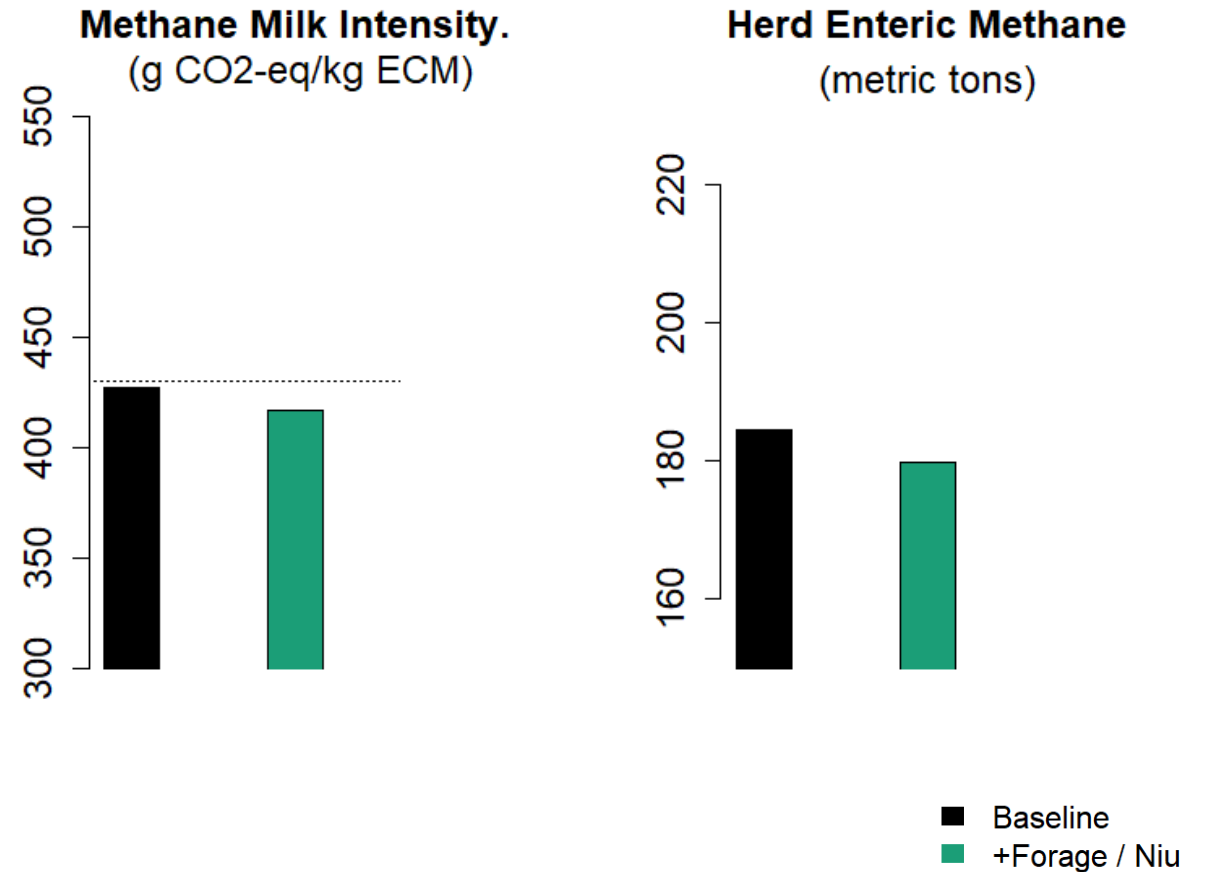
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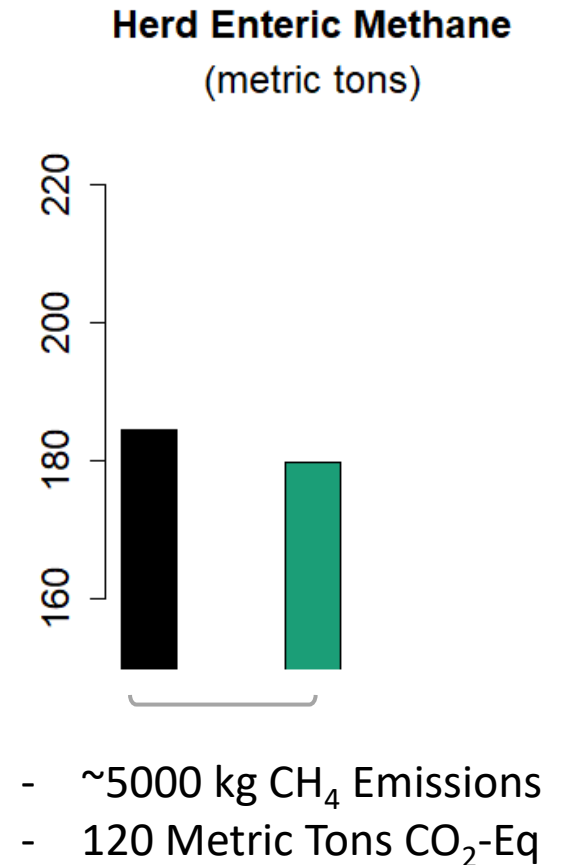
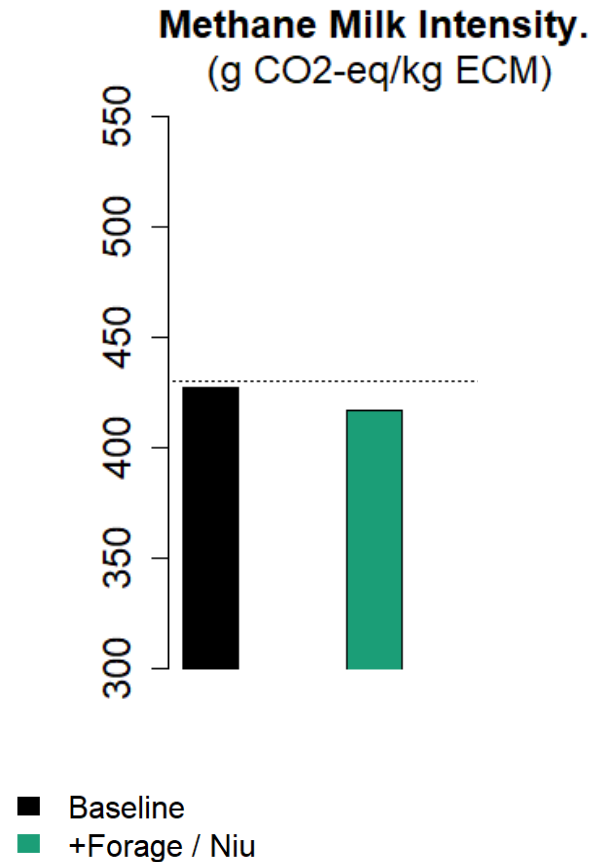


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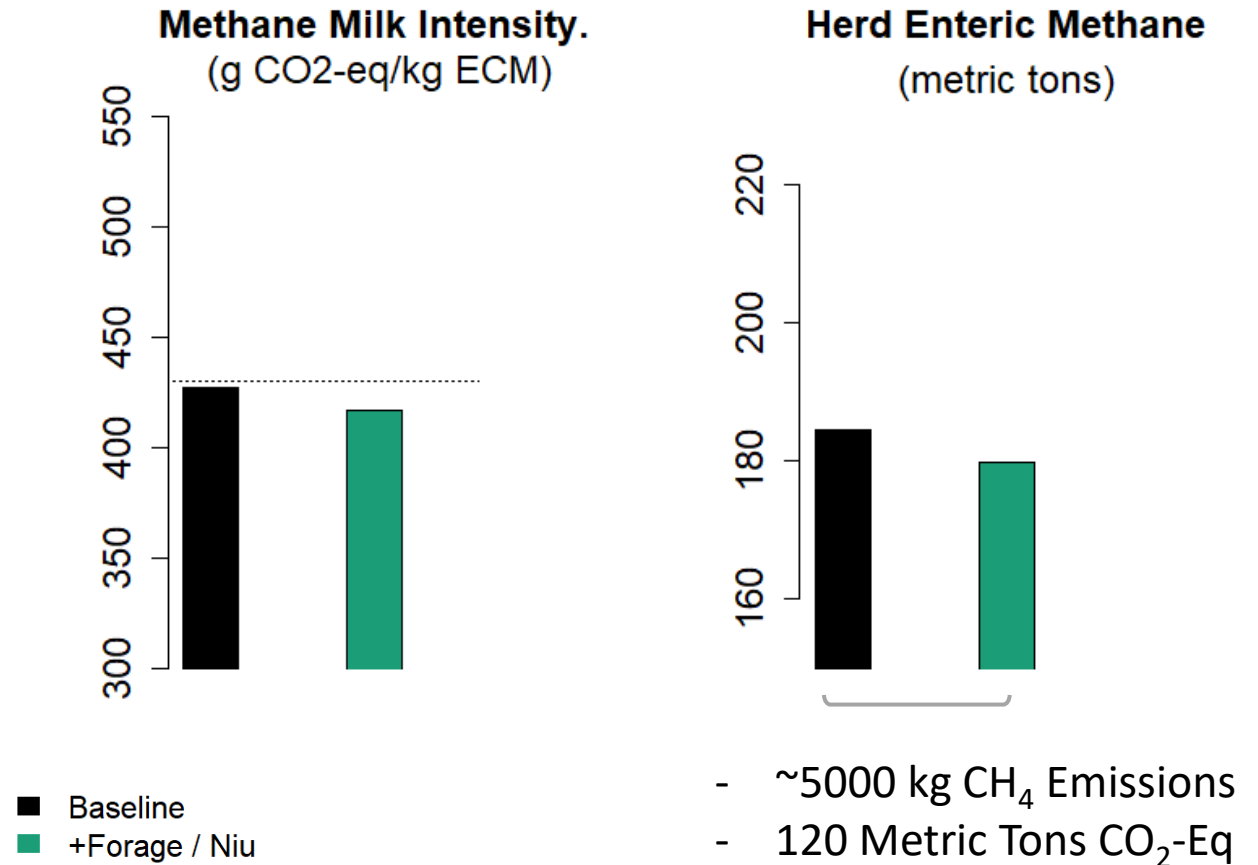
Same as taking **25** gas-powered cars off the road!



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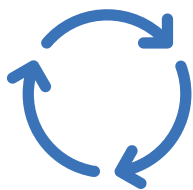
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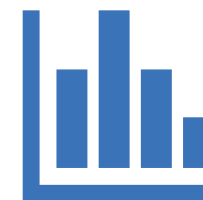
RuFaS, a process-based model, as new “engine” in Version 3 (2024)



Account for physical, chemical, and biologic cycles



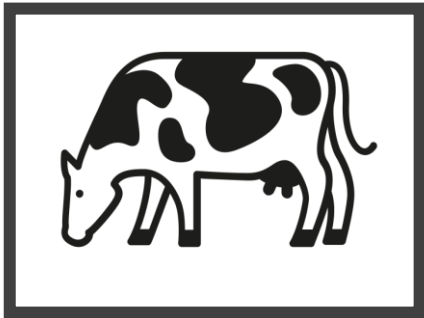
Provide ability to extrapolate beyond known conditions (“what-if” scenario analysis)



Generate environmental and economic analysis of multiple management scenarios

FARM ES, as it’s built today, cannot complete these more complicated calculations

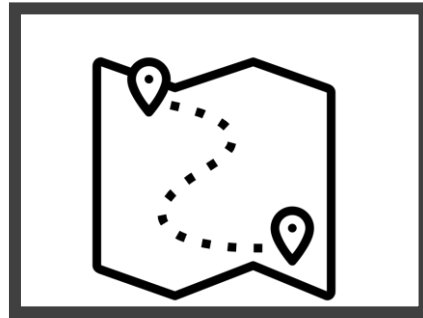
Vision of Success



Created by Rutmer Zijlstra
from Noun Project

Footprinting

Calculate baseline estimates
of current farm outputs and
environmental
outcomes



Created by Aficons
from Noun Project

Planning

Identify management
practices that will generate
progress towards your
sustainability goals



Created by mynamepong
from Noun Project

Implementation

Implement management
plan, track progress, strive for
continuous improvement



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Impacts

Achieve industry-wide
progress towards sustainable
dairy production



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Thanks for listening!

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Dairy Opportunities, Challenges and Innovation: the KEYS to the kingdom



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Dairy Beverage Trends

Conscious consumption



New processing technologies



High-protein products





Green consumerism continues to grow...

Sustainability includes more than just carbon footprint for consumers

Differences in how industry and consumers define sustainability, and lack of transparent information leaves consumers guessing on how to factor sustainability into their purchases

Schiano and Drake, JDS 2021





PLANT-BASED proteins
have increased in popularity

**MANY
PROTEIN
SOURCE
OPTIONS**

ANIMAL-FREE

(cell-based) dairy proteins are a
new emerging category



WINDS OF CHANGE



**Consumers have a lot
of choices today...**



DAIRY is still leading,
but....



Increasing pressure for **SUSTAINABILITY**

there is competition from **PLANT** protein
& **ANIMAL-FREE** dairy protein and a **shift** in
PROTEIN TYPE IMPORTANCE

and gaps in consumer **KNOWLEDGE**



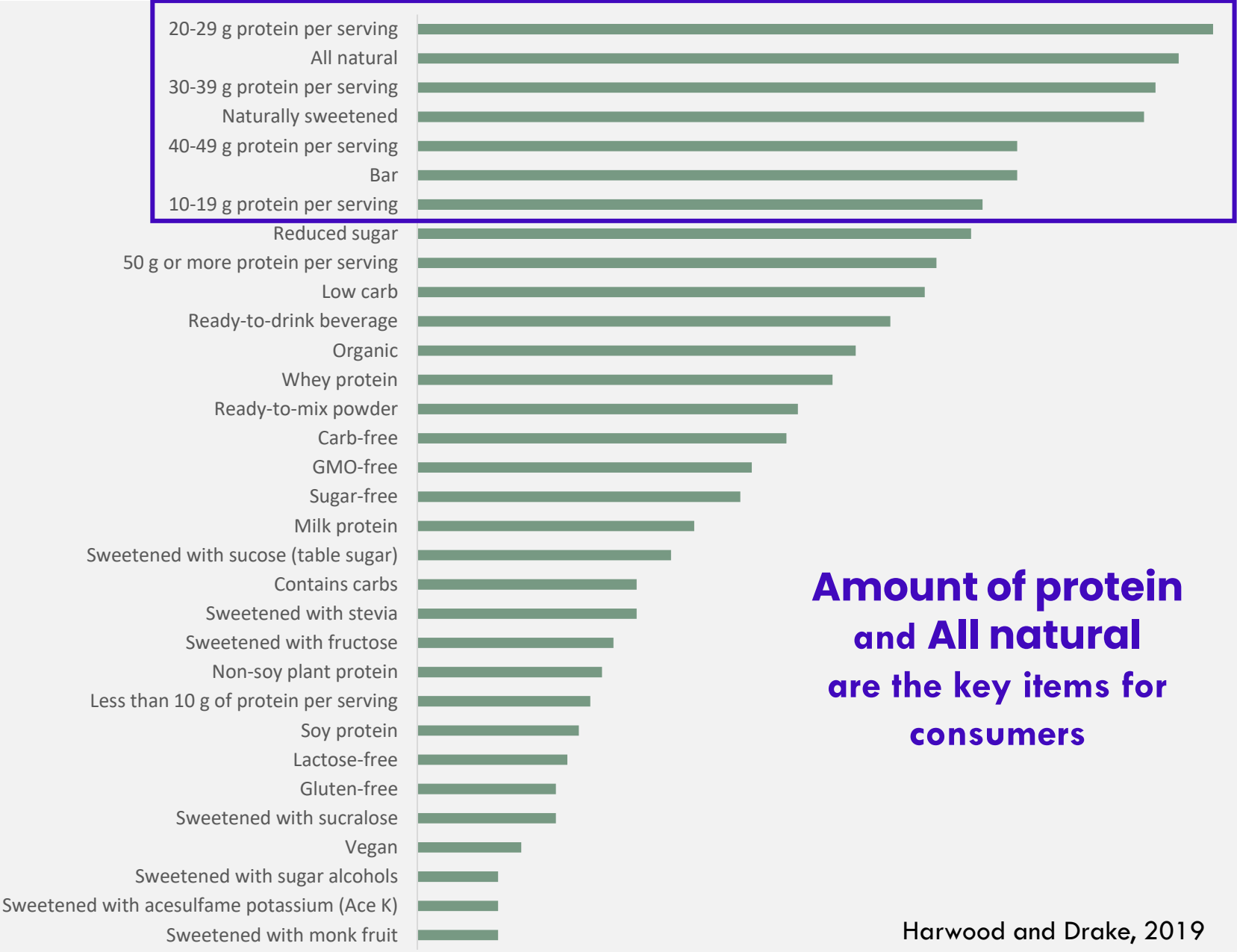
In this changing
market... what are
the Challenges
and Opportunities
for DAIRY?



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for protein product
characteristics

2018
N=1012 consumers



Amount of protein
and All natural
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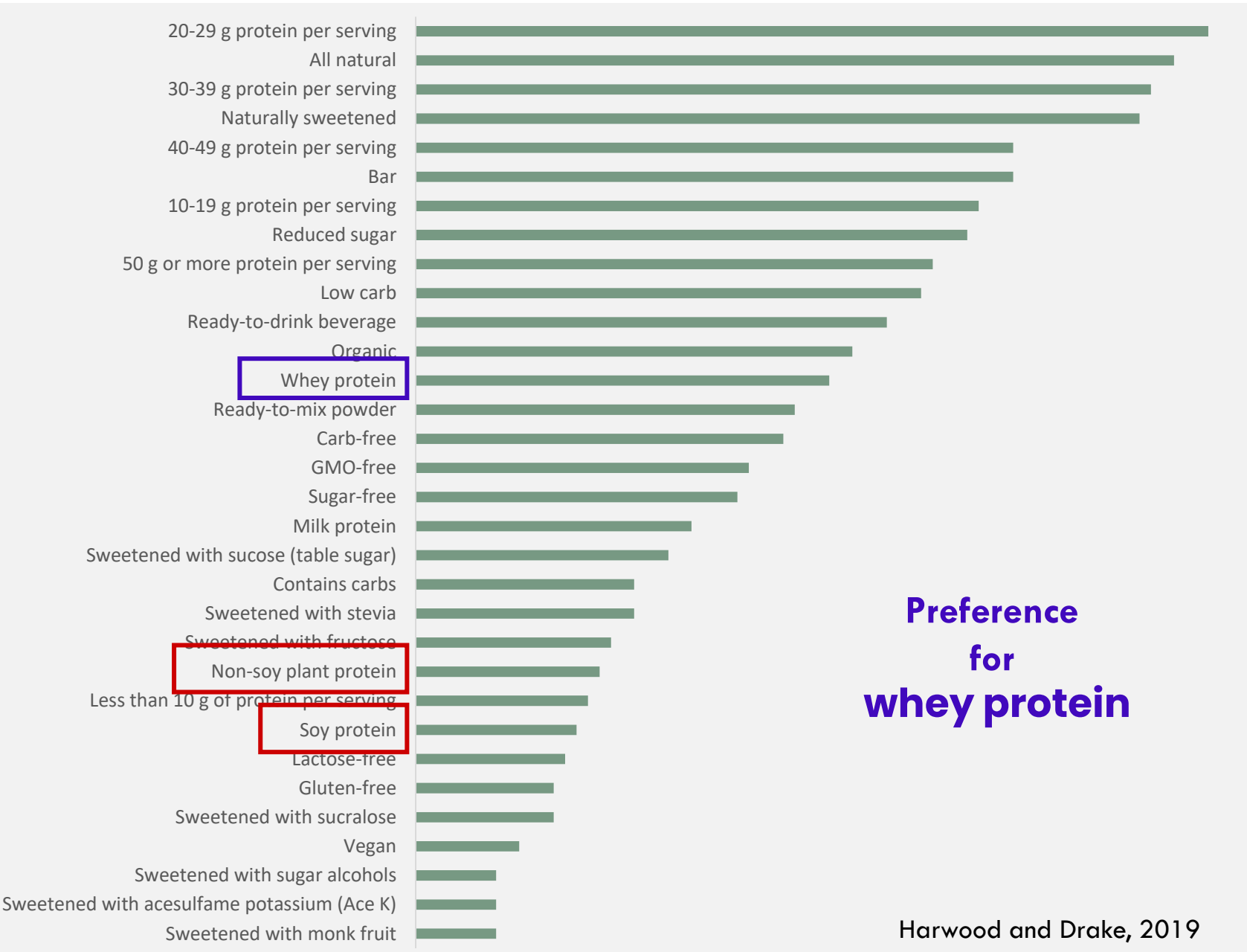
Harwood and Drake, 2019

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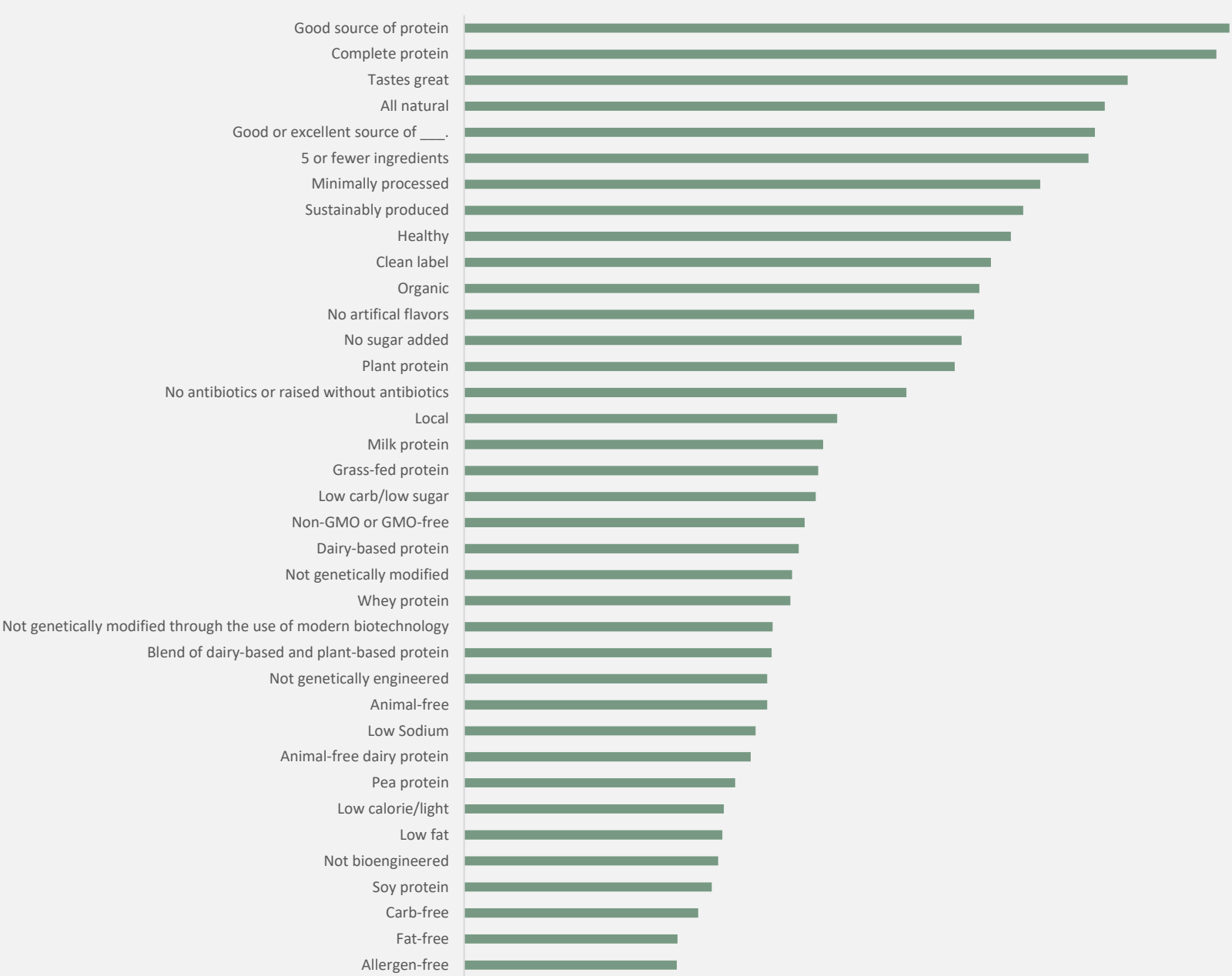
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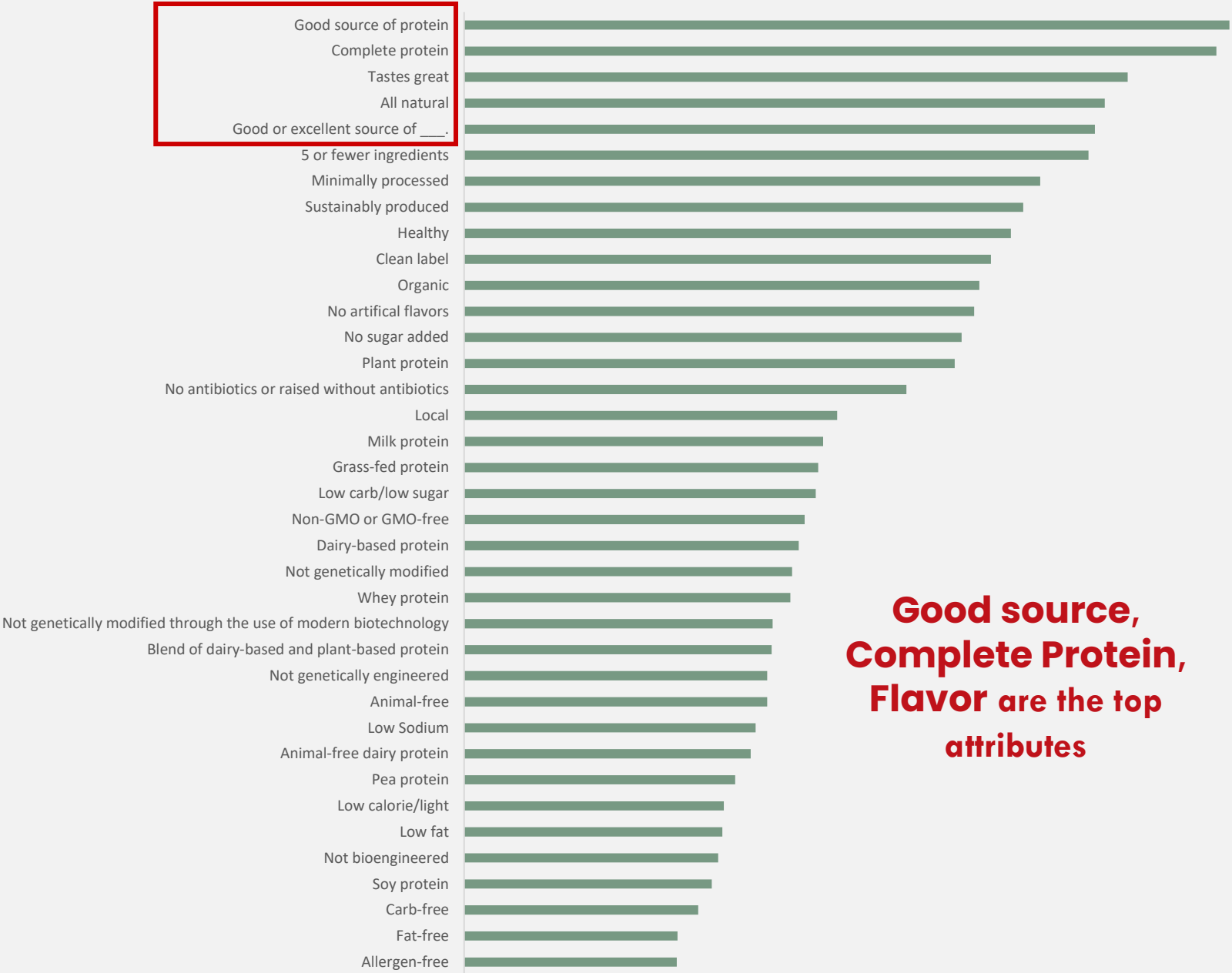
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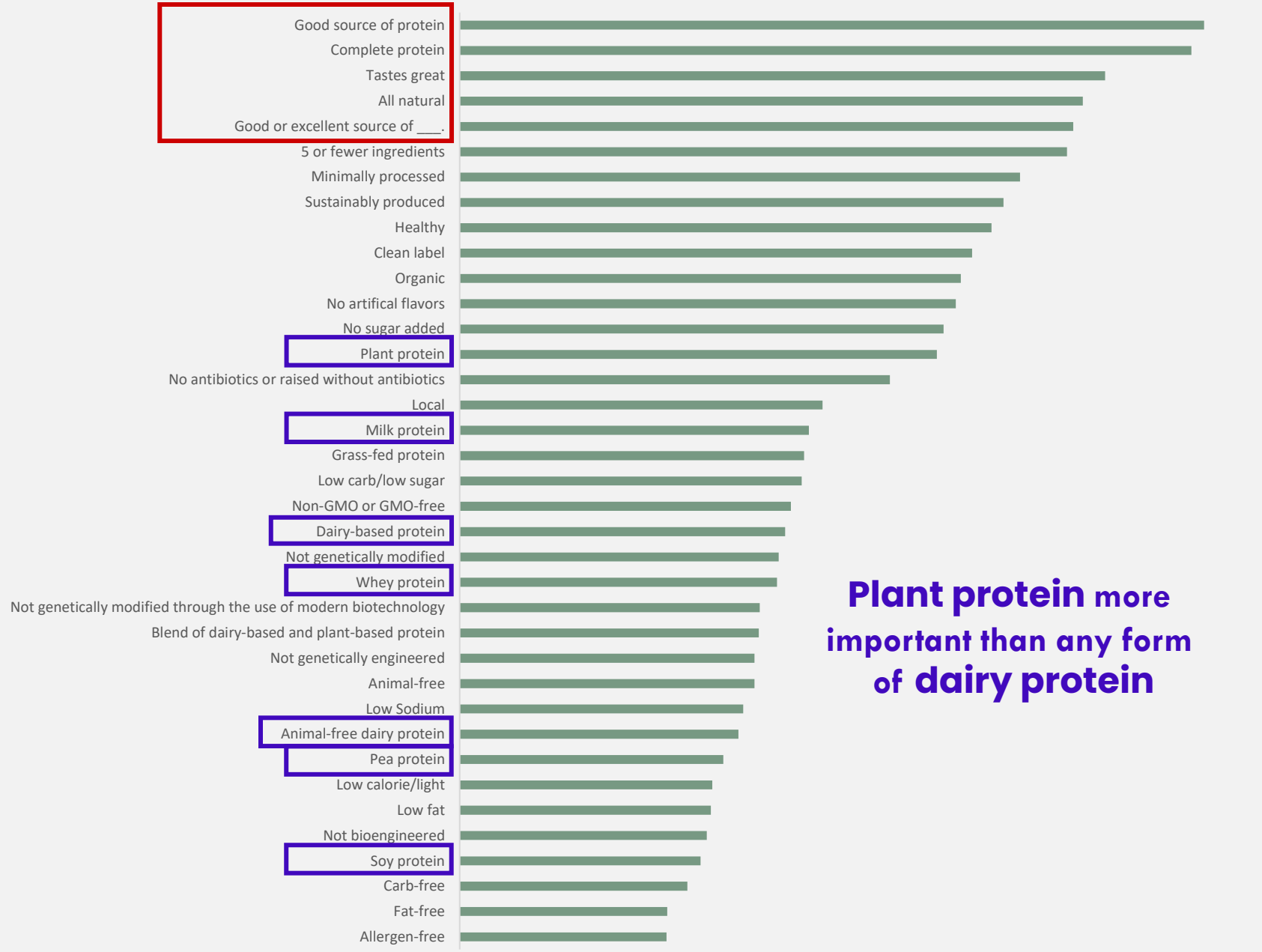
**Good source,
Complete Protein,
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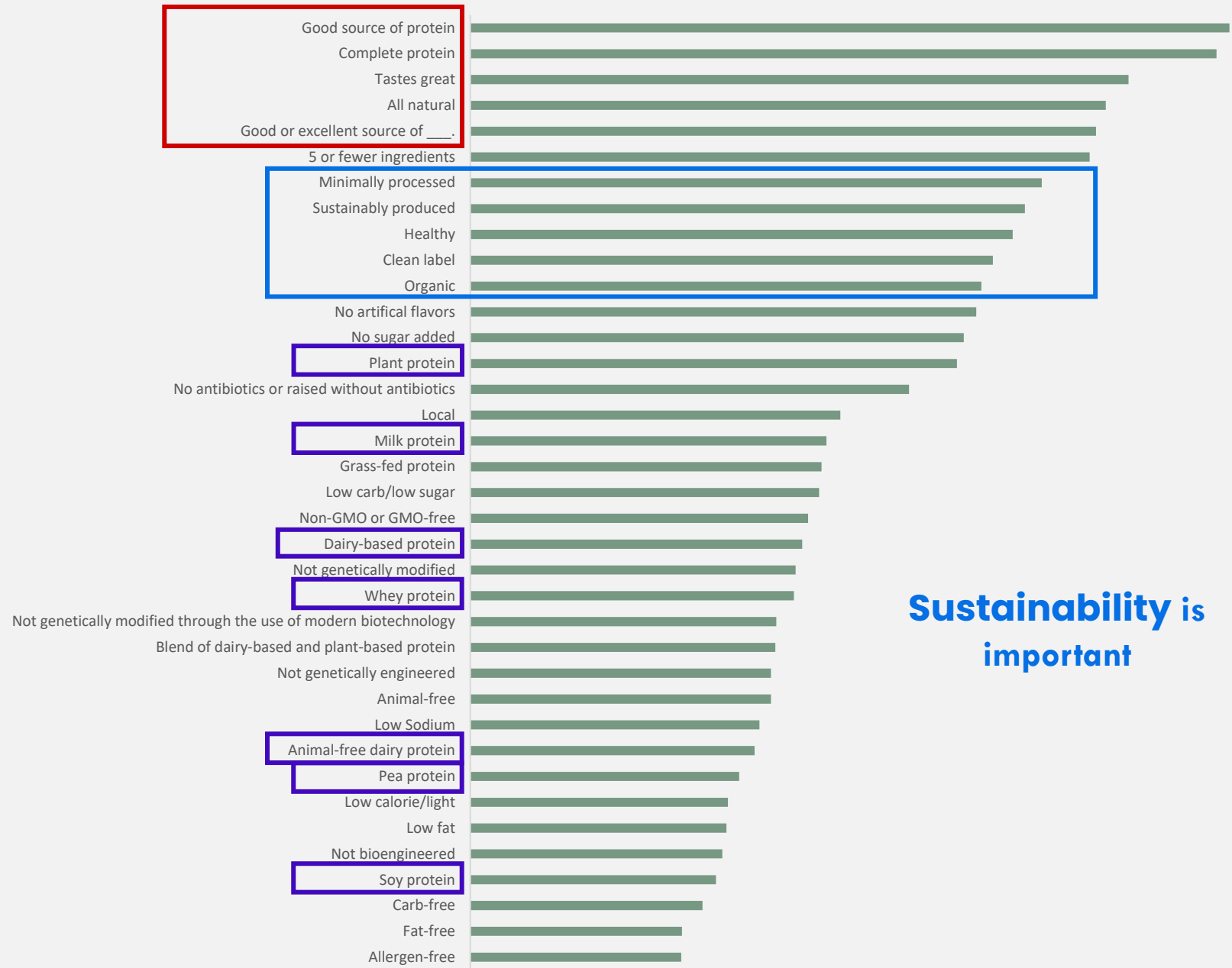
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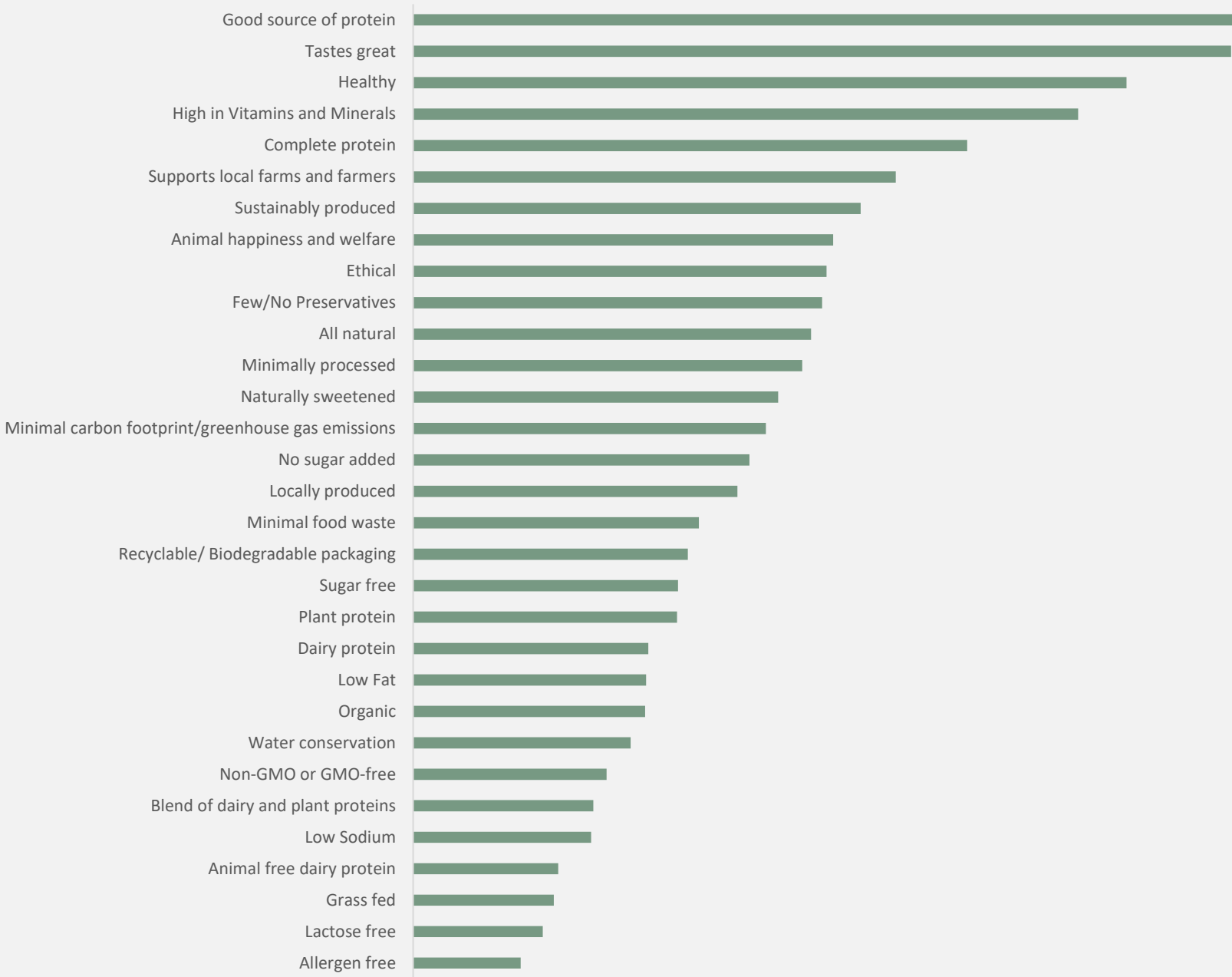
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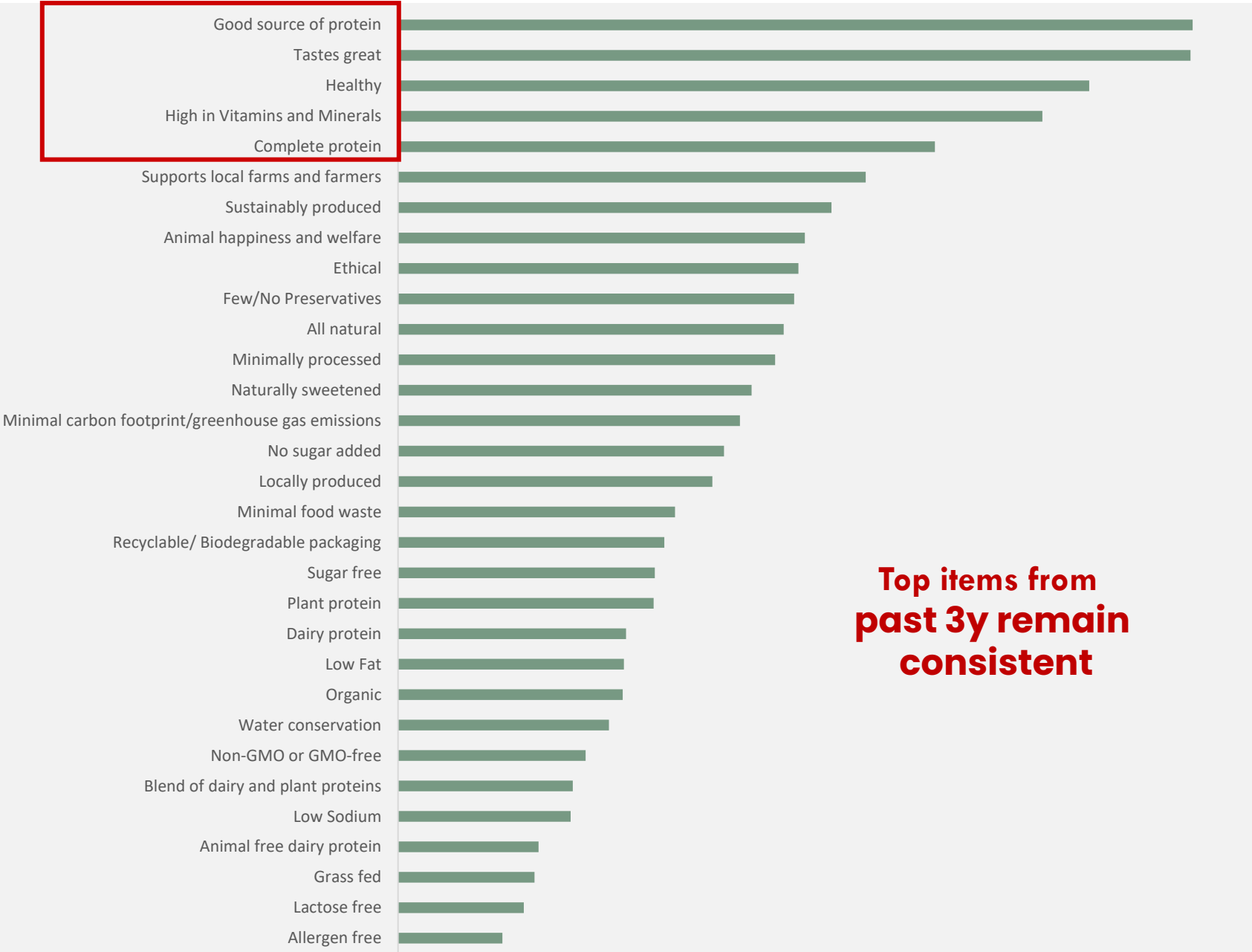


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Top items from
past 3y remain
consistent

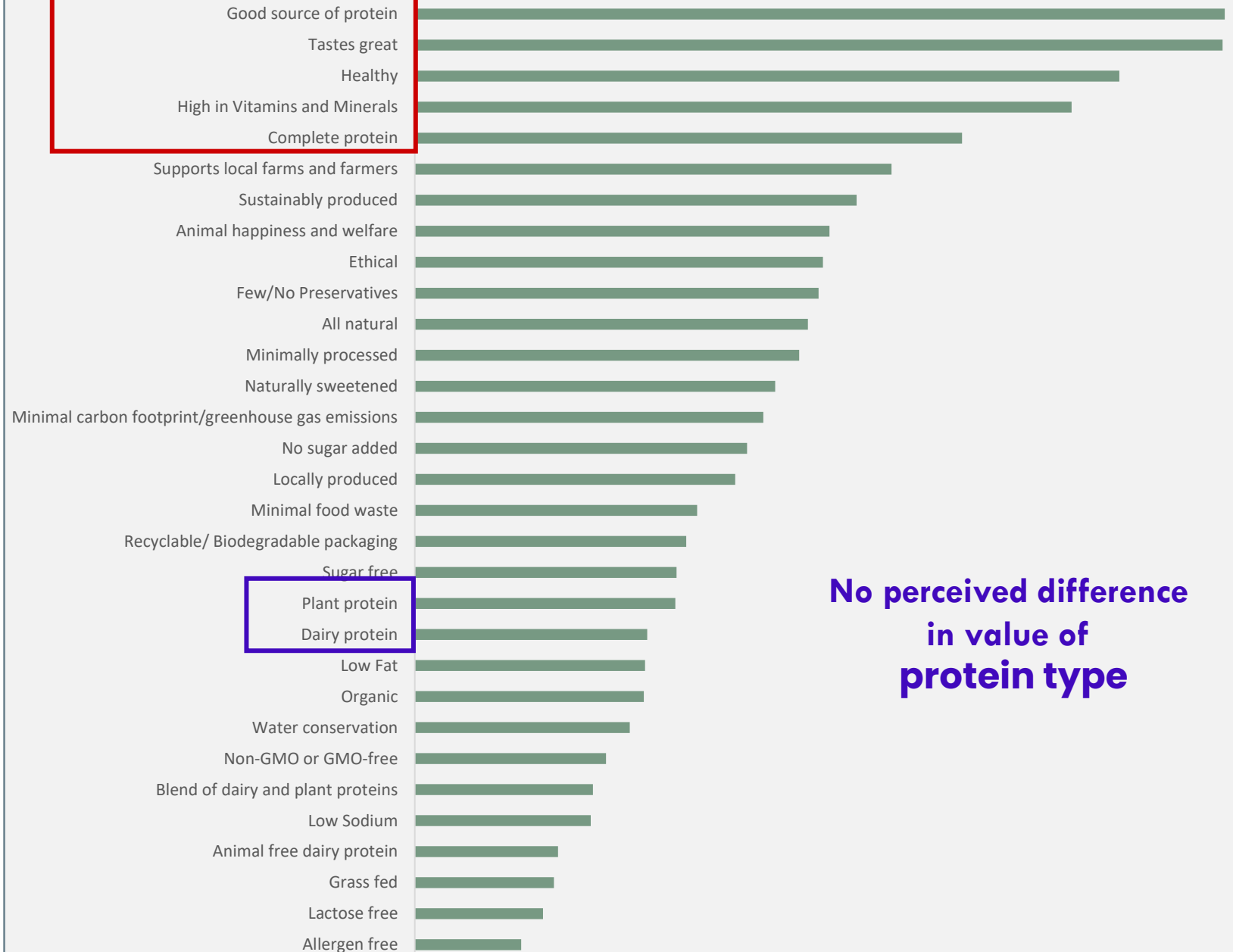
Changes in Consumer Key Protein Product Attributes

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but plant vs dairy protein are equal



No perceived difference
in value of
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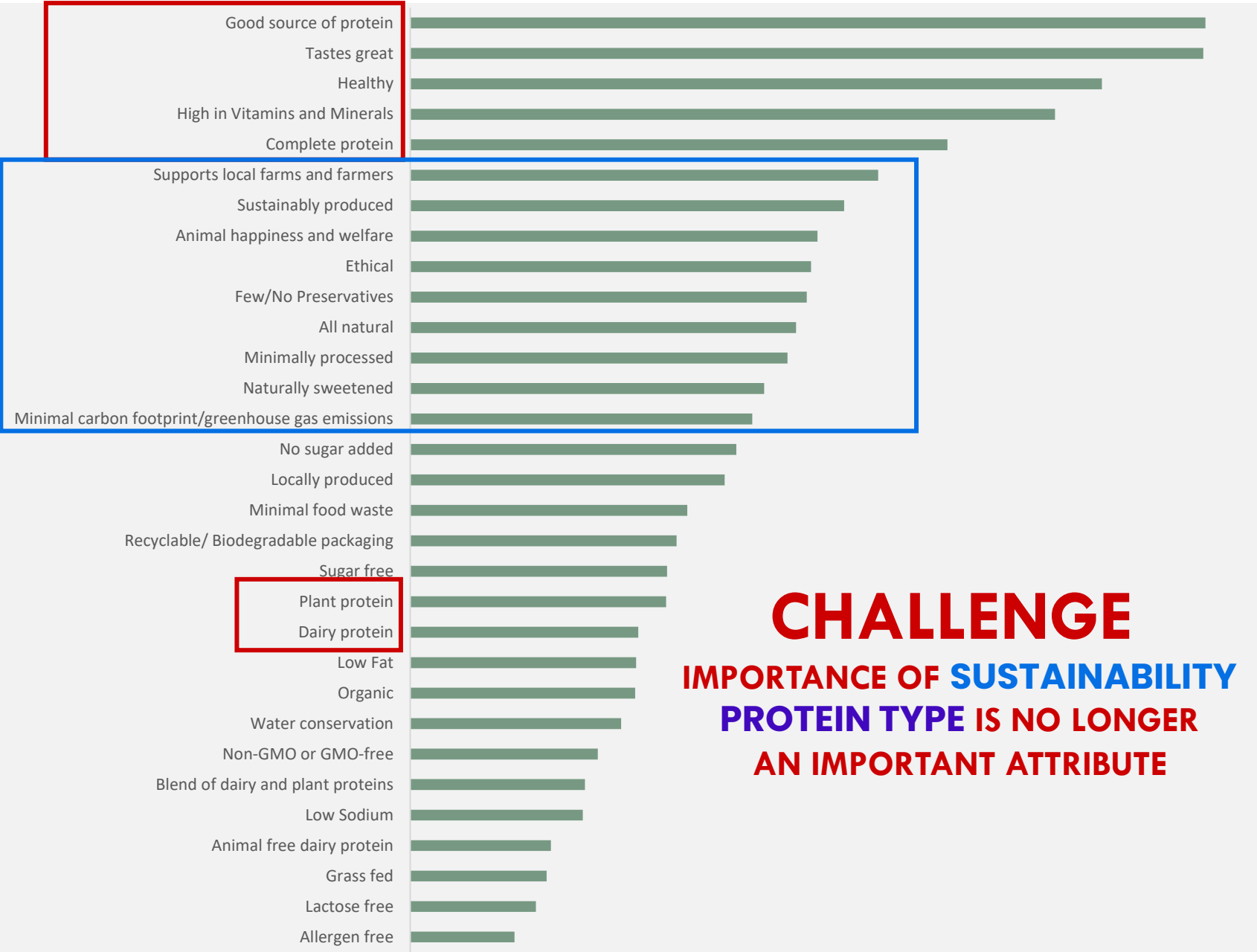


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Increased interest in sustainability



CHALLENGE
IMPORTANCE OF **SUSTAINABILITY**
PROTEIN TYPE IS NO LONGER
AN IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTE

CHALLENGES



Challenge: Rising interest in sustainability plays to plants

What is sustainability to the consumer?



Packaging



Animal Welfare



**Environmental
Impacts**



**Simple/Minimal
Ingredients**

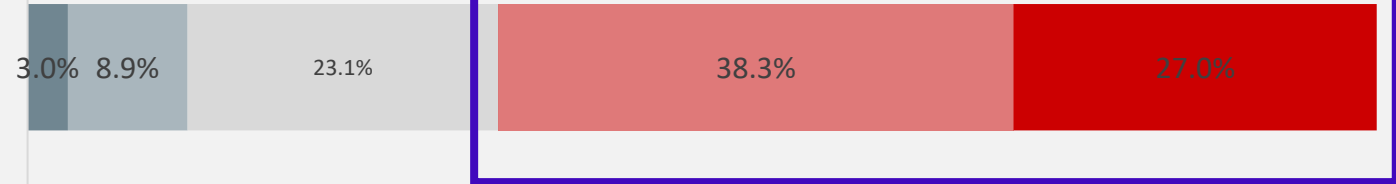
Organic more sustainable than conventional
Plant source universally perceived as more sustainable
No effect for GMO/non-GMO

Schiano et al. 2020 JDS

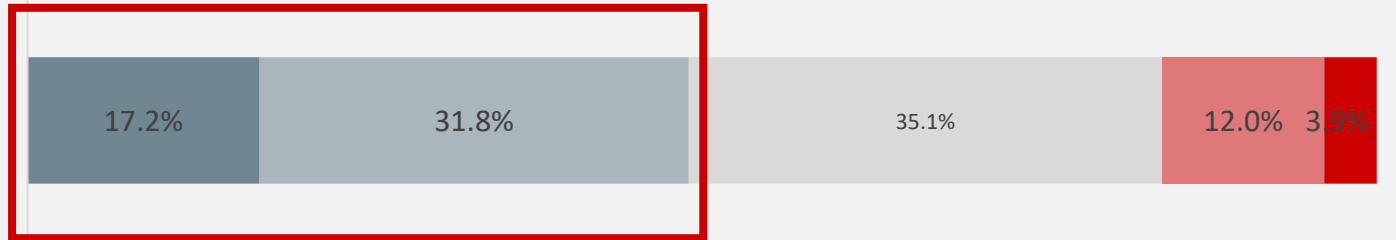


Challenge: What consumers believe...

US agriculture is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions



The US dairy industry is ethical and transparent



■ strongly disagree ■ disagree ■ unsure ■ agree ■ strongly agree

N=541 consumers, 2022



Challenge: What Consumers don't know

2%

of consumers
know
**fluid milk
composition**

36%

of consumers think
**Whey protein is
Plant Protein**

22.7g

consumer belief
of
**'Good Source' of
Protein'**
(5-9.5g)

29.6g

consumer belief
of
**'High Source
of Protein'**
(10g)

?

consumers cannot
define **Complete
Protein**

N=1210 consumers, 2020

N=536 consumers, 2021





Age demographics correlate with dairy knowledge

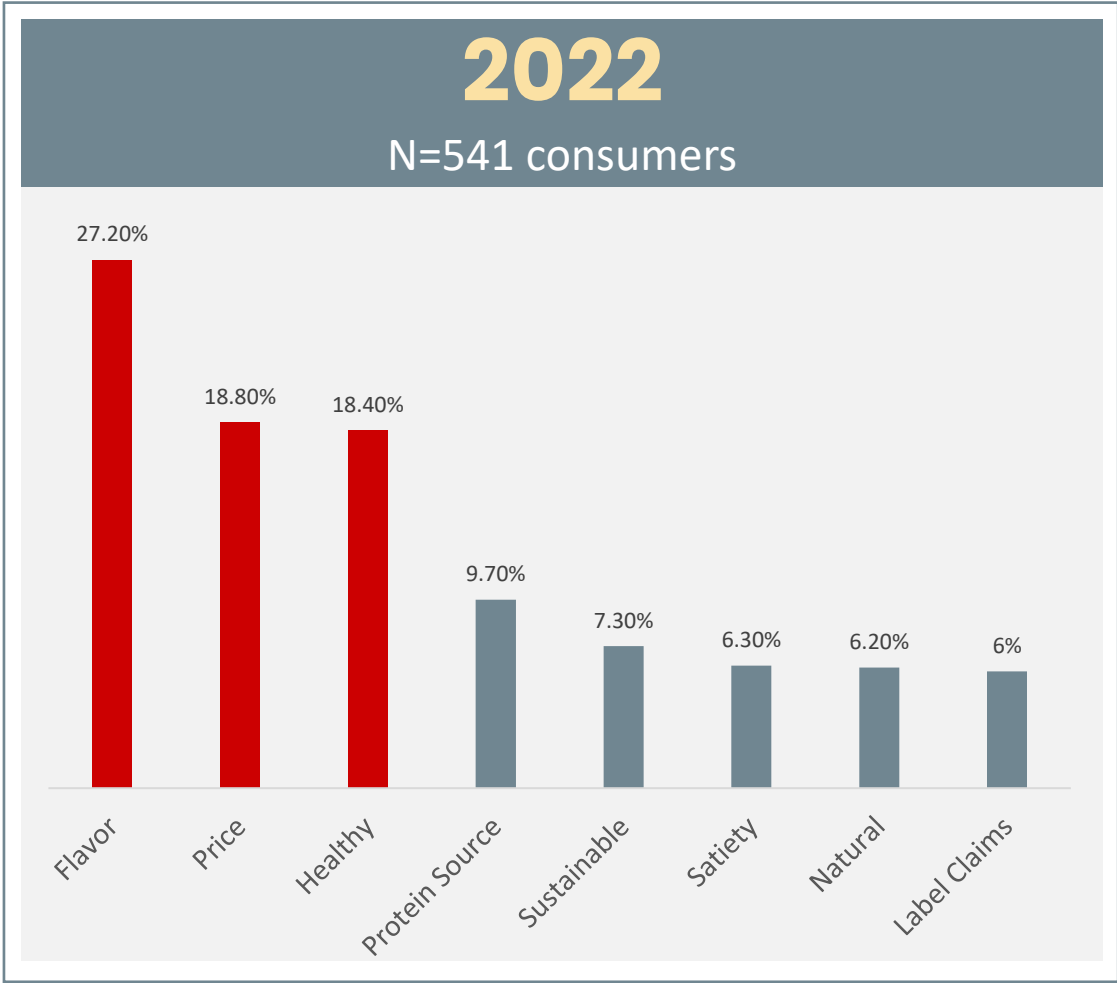
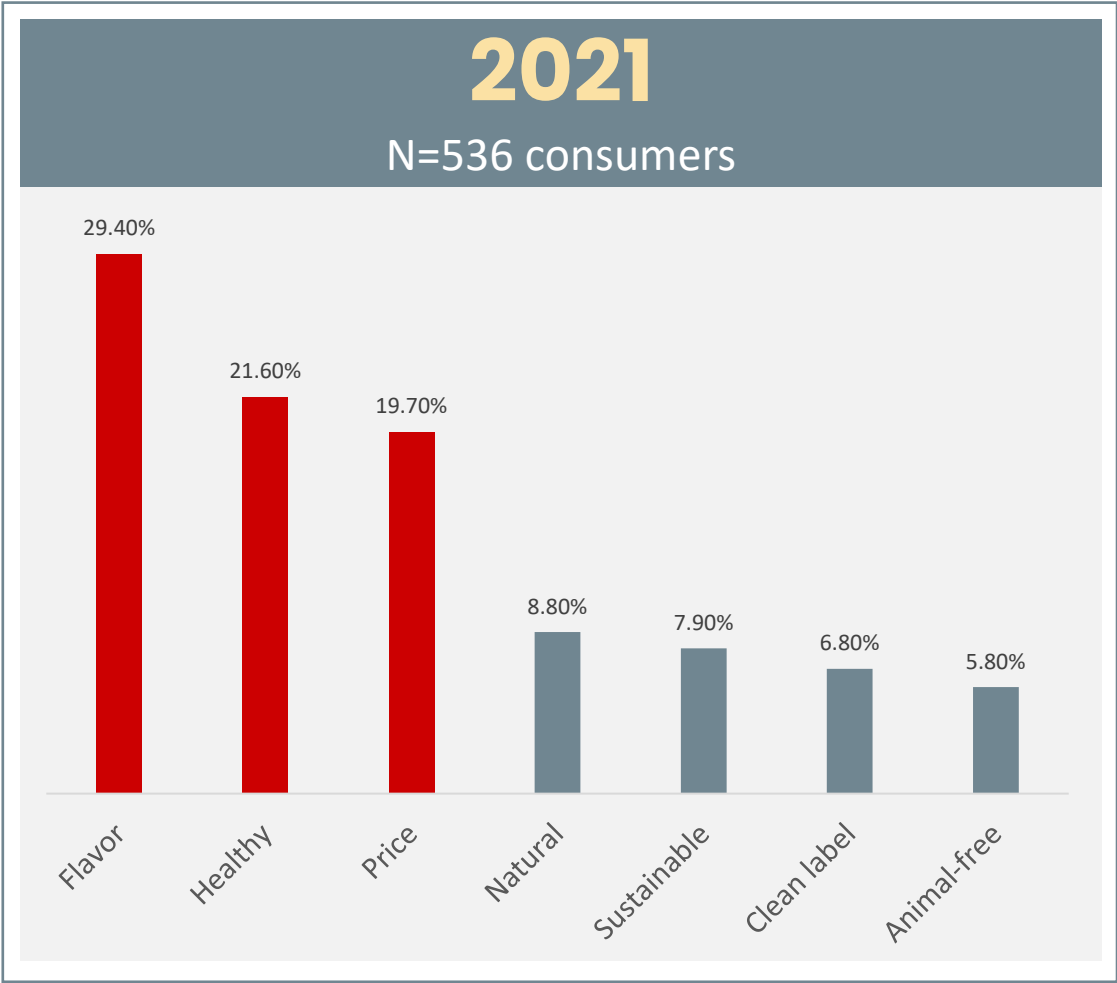
Older consumers (Boomers/Silent Generation members) and **consumers with advanced or professional degrees** have a better understanding of dairy products and dairy proteins

CHALLENGE

Call to action for younger consumers



Flavor, price and healthy still rule at the end of the day For now



Chip allocation questions: averages are based off a total sum of 100% for the combined attributes.

OPPORTUNITIES



L-leucine (Leu, L)



L-lysine (Lys, K)



L-valine (Val, V)



L-isoleucine (Ile, I)



L-threonine (Thr, T)



L-phenylalanine (Phe, F)



L-methionine (Met, M)



L-histidine (His, H)



L-tryptophan (Trp, W)

A large iceberg floats in a blue ocean under a sky with scattered white clouds. The visible tip of the iceberg is jagged and white, while the submerged portion is much larger, showing a textured, blue-tinted surface. A white bracket on the right side of the submerged part of the iceberg points towards the text below.

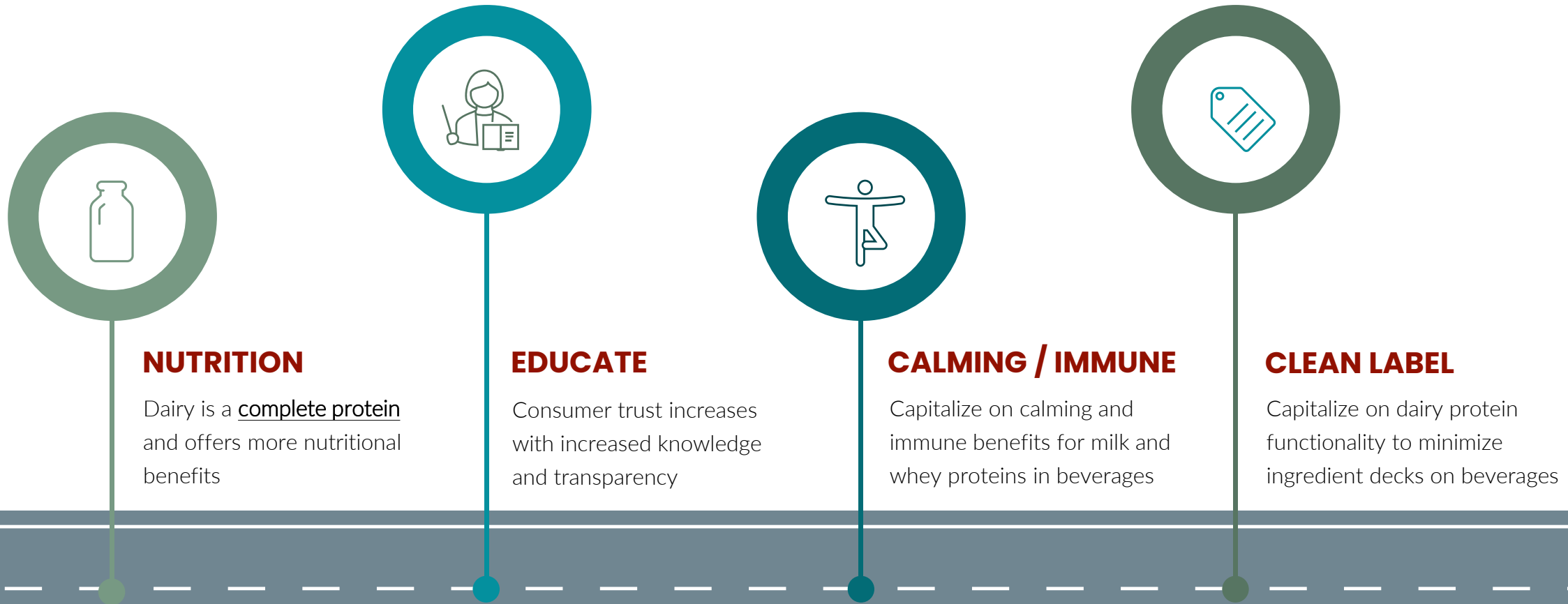
'Got Milk' is only getting us so far...

... there are many positive
benefits **INHERENT** to **Dairy** we
need to focus on and actively
educate and promote



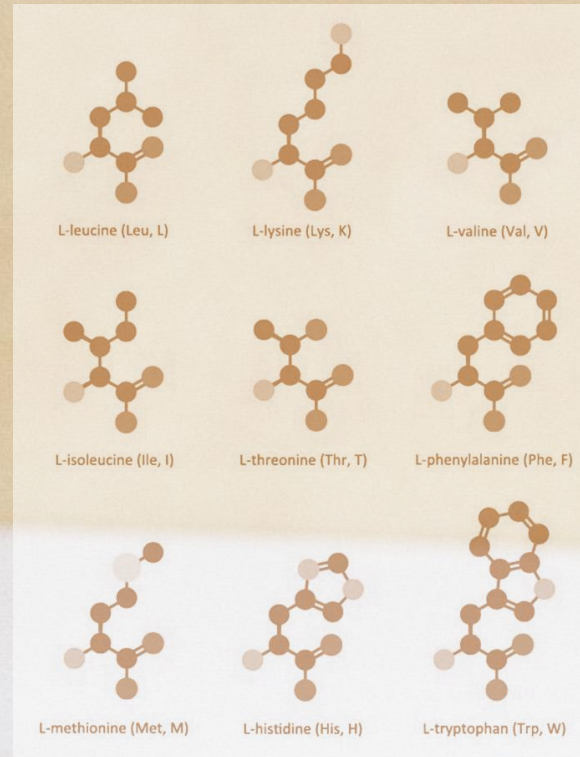
Roadmap for DAIRY Opportunities

'play to strengths'



OPPORTUNITY:

Complete Protein



- *'All the proteins on the market are complete. I don't think there are any incomplete proteins floating around.'*
- *'I kind of know, but I don't know how it's healthier. Does it really matter if this is complete?'*
- *'Maybe not processed. No additives make it complete. I don't know.'*
- *'I was an athlete. I don't remember. For some plants, they are not complete.'*
- *'I look for protein supplements. Don't think it matters on my choices.'*
- *'That's the amino acids. 7 or 9 amino acids. To be complete, you have to have all of them to be labeled as complete.'*

focus groups 2022



Complete Protein is a valuable indicator for dairy protein once consumers are educated of the definition

Opinion prior to Research

- *'I don't think there is technical definition. I think it's a marketing term'*
- *'If it comes from an animal (dairy) then it probably is more complete than a plant'*
- *'Because milk is [initially] for a calf and they need a lot to grow, I am assuming it is complete unless some of that is removed then making it into whey protein'*
- *'My friends who are really into protein always look at the back of labels and tell me that a mix of different proteins are healthier'*

Opinion post Research

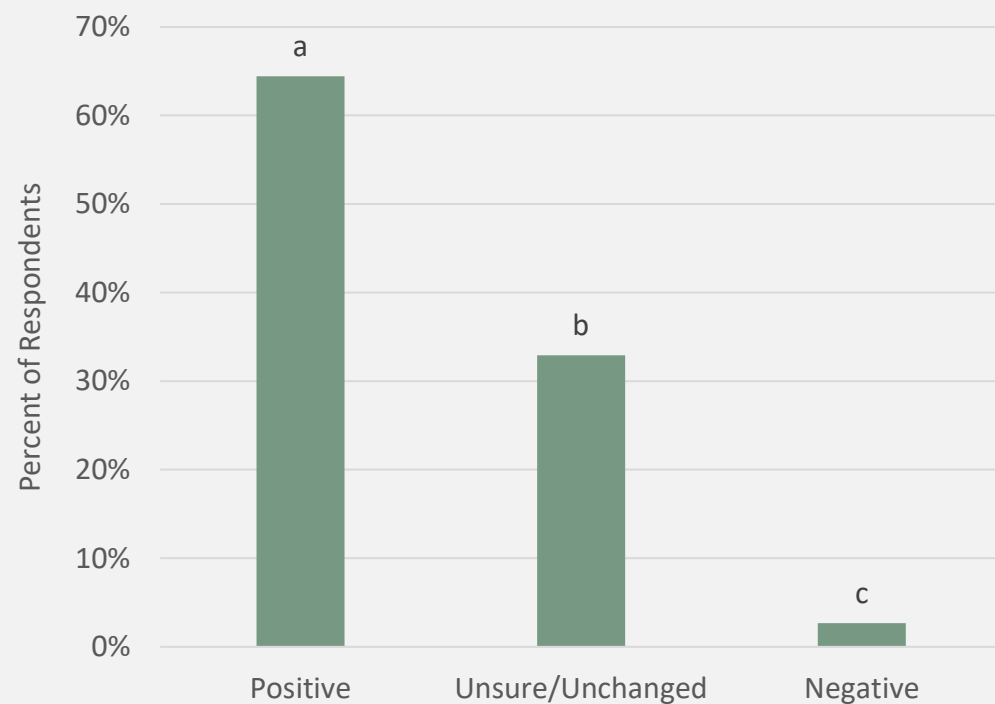
- *"Complete and incomplete it is pretty clear. There is a clear definition of it."*
- *Learning that dairy is a complete protein is a positive for consumers.*

focus groups 2022

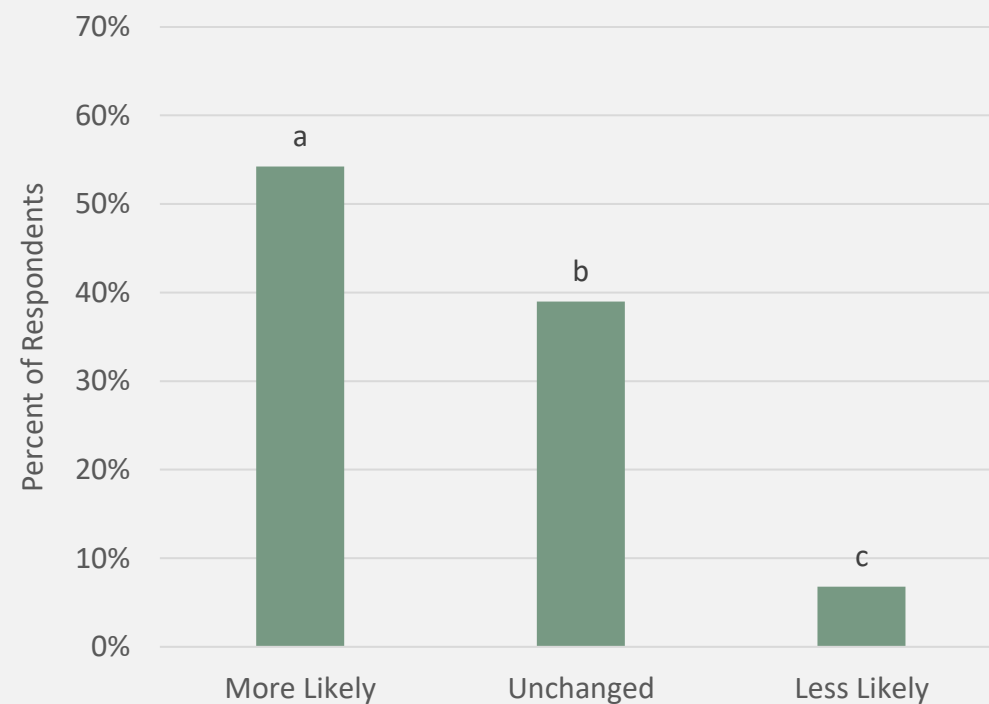


OPPORTUNITY: Education impacts beliefs

Post-Definition beliefs about ultrafiltered and microfiltered milk



Purchase intent for milk, cheese, or cultured dairy products assuming they would be made with ultrafiltered/microfiltered/filtered milk



N=1003 respondents unfamiliar with ultrafiltered/microfiltered milk before a definition was provided.



OPPORTUNITY:

Dairy beverages and dairy proteins can seize an opportunity in the current immune/calming need-state landscape

80% of Americans seeking immune boosting foods and supplements

(New York Post – SWNS, 2021)

1/3 of Americans have displayed clinical signs of anxiety, depression since pandemic began. (US Census Bureau, 2020)





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Scientific Article	7.8c
Tastes Great	7.8c
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Recommended by a Friend	6.1e
Tastes Indulgent	5.8e
Contains Melatonin	5.7ef
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Contains CBD (Cannabidiol)	4.3g
Contains Live and Active Cultures	4.3g
Contains Spice Ingredients (cinnamon, nutmeg, etc.)	4g
Contains Prebiotics	3.5h
Contains Honey as an Ingredient	3.3h
Creamy Mouthfeel	3.2h
Contains Alcohol	1.8i
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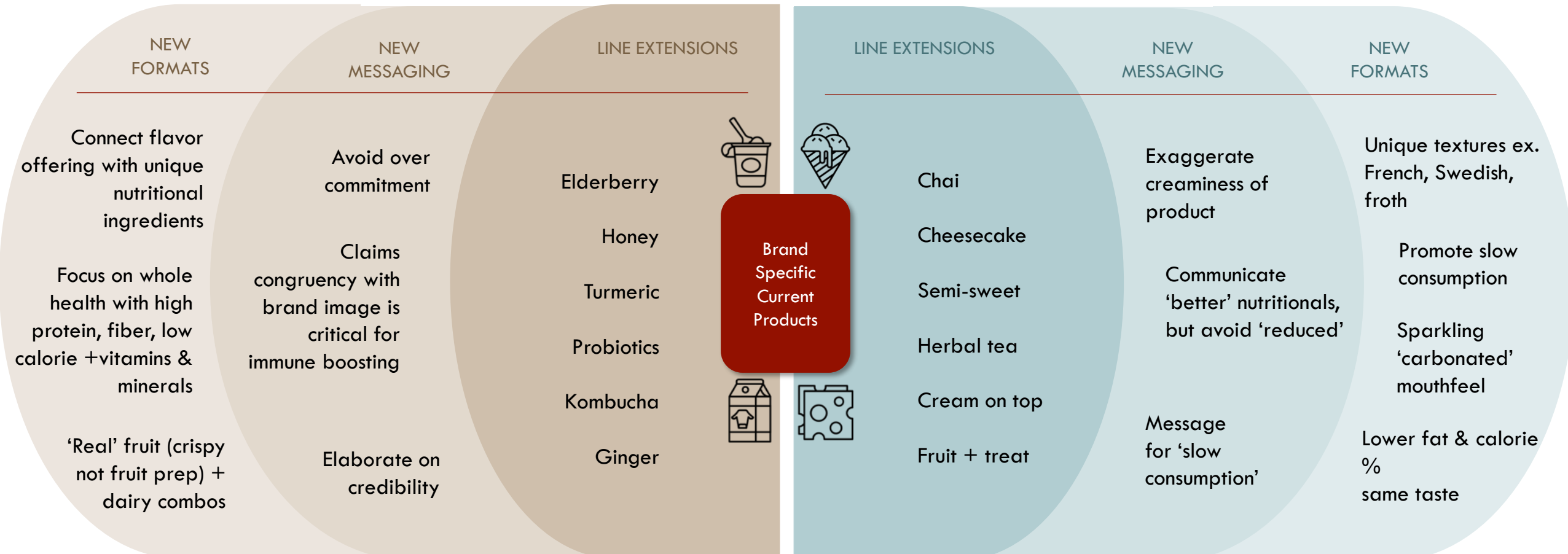
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Contains Prebiotics	3.5h
Contains Honey as an Ingredient	3.3h
Creamy Mouthfeel	3.2h
Contains Alcohol	1.8i
Newspaper/Magazine Article	1.7i
Online Article	1.7i
TV News Show Segment	1.1j
YouTube Video	0.5k
Recommended by a Social Media Personality	0.2k



OPPORTUNITY: Capitalize on the inherent properties of dairy foods

IMMUNE BOOSTING

CALMING



Calming & Immune are here to stay & there is opportunity to better satisfy need states with new dairy innovations.



OPPORTUNITY: High Demand on High Protein Products

- Global protein market valued at 38.5 million in 2020 and projected to grow
- Nutritional drinks market continue to grow steadily and have strong consumer penetration (Mintel, 2022)
- 42% of consumers are making eating healthy a higher priority as a result of COVID-19 (Mintel, 2020)
- 8.6 million conversations about protein (95% positive) across Instagram, Pinterest and Twitter from Oct 2019 to Sep 2020 (Infegy, 2020)



**But what
ingredients do
consumers want in
their high protein
beverages?**



Consumer Attitude to Protein Beverage Ingredients

MaxDiff Scaling &
Projective Mapping exercise
for appealing protein
beverage ingredients

2023

N=400 consumers

I would **LIKE** to
see this on the
ingredient list

I would **NOT**
LIKE to see this
on the
ingredient list

LIKING

FAMILIARITY

I have **NEVER**
HEARD OF
this ingredient

I am **VERY**
FAMILIAR with
this ingredient



Consumer Attitude to Protein Beverage Ingredients

PROTEINS

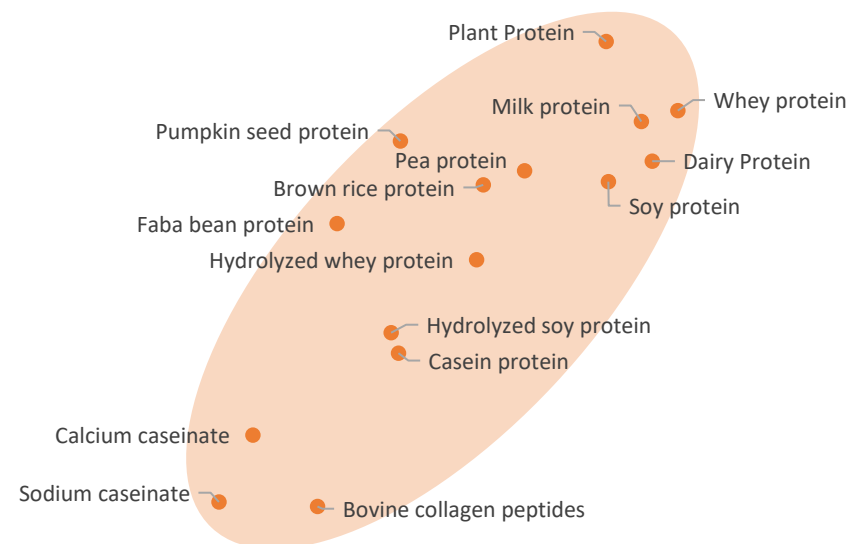
Plant protein	53.6a
Whey protein	48.9b
Milk protein	43.5c
Pumpkin seed protein	42.7cd
Dairy protein	41.8cd
Pea protein	39.3de
Brown rice protein	35.8ef
Soy protein	33.6f
Faba bean protein	28.1g
Hydrolyzed whey protein	26.0g
Casein protein	20.0h
Calcium caseinate	17.3h
Hydrolyzed soy protein	16.5h
Bovine collagen peptides	8.4i
Sodium caseinate	6.5i

**DAIRY &
PLANT**

I would **LIKE** to see this on the ingredient list

I would **NOT LIKE** to see this on the ingredient list

PROTEINS



As familiarity increases, liking also increases

I have **NEVER HEARD OF** this ingredient

I am **VERY FAMILIAR** with this ingredient



Consumer Attitude to Protein Beverage Ingredients

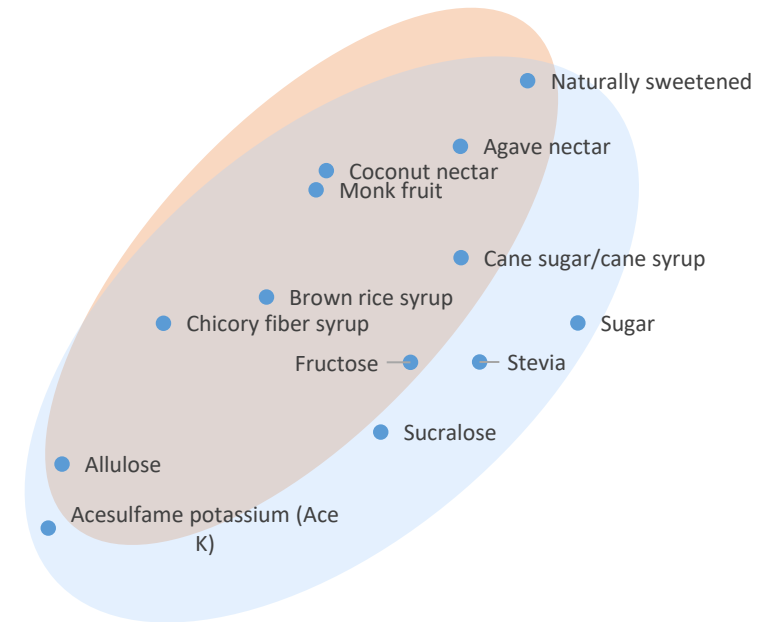
SWEETENERS

Naturally sweetened	56.8a
Agave nectar	49.5b
Monk fruit	41.6c
Cane sugar/cane syrup	39.7c
Coconut nectar	39.4c
Sugar	33.0d
Brown rice syrup	27.0e
Stevia	23.7ef
Chicory fiber syrup	20.0fg
Fructose	17.1g
Sucralose	12.4h
Allulose	12.0h
Acesulfame potassium (Ace K)	-0.2i

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Consumer Attitude to Protein Beverage Ingredients

THICKENERS

Vegetable fiber	57.4a
Tapioca fiber	49.6b
Rice flour	49.5b
Pea starch	46.5bc
Tapioca starch	46.3bc
Rice starch	43.7cd
Soy fiber	40.9de
Chicory root fiber	40.4de
Chicory fiber	39.8de
Soy flour	37.7ef
Agar	35.2fg
Corn fiber	35.2fg
Enriched flour	32.4gh
Soluble corn fiber	32.0gh
Acacia gum	29.4h
Locust bean gum	20.8i
Cellulose gum	19.8ij
Cellulose gel	19.1ijk
Inulin	17.2ijk
Carrageenan	15.9jk
Gellan gum	15.3k

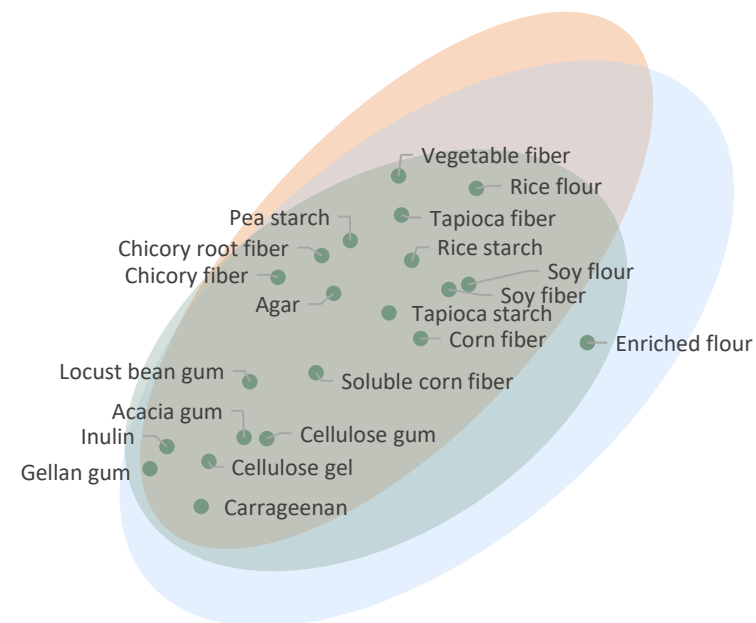
FIBERS & STARCHES

GUM & GELS

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THICKENERS



Less familiarity = less differentiation in liking

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Consumer Attitude to Protein Beverage Ingredients

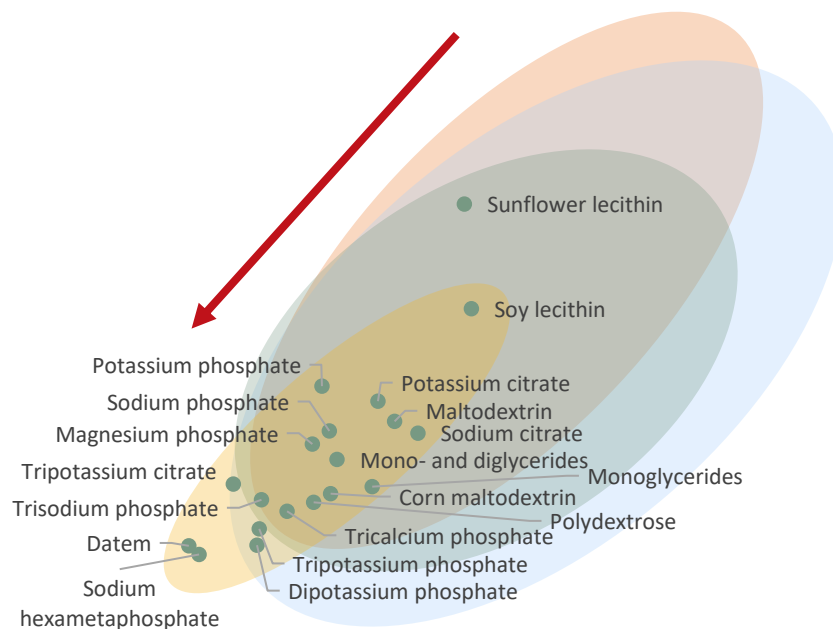
STABILIZERS

Sunflower lecithin	68.5a
Soy lecithin	49.6b
Potassium citrate	48.2bc
Potassium phosphate	45.6bc
Magnesium phosphate	43.9c
Sodium citrate	38.9d
Monoglycerides	35.3de
Corn maltodextrin	34.5de
Tripotassium citrate	34.4def
Maltodextrin	34.2defg
Tricalcium phosphate	34.0efg
Sodium phosphate	33.6efg
Dipotassium phosphate	31.5efg
Mono- and diglycerides	31.1efg
Tripotassium phosphate	29.6fg
Polydextrose	29.4g
Trisodium phosphate	23.8h
Datam	22.5h
Sodium hexametaphosphate	12.6i
Anchor	0.0j

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STABILIZERS



But even less familiarity = less liking

Consumers don't want these ingredients

I have **NEVER HEARD OF** this ingredient

I am **VERY FAMILIAR** with this ingredient



Protein beverages and consumer desires

- Desirable flavor, texture, appearance, and clean label/simple ingredients are key consumer attributes that dairy proteins can deliver
 - Understand how processing parameters impact **flavor** of beverages
 - Understand how processing parameters impact **functionality** of beverages
 - Understand how added ingredients affect beverage functionality and build functionality of milk components to eliminate the need for other added ingredients



**Fluid Milk
Beverages**



**Protein
Beverages**



Milk research continuum

**A PLATFORM
APPROACH**

MILK BEVERAGE PLATFORM



Milk Beverage Platform

LOOKING BACK

The influence of UP by indirect versus direct steam injection on skim and 2% milk (Lee et al. 2017)

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MILK BEVERAGES

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REPRESENTING THE DAIRY BEST



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REPRESENTING THE DAIRY BEST





Delivering desirable milk beverages

1

Understand how reducing
sugar
impacts acceptance

- The role of sugar reduction on flavor and acceptance of school lunch milk

School lunch chocolate milk that tastes great and has low or no added sugar!

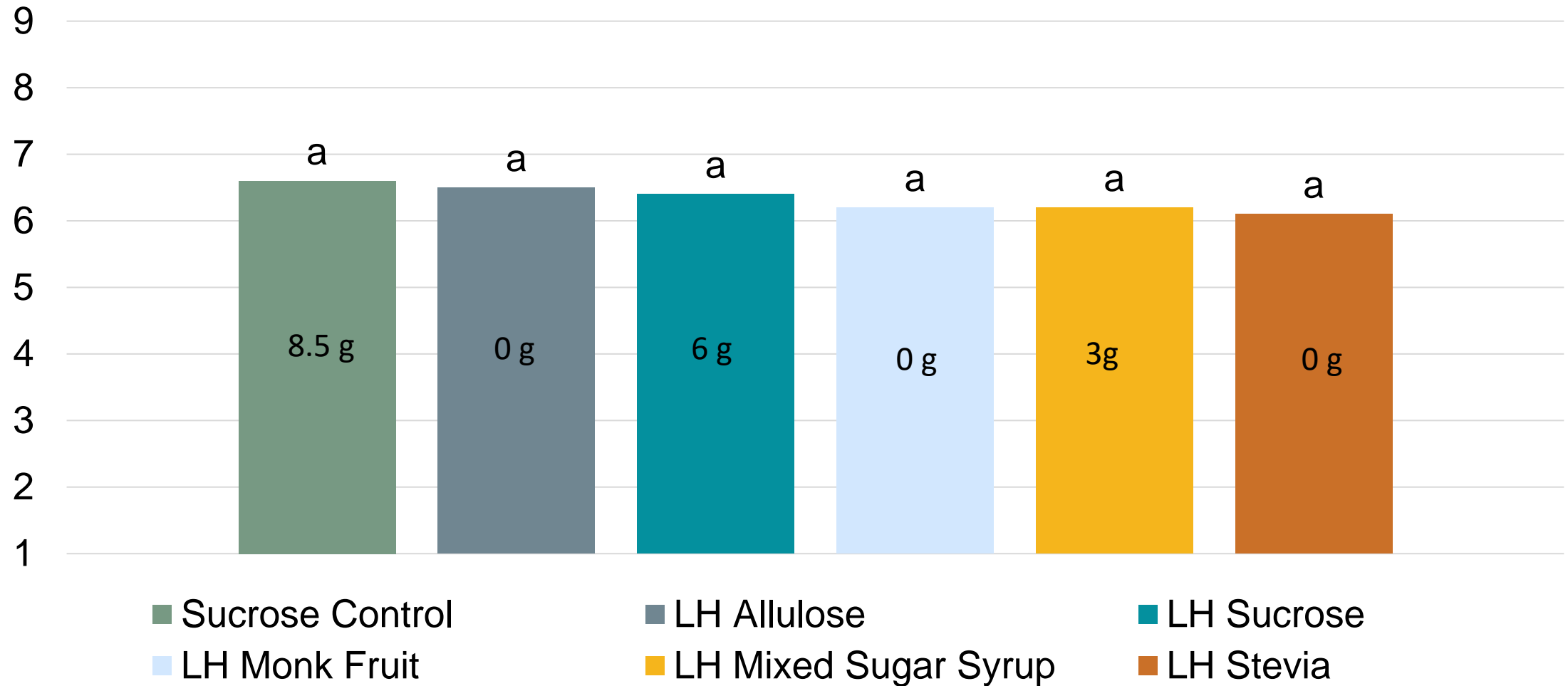
OBJECTIVE

Reduce sugar in school lunch chocolate milk

240 mL serving = 8.5 g added sugar

Consumer Acceptance of lactose *hydrolyzed* chocolate milks

School
Chocolate
Milk



N=160

LH = Lactose Hydrolyzed

Practical Application



Great tasting school lunch milk that is lactose free and has no added sugar

Delivering desirable milk beverages



1

Understand how reducing
sugar
impacts acceptance

- The role of sugar reduction on flavor and acceptance of school lunch milk

2

Understand how package
and storage impact
aseptic milk flavor

- The role of package and storage temperature on flavor of aseptic milk

Improving the flavor of aseptic milk

OBJECTIVE

Determine the impact of storage temperature of 1% aseptic milk on physical and sensory properties

Aseptic milk receives a similar DSI time/temp to ultrapasteurized milk but tastes quite distinct

- Are the differences due to storage time or storage temperature?
- Aseptic milk is filled warm and not cooled; UP milk is filled and chilled

Accomplishing this experiment, was no small effort

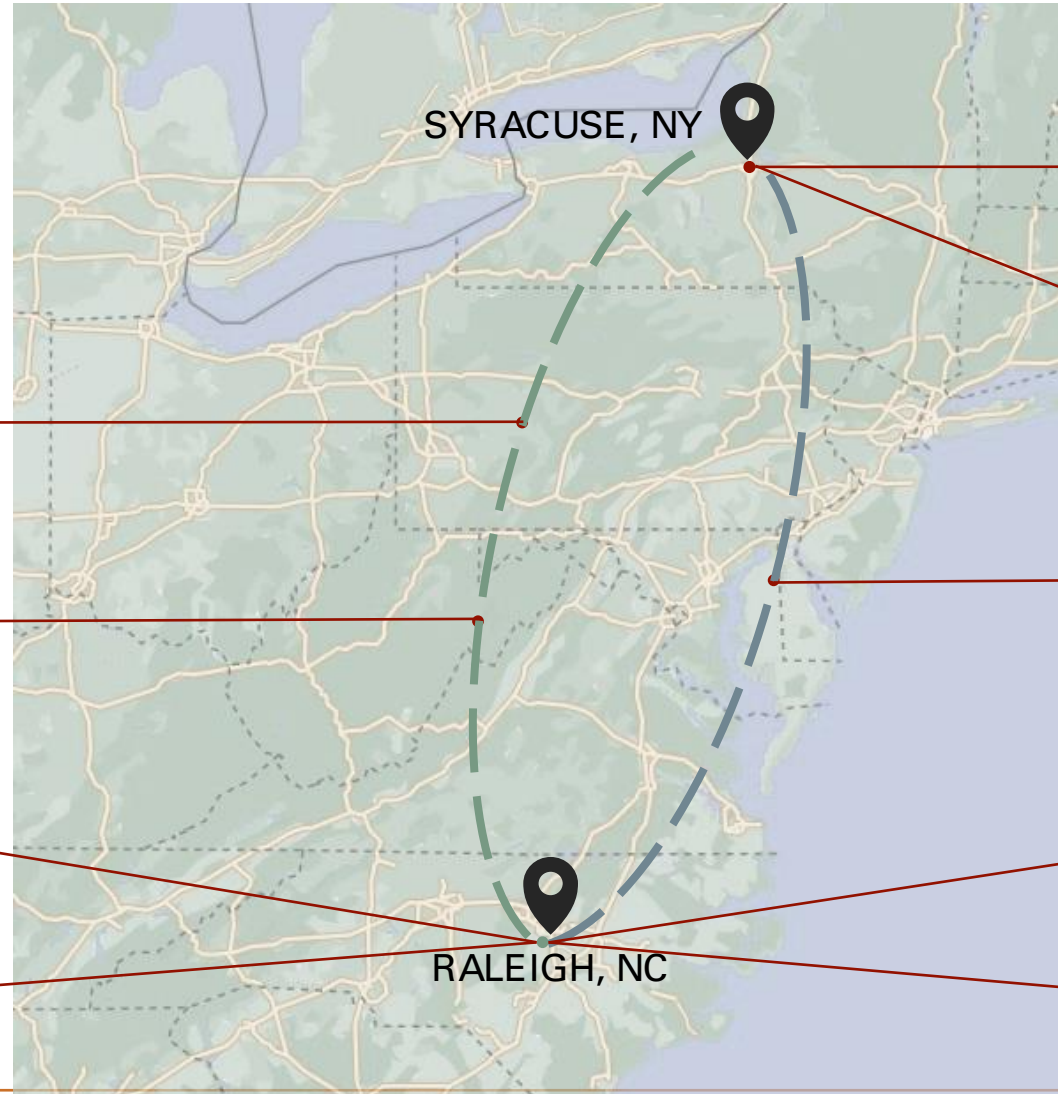
To ensure variables
(time & temp post aseptic fill) were
protected, special care with many
dedicated man hours was required

11hr drive
to Syracuse

Repeat for
REPLICATION 2!

Configure Logistics:
15 coolers, 1 rental van,
2 drivers, lots of snacks!

Wait for 'GO' call...



1 Identify a Supplier: Aseptic
milk right from filler (Byrne
Dairy)

5 Load 200 tetra bricks
for 4C and RT transport

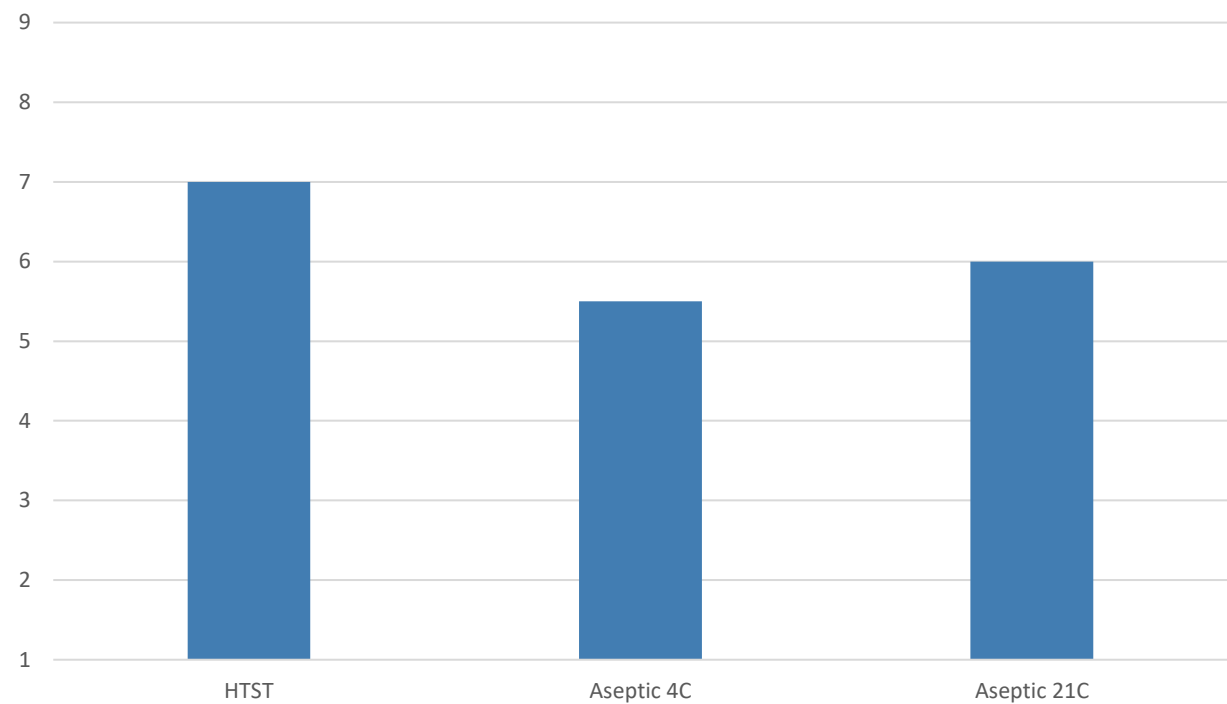
6 11hr drive to Raleigh
maintaining temp & product
safety

7 Unload and store 200
tetra bricks at NCSU

9 Analytical, DA & CLT for timepoints
across
18m storage

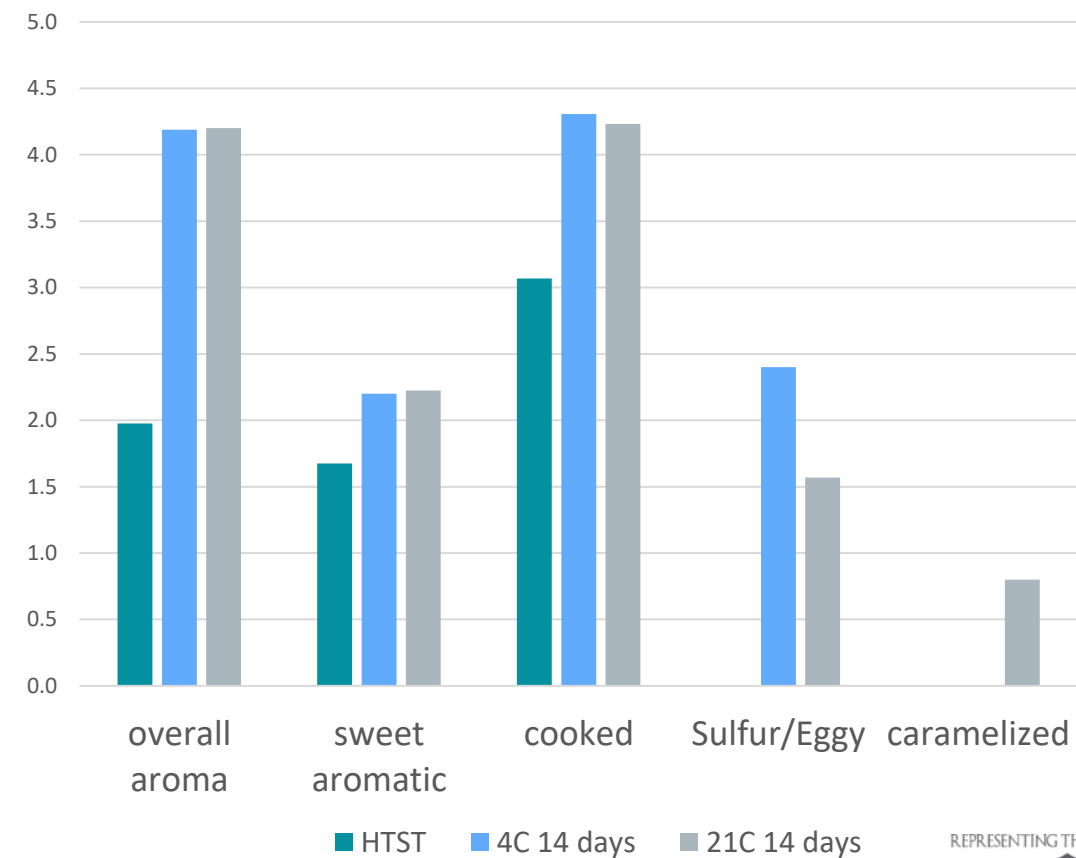
Aseptic milk flavor at 14 days

overall liking



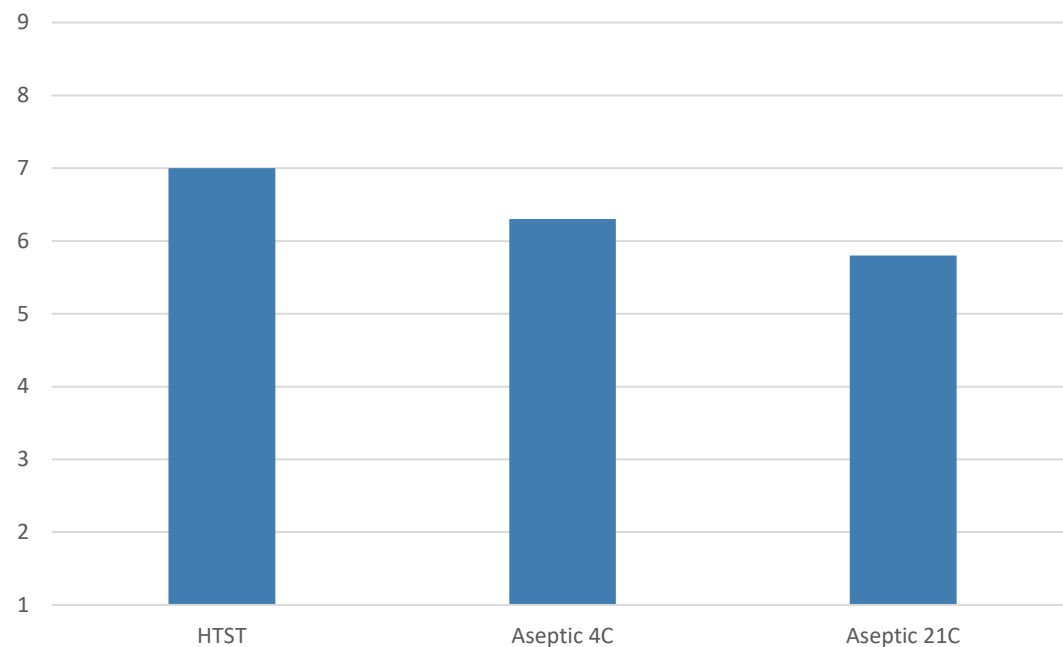
N=200 milk consumers

Trained Panel 14 days



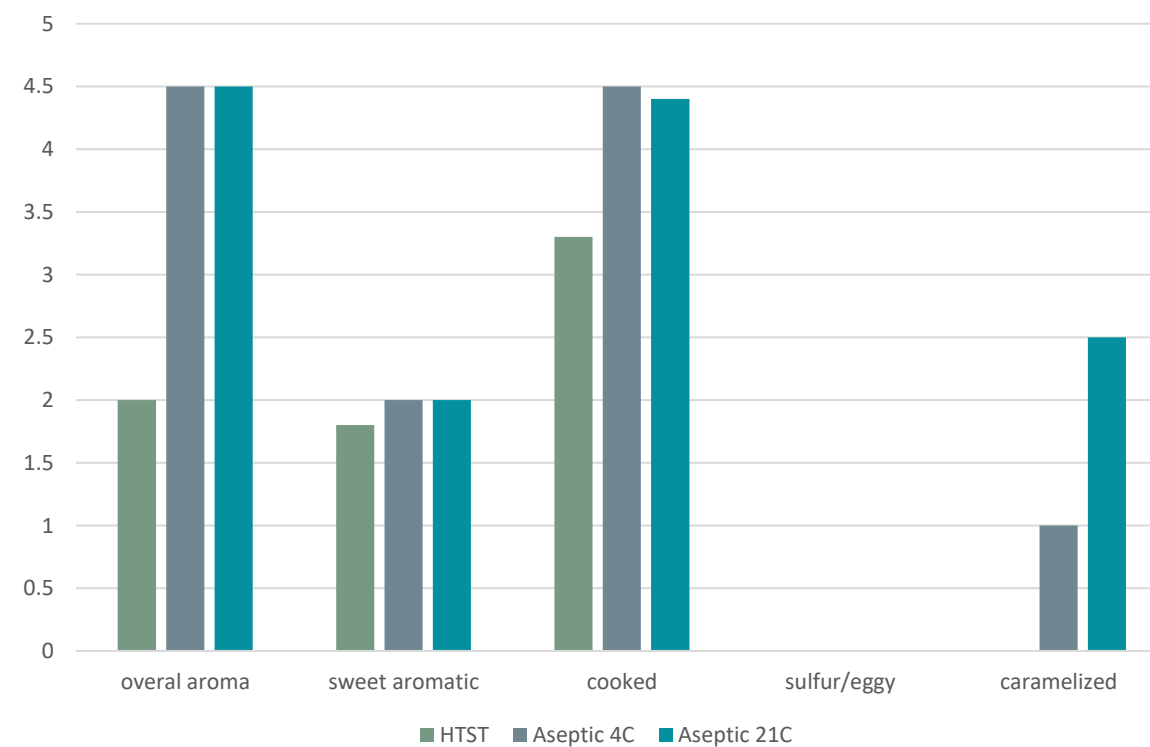
Aseptic milk flavor at 6 mo

overall liking 6 mo

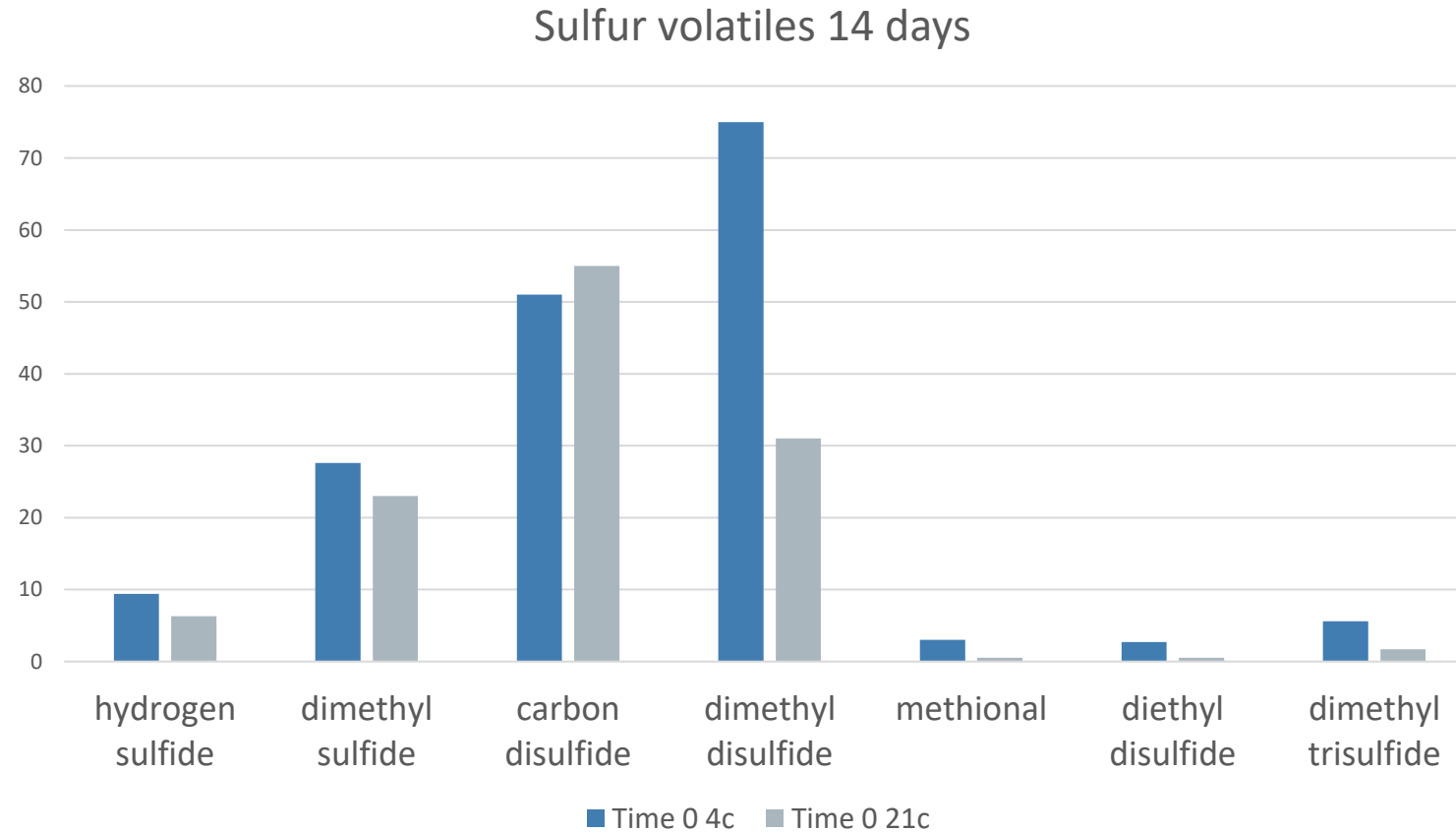


N=200 milk consumers

Trained Panel 6 mo



Sulfur volatiles impacted by storage temperature



Practical Application



Shelf stable milk that tastes great and meets consumer needs for convenience and sustainability

Delivering desirable milk beverages



1

Understand how reducing
sugar
impacts acceptance

- The role of **sugar reduction** on flavor and acceptance of school lunch milk

2

Understand how package
and storage impact
aseptic milk flavor

- The role of package and storage temperature on flavor of **aseptic milk**

3

Understand how
processing and
composition
impact flavor

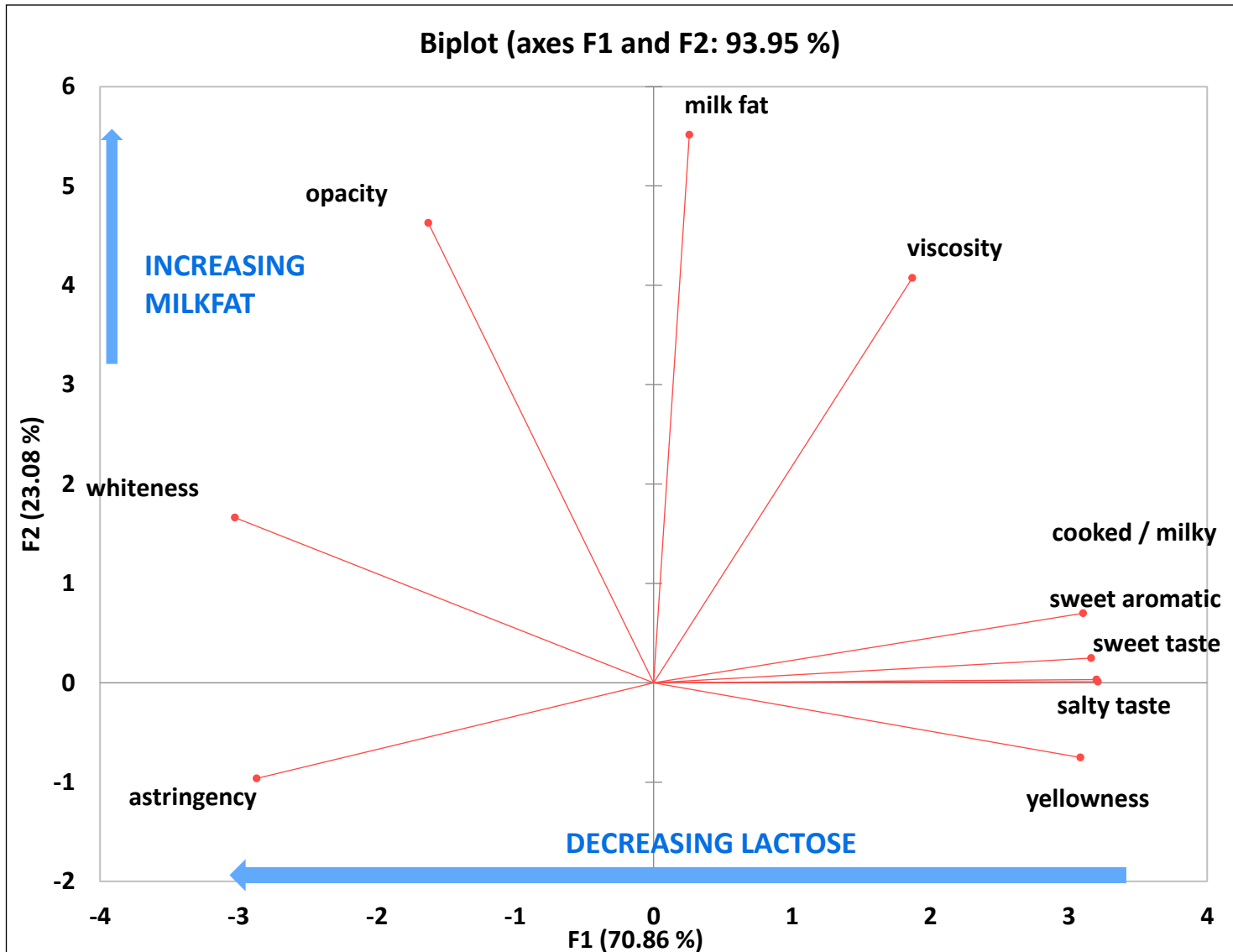
- The role of **complete lactose removal, fat and protein** on physical and sensory properties of milk beverages

Milk beverages that are lactose free

OBJECTIVE

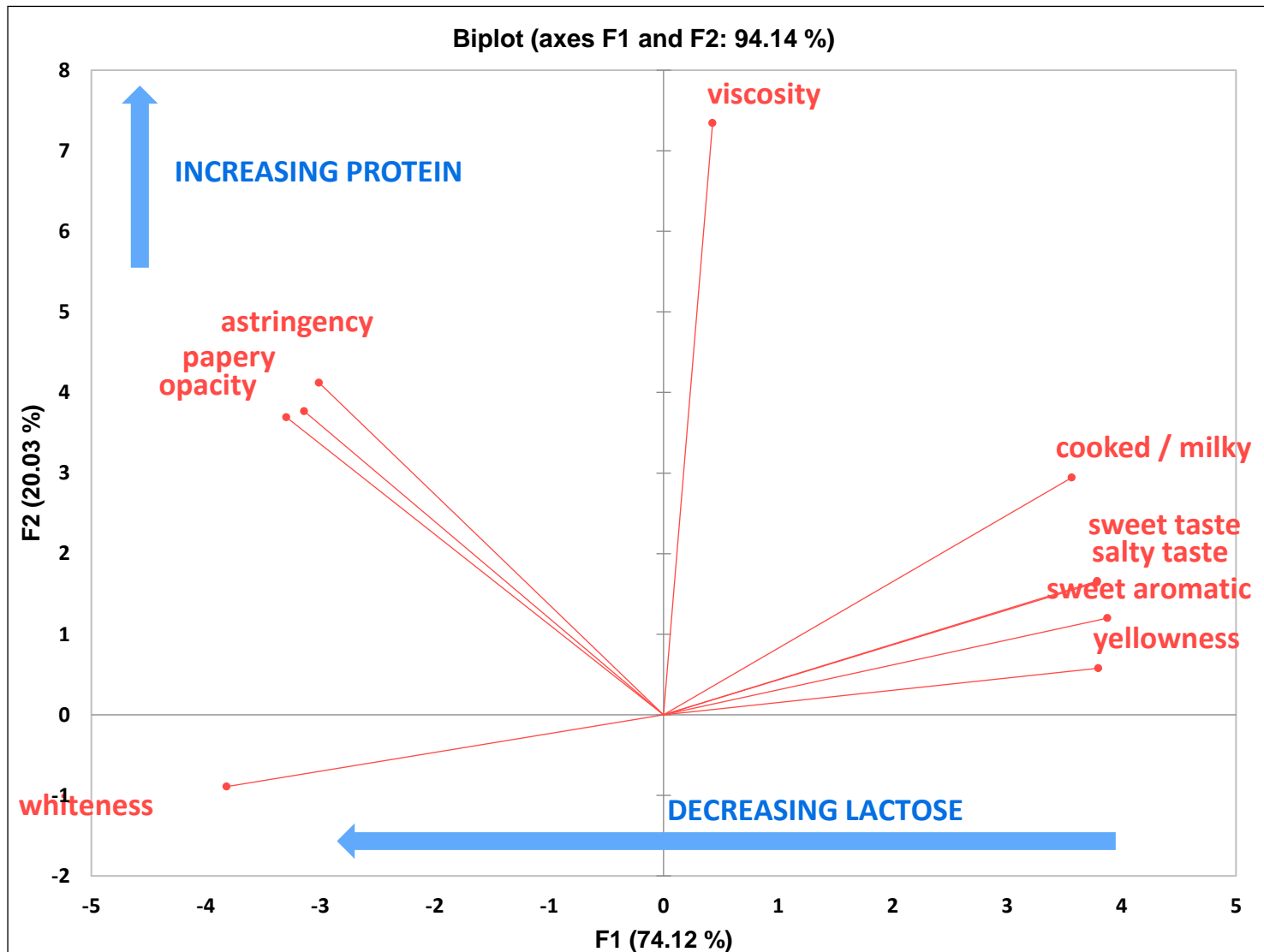
Determine the impact of full lactose **removal by UF**, fat and protein on sensory and physical properties of milk

Exp. 1 – Fat impacts flavor & appearance



- Lactose removal increased appearance/whiteness and astringent mouthfeel
- Lactose removal decreased cooked/milky, sweet aromatic, sweet and salty tastes
- As milkfat percentage increased so did milkfat, cooked/milky and viscosity

Exp. 2 – Protein impacts flavor & appearance



- Lactose removal increased whiteness and astringency
- Lactose removal decreased cooked/milky, sweet aromatic, sweet and salty tastes
- As protein percentage increased so did opacity, papery, viscosity, and astringency

Practical Application



Lactose free milk beverages can be manufactured by removal of lactose using ultrafiltration (UF)

- Produce a wide range of sensory properties and nutrients to consume as-is or as a lactose free (and sugar free) base for manufacture of flavored milks.

DAIRY PROTEIN BEVERAGE PLATFORM



Dairy Protein Beverage Platform

LOOKING BACK

Effect of dairy protein type (MPC and MCC) on beverage flavor and physiochemical properties (Vogel et al. 2021)

Viscosity and gel formation of MCC (Dunn et al. 2021)

Effect of MCC purity on sulfur eggy flavor in protein beverages (Whitt, Pranata et al. 2022)

DAIRY PROTEIN BEVERAGES

LOOKING FORWARD

Role of mineral composition, pH and added minerals on heat stability of milk protein

Dipotassium phosphate impact on milk beverage viscosity and color (Hoyt and Pranata et al.)

The impact of hot and cold UF on mineral balance and heat stability on MPC (Truong et al.)

Physical properties heat stability of lactose free micellar casein concentrated model beverages

The role of retort vs. DSI UP on physical and sensory qualities of protein beverages (Liu et al.)

Delivering desirable protein beverages

1

Understand how
processing impacts flavor

- Dipotassium phosphate
impact on beverage
physical properties



Protein Beverage Additives

Often added to improve mouthfeel and heat stability

Consumers do not want these ingredients!

Common additives

Calcium Chelators

Bind calcium and prevent protein aggregation (de Kort et al., 2012)

Hydrocolloids

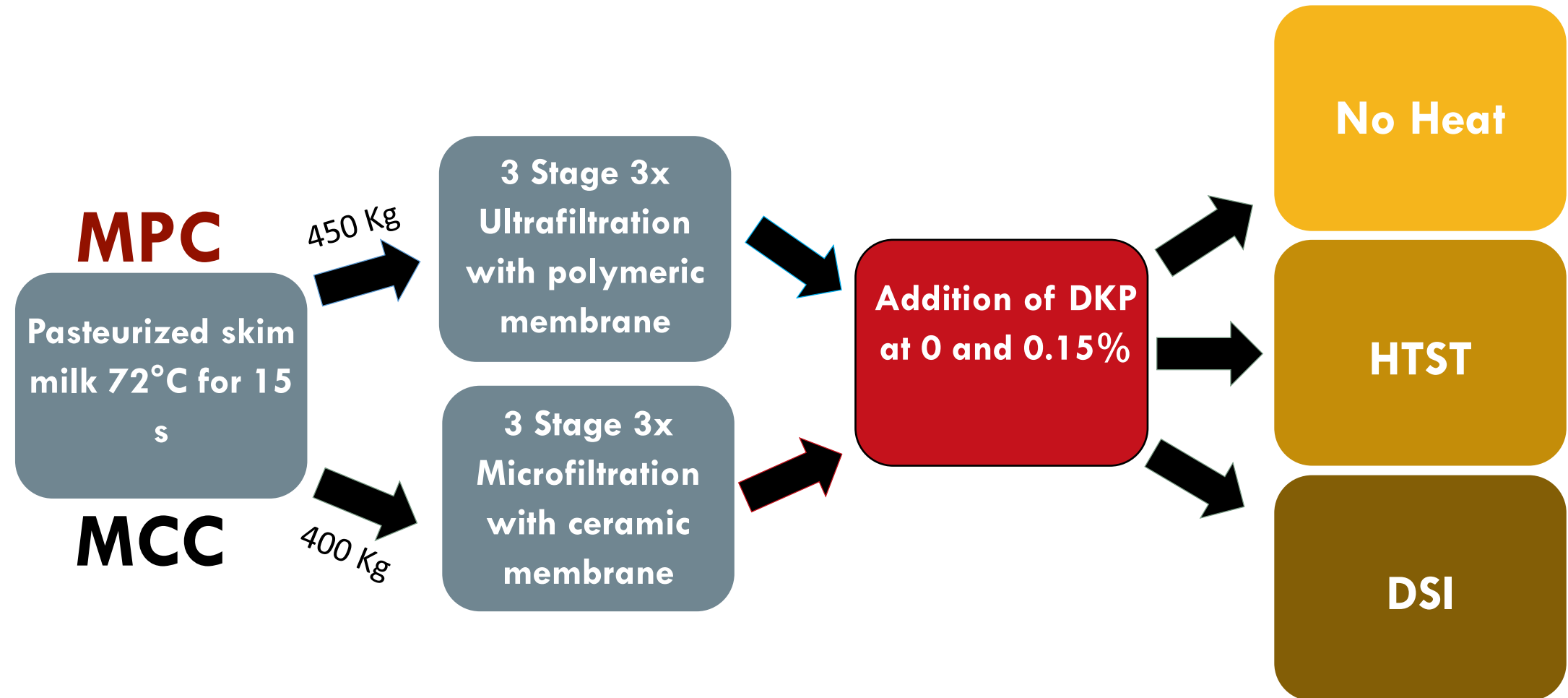
Group of polysaccharides and proteins that either provide texture (thickening agent) or produce a gel network (gelling agent) that can suspend small particles and can increase viscosity of a food system (Fallourd and Viscione, 2009; Williams and Phillips, 2009)

Dipotassium phosphate

(**DKP**: K_2HPO_4) is a common ingredient used in dairy creamers processed under UHT conditions to prevent changes in coagulation (National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2022)



Experimental Design



These experiments were done in duplicate

Beverage Processing

No Heat

- Beverages received no heat treatment after filtration and addition of DKP

HTST Processing

- 72°C for 15 seconds

DSI Processing

- 140°C for 2.3 seconds



Practical application and future work

The findings from the study may be useful for beverage manufacturers in the formulation of clean label dairy protein beverages. **DKP is not needed at 7.5% protein.**



Future work

- The role of phosphates and other salts in high protein beverages
- Clean label approaches to control viscosity and protein aggregate particle size in shelf-stable high protein milk based beverages.

A photograph of a cow grazing in a field, partially obscured by a diagonal white line that separates it from the red background.

OPPORTUNITIES: Moving Forward

Tremendous opportunities exist for positioning of dairy foods to deliver what consumers **STILL** want

- **Flavor and functionality**
- **Minimal ingredients/clean label**
- Nutrition
- Education, messaging, positioning



A photograph of a black and white cow grazing in a green field under a blue sky. The image is partially obscured by a red diagonal graphic element that serves as a background for the text.

Dairy Beverage Platform: Moving Forward

Ongoing work:

- Clean label milk and milk protein beverages
 - Processing parameters to optimize flavor and functionality
- Consumer messaging:
 - Clean label
 - Local
 - Dairy Education (virtual vs on farm)

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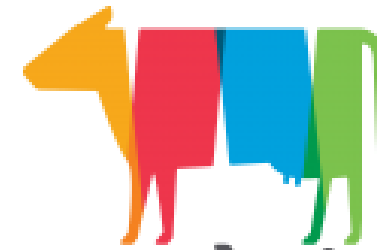
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Center**

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DAIRY MANAGEMENT INC.™



PIONEERS BY NATURE

dairy west



**THE DAIRY
ALLIANCE**



A dirt road splits into two paths, leading towards a horizon where the sun is setting or rising, creating a golden glow. The sky is filled with scattered clouds, some of which are illuminated by the low sun, giving them a warm, orange and yellow hue. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of choice and forward movement.

Creating new paths forward for the Dairy Industry

Geri Berdak
Farrah Newberry
The Dairy Alliance

Cover today...



**THE DAIRY
ALLIANCE**

- Our role in creating new paths forward for the Dairy Industry
- And demand for our milk
- Our 2022 progress
....and 2023 focus

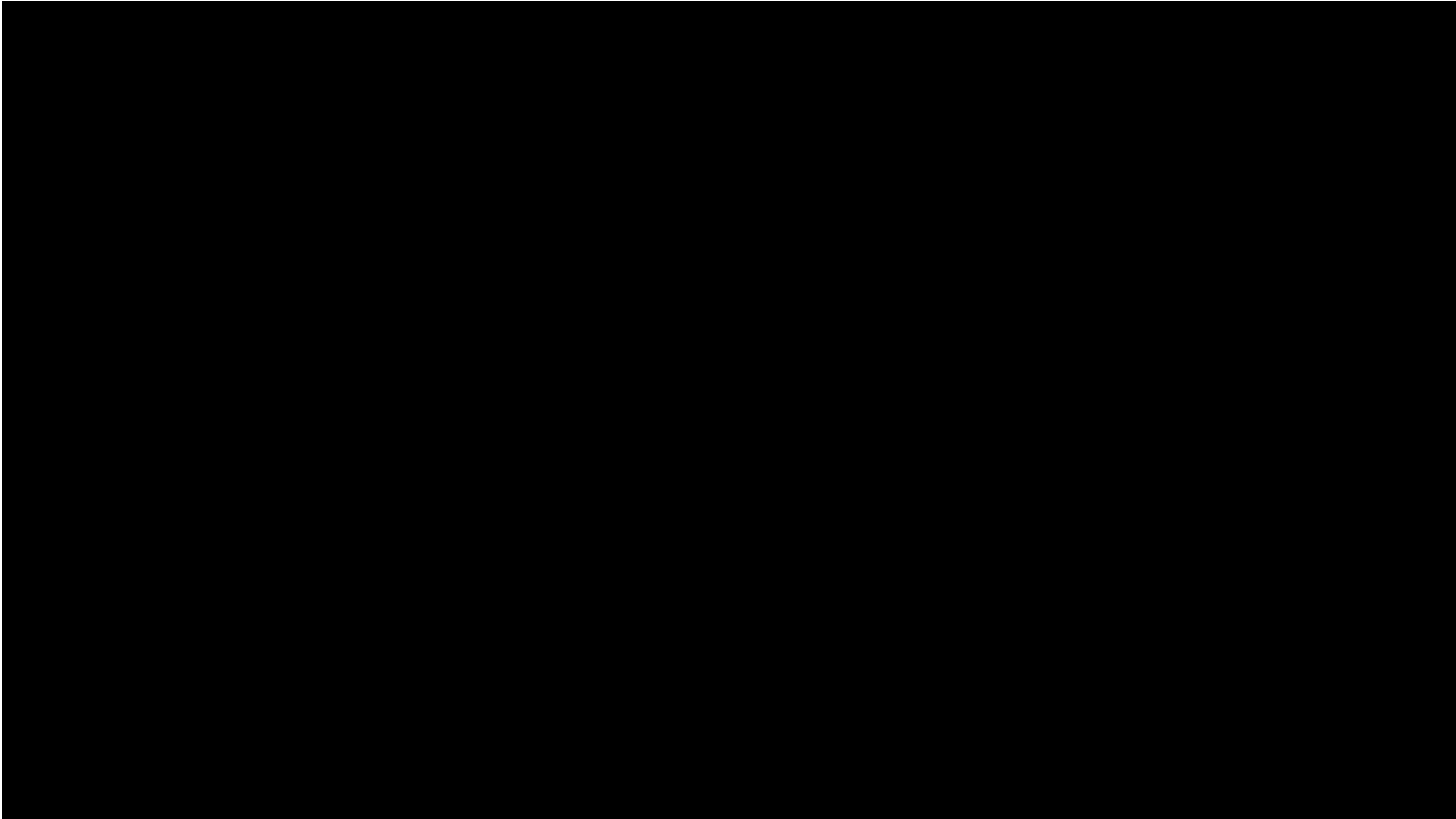
But first, How about those Dawgs?!!



Milkman The Mailman Delivers

We staged an event around Stetson Bennett changing his nickname from the Mailman to the Milkman, and help him launch his new persona, creating content throughout the process.





Own, live and share the dairy story.

About The Dairy Alliance



We are not your
grandma's checkoff
program!

About The Dairy Alliance

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

We are a consumer-focused and action-oriented catalyst in the Southeast driving to build a vibrant region with sustainable demand for milk and value for dairy farm families.

We are obsessed with excellence, action, impact, honesty and integrity and are focused on achieving a reputation as dairy experts, leaders and advocates in the Southeast.

OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- Strategic connections, alliances & partnerships across dairy industry
- Southeast consumer insights, foodservice and marketplace trends
- Dairy category insights & innovation
- Strategic marketing and Brand expertise
- Nutrition & wellness expertise

2020 Commitment to Modernize Checkoff

From



To

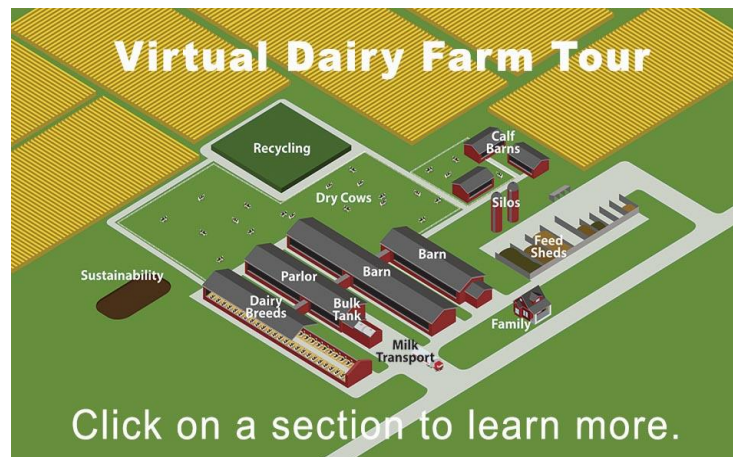
Communicating
Short term vision
Nutrition
The Dairy Alliance alone
Shotgun - All Consumers
Schools as a program

Marketing
Future forecasting
Wellness
The Dairy Alliance + Partners
Precision /Targeted consumers
Youth is audience/Schools as a channel

2022 Highlights



2022 Year in Review



2022 Year in Review



2022 by the Numbers

28%

Increase in school milk sales where programs were implemented in 2022 Through bulk milk dispensers, dairy optimization grants, FUTP60, trainings

2

campaigns (Dairy Immunity)

11/2

11 menu/ LTO promotions
2 items developed from
insights and ide

4%

Increase in reach/impressions per campaign over last year

20% Reduction in operating costs in 2022 vs 2021

9,247%

Increase in TDA blog visits compared to same time 2021

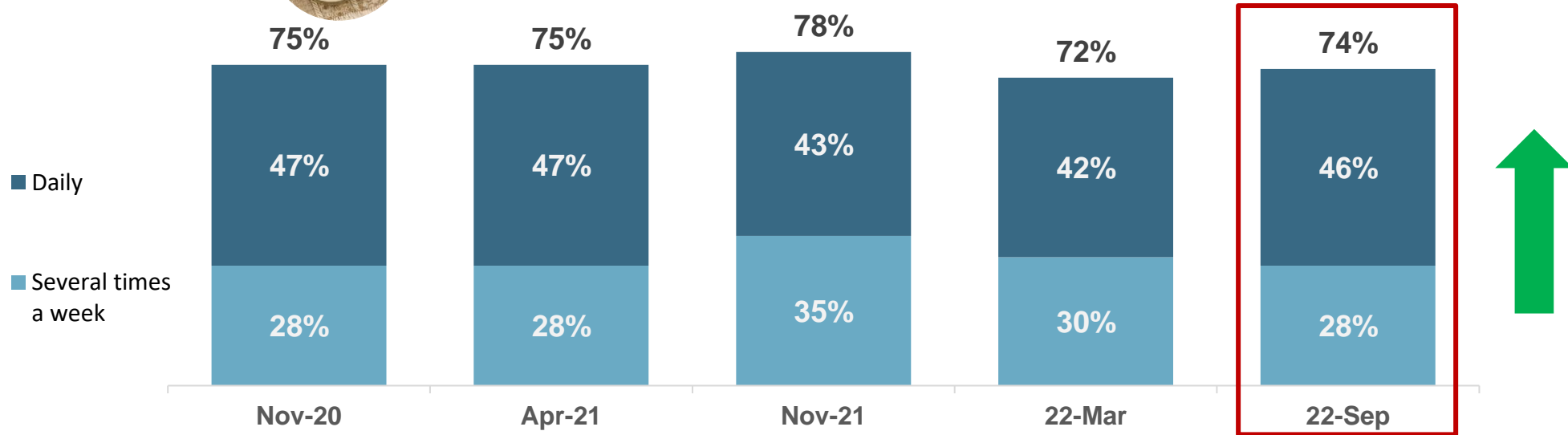
2.7 M


Increase in retail milk units sold in one month during the Atlanta campaign (compared to same time period YA)

Southeast Fluid Milk Volume - Daily milk consumption has risen to April 2021 Levels



How often household consumes dairy milk



Metric	Objective / Goals	2022 YTD
% HH Penetration in SE	93%	93.10% 

Source: Total Respondents in Dairy Alliance Region (n=984)
Q22 How often do you or other members of your household **consume** each of the following?

2023 Focus Areas



**Increased focus on
Consumer &
category
intelligence**



**More integrated
marketing campaigns
focused on
preserving and
growing fluid milk
demand**



**New focus on Dairy
Transformation**

Strategic Initiatives for 2023



**Drive Milk
Volume**



**Increase
Dairy's
Reputation**



**Transform
Dairy**



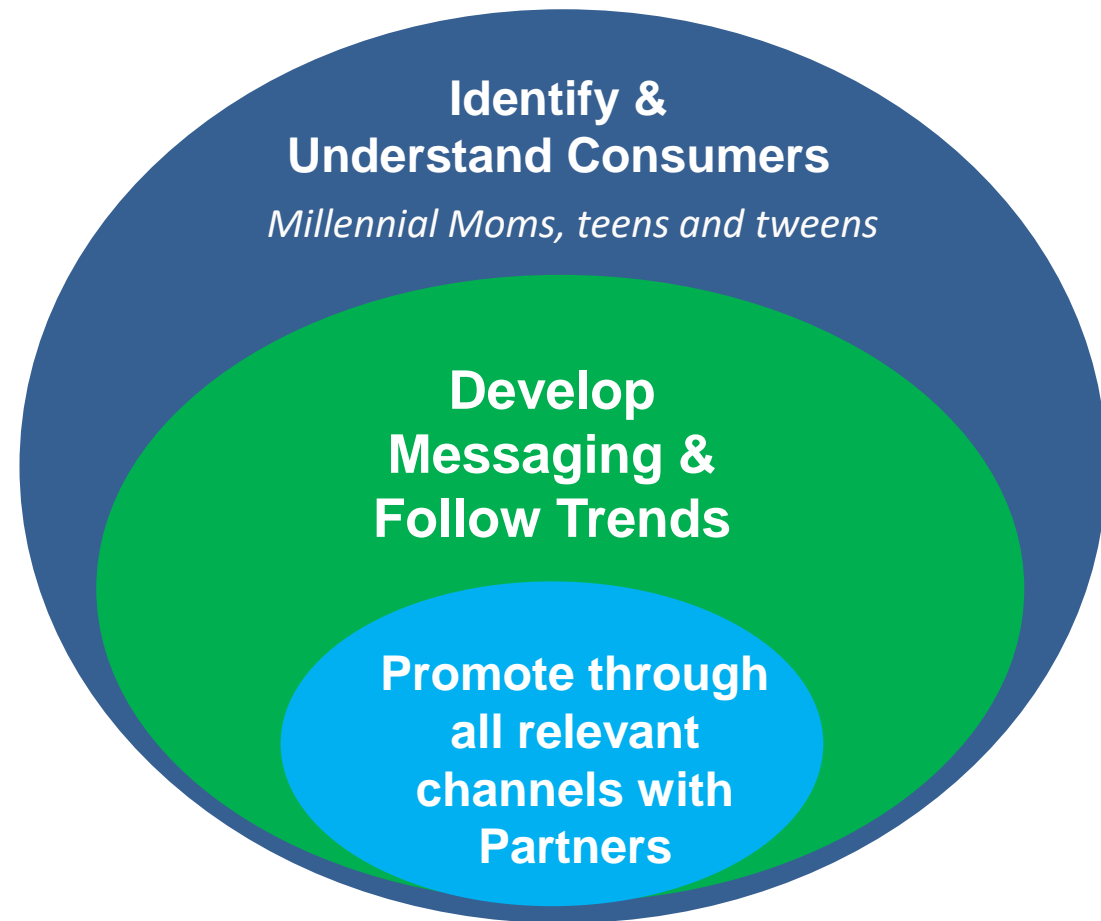
**Build
Checkoff
Support**

Drive Milk Volume



Protect and Grow Fluid Milk Demand

Continued focus on a targeted integrated content marketing approach



Driving Fluid Milk Volume 2023 Strategies



**Continue to deliver
breakthrough content
that influences
purchase**

Continue to market milk
wellness claims with
MilkPEP



**Use new social
listening to identity
barriers to purchase
and test messages**

Proactively address
consumer barriers to
purchase – while promoting
the benefits of milk/milk
beverages



**Promote The Dairy
Alliance as valuable
adviser to foodservice
channels and retailers**

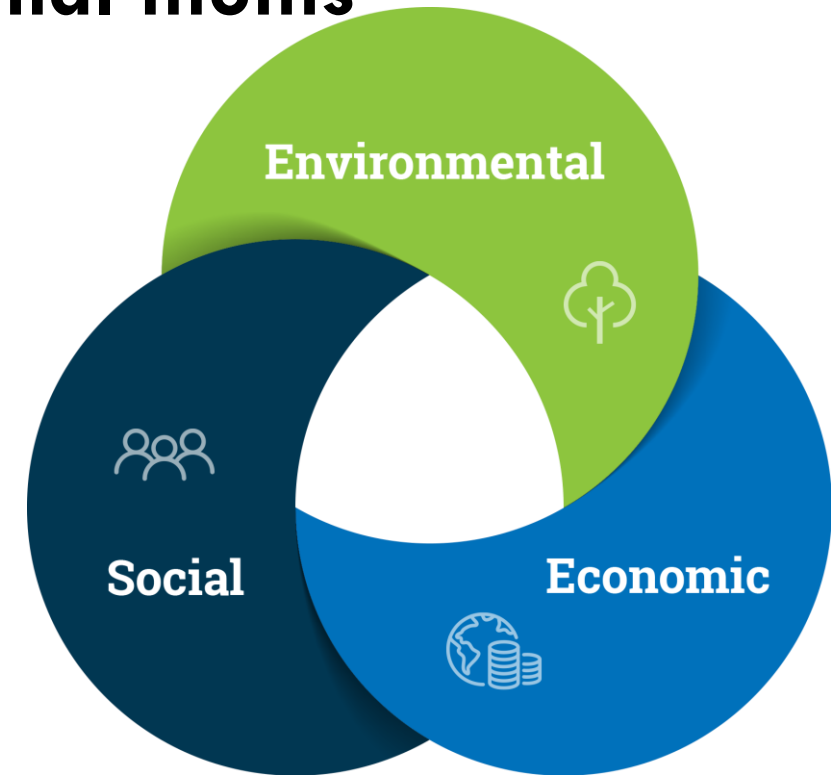
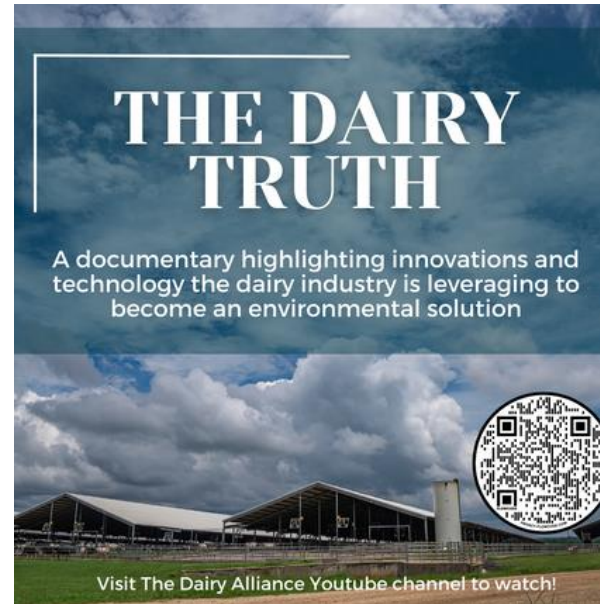
Drive milk and dairy usage
on menus and increase
purchase at retail

Reputation

Improve perception of dairy & the dairy industry as a source of human nourishment, renewable energy among Gen Z and Millennial moms



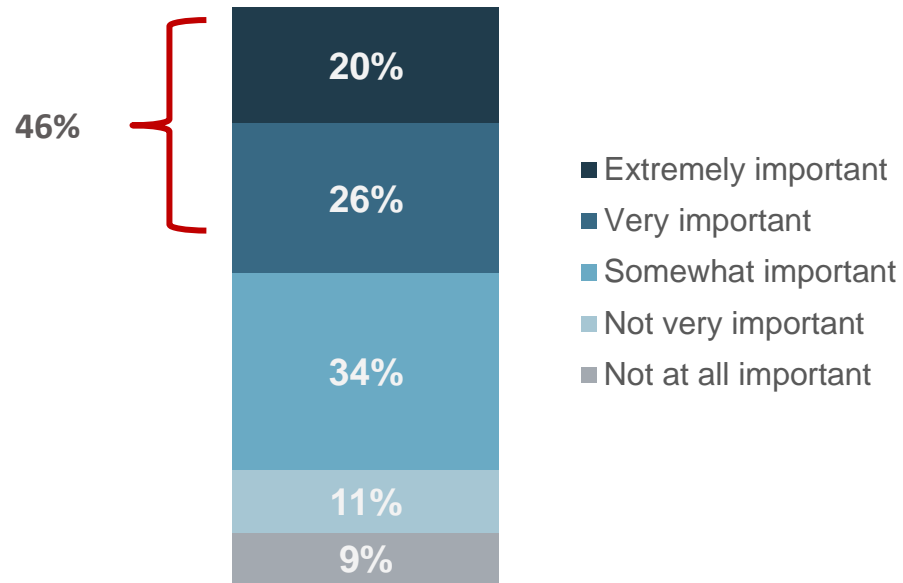
Dairy reputation



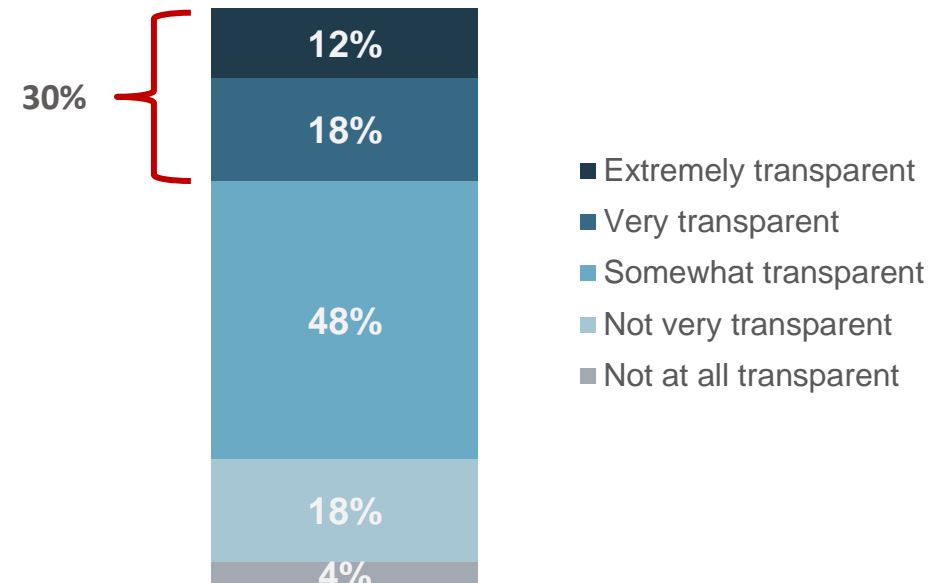
Sustainability Matters!

Just under half of those in the Dairy Alliance region find environmental sustainability important in purchase decisions, but don't always see the industry as transparent.

Importance of environmental sustainability
in dairy purchase decisions



Transparency of dairy industry with
regards to sustainability



Source: Total Respondents in Dairy Alliance Region (n=984)
Q26 How important is environmental sustainability in your dairy product purchase decisions?
Q29 How transparent do you think the dairy industry is with regards to sustainability?

Those who say extremely/very important are more likely to say extremely/very transparent (46%)



PD
PW



Own, live and share the dairy story.

ESG/Sustainability is a Huge Opportunity for Dairy

- Environmental (Don't overthink this – what are already doing)
 - Triple Crop, Green Grass, No Snow
- Social (employee trainings, community support)
- Governance (F.A.R.M., Certifications)

Created 3-year Sustainability Plan

- Resource Library
- Video Series
- The Dairy Truth
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

**Launched on
September 19th
Climate week**



Build Checkoff Support

Strengthen perceived value of checkoff



Making Every Drop Count

Real Dairy Starts Here

 CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHECKOFF DOLLARS

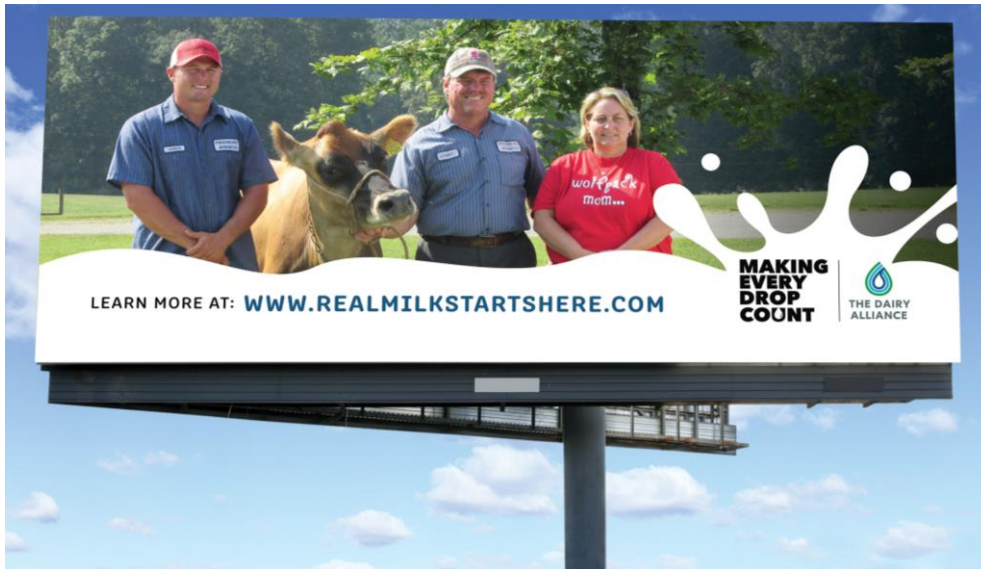
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Making Every Drop Count



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your DAIRY CHECKOFF
Dairy Management Inc.

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Transform Dairy



**Revitalize the
Dairy industry in
the Southeast**

**Identify high-growth opportunities and
stimulate, and secure outside investment
technology and innovation**



The Marketplace is Changing



Dairy Remains a Powerhouse Category



96%
of U.S. households
contain dairy



Top
edible aisle at retail



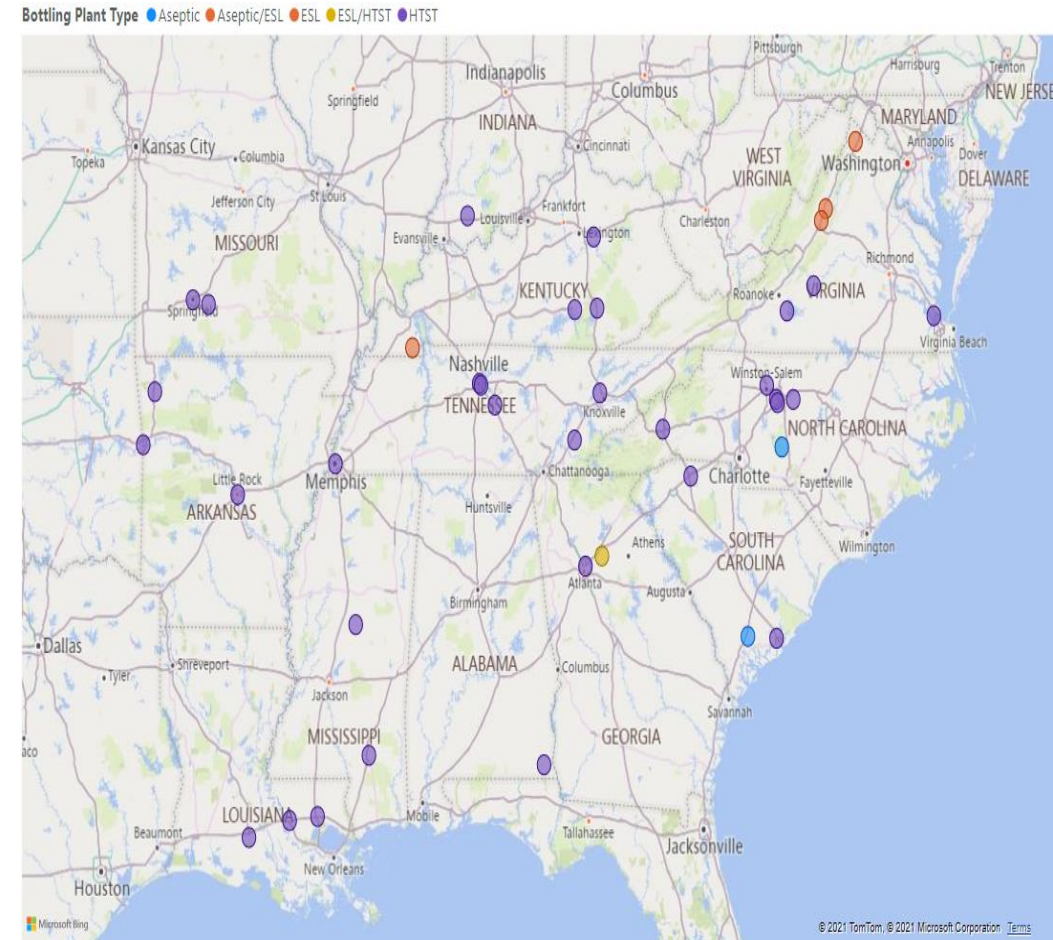
18%
milk solids moving to
export



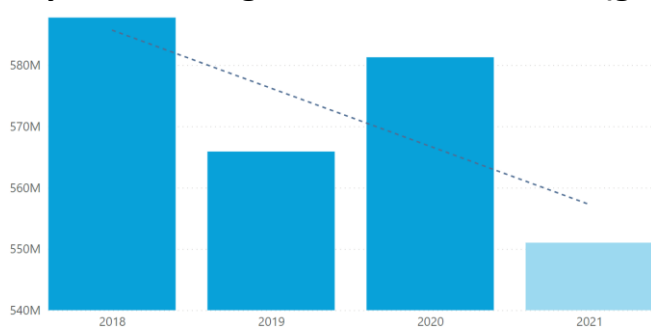
667 pounds
consumed per person in
2021

In the Southeast...

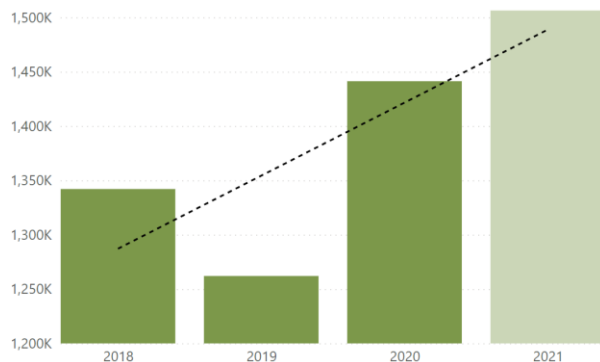
- Growing consumer population
- All states but Georgia have experienced declines
- SE dairy processing assets lack diversity
 - Most assets are dedicated to HTST milk
 - Need for processing is big
 - Plants are closing in response declining demand



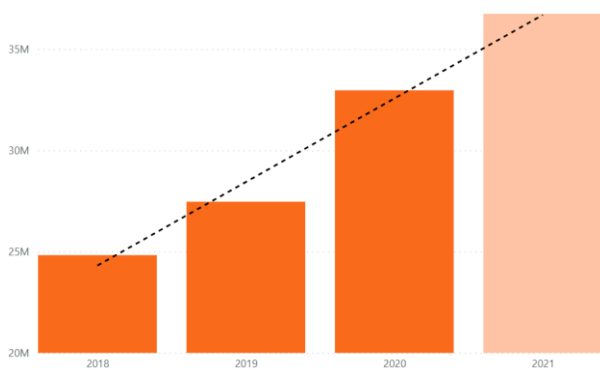
Dairy Alliance Region – Retail Milk sales (gal eq)



Dairy Alliance Region – Aseptic sales (gal eq)



Dairy Alliance Region – Lactose-free sales (gal eq)



Not all milk is created equal

- While overall milk sales are declining, there are sub-categories with growing demand.
- Most dairy cooperatives in the SE market lack processing capacity for milk beverages with a positive growth trajectory – these assets are in the hand of proprietary processors.
- Therefore, A lot of this milk comes in from outside our market.



A scenic background image featuring a wide, light-colored dirt road with visible tire tracks, leading from the bottom foreground towards the horizon. The road is flanked by green grass and low-lying vegetation. In the distance, a bright sun is setting or rising, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the horizon. The sky is filled with scattered, soft clouds, some of which are illuminated by the low sun, giving them a pinkish or orange tint. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and hopeful, suggesting a path leading towards a bright future.

Dairy is critical in the Southeast

**How can we position the Southeast to capitalize
on opportunities for growth?**

Dairy Transformation Strategies for 2023-2025



Invest in dairy talent and innovation through centers like North Carolina State's SDFRC

With Dairy Research centers in the Southeast, identify and capitalize on the biggest opportunities for dairy



Build a roadmap to market for processors & startups

Scout and support high potential dairy startups and processors in and to the Southeast



Attract investors

Catalyze investment through transdisciplinary conversations and planning

Strategic Outcomes

IN 3 YEARS...



More, High Value Market opportunities-unlocked for Southeast Dairy



More Commercialized Science - in claims, processing technology and differentiated milk in the Southeast



More Outside Investment - in the Southeast



More Dairy Trained Scientists – for the food and beverage industry

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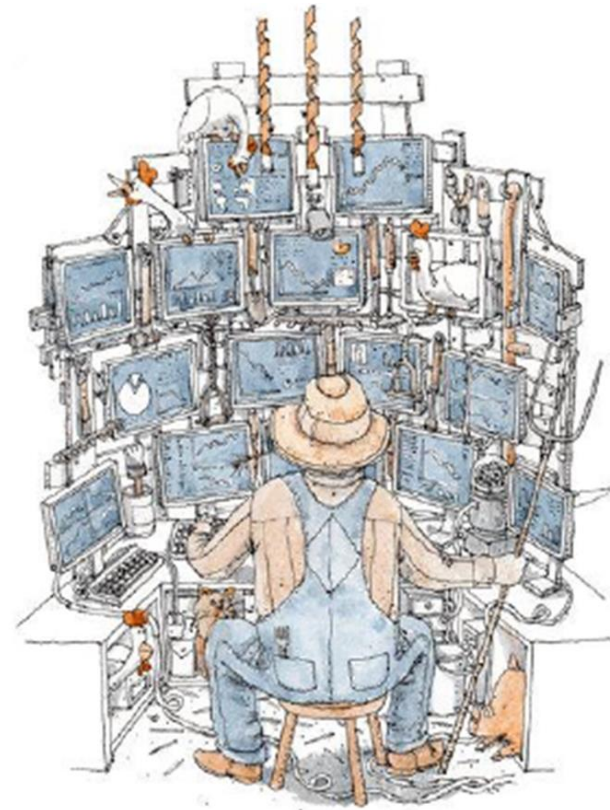
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Pitfalls and Opportunities of Using Farm Data for Dairy Decision Making

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Georgia Milk Producers – January 17, 2023

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Dairy Owners and Managers are Bombarded with Many Different Sources of Data

- Data = a set of facts or figures; bits of information but not information itself
- When data are processed, organized, and interpreted appropriately, it may become useful information
- Dairy data should be used to make decisions that benefit the dairy:
 - Increase Revenue
 - Lower Expense
 - Lower Risk
 - Help Cows
 - Help Employees
 - Help Sustainability

Proper Use of Dairy Data → Driving Continuous Improvement

- How are **we** doing?
- Has anything changed?
- What was the cause?
- What actions do I need to take now

tomorrow

next month?

But Data Can Also Be Misused or Misinterpreted

- When data are viewed incorrectly or misinterpreted, bad things can happen:
 - Choose the wrong sire for future breeding needs
 - Fire a breeding technician for “poor” results
 - Intervene to “fix” a problem that doesn’t exist (Type I Error)
 - Fail to intervene to fix a problem because you do not realize it exists (Type II Error)
 - Draw the wrong conclusions about relationships:
 - High milk production “causes” poor reproduction – NO!
 - Mastitis causes higher milk production – NO!

A Few “Watchouts” When Evaluating Data

- Accuracy:
 - Data quality – is it complete and representative?
 - Bias – intentionally or unintentionally missing data
 - Variation – incorrect due to random chance
- Timeliness:
 - Lag – delay between occurrence and detection or recording
 - Momentum – dampened magnitude of change due to large history of records included
- Confounding
- Beware of the “allure” of benchmarking
- Association vs. Cause and Effect (Correlation vs. Causation)

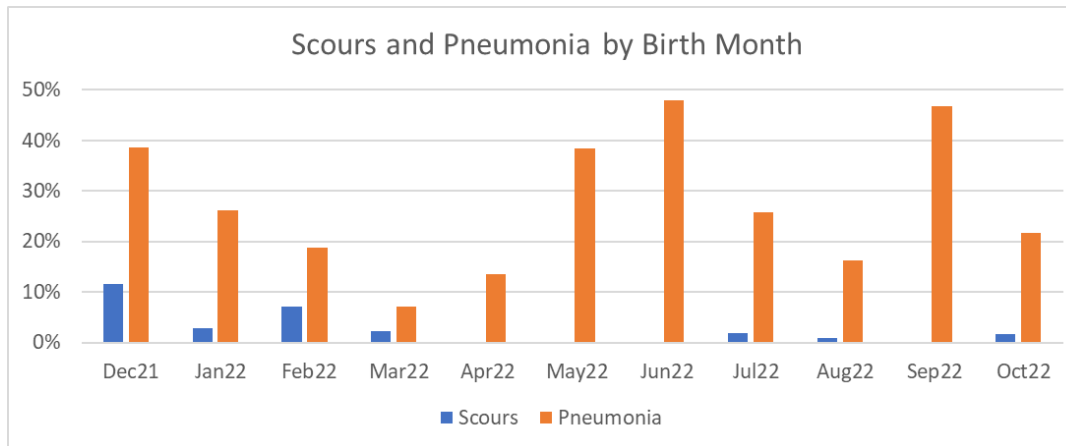
Data Quantity vs. Data Quality

- Herd Effect - Some herds report lots of diseases, some report very few.

- Example:

- Average Scours Risk by 30-d = 3%
- Average Pneumonia Risk by 90-d = 27%

} Good or bad?



A Holstein herd that averages 166 calves born/month

- Some dairy employees are under subtle/indirect pressure to have fewer diseases *reported* or fewer cases *treated* (Impression that the owner wants fewer diseases)
 - Example: Owner wants bragging rights for low disease records but workers keep a side journal)
 - DAs, METR, MAST, KETOSIS, PNEUMONIA, SCOURS, etc.

ALL Dairy Records Suffer from Some Form of Bias

Bias: a systematic error introduced into sampling, testing, or analysis by selecting or encouraging one answer over others

- Selection bias

- Sampling bias
- Volunteer bias
- Exclusion bias
- Culling bias
- Recall bias

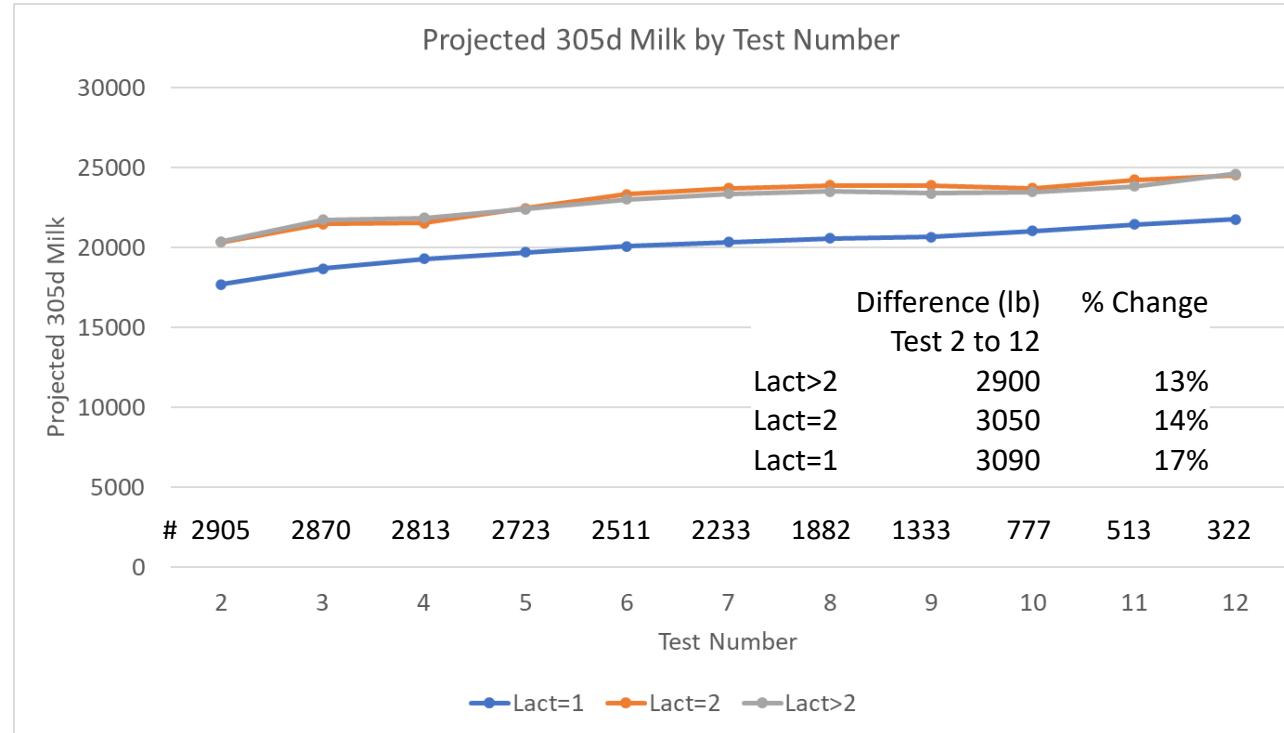
- Outlier bias

- Observational bias

- Measurement bias
- Detection bias
- Recording bias

MASSIVE
problems
when
benchmarking

Culling Bias (Survivorship Bias) = The error that occurs by not considering the effect of removing animals from the population over time



When evaluating results across lactational time or across parities – ask yourself, “might this difference be due to the removal of certain cows?”

Averages can lie – an Example of Outlier Bias:

“Michael Jordan walks into a bar and everyone inside becomes a millionaire...on average.”

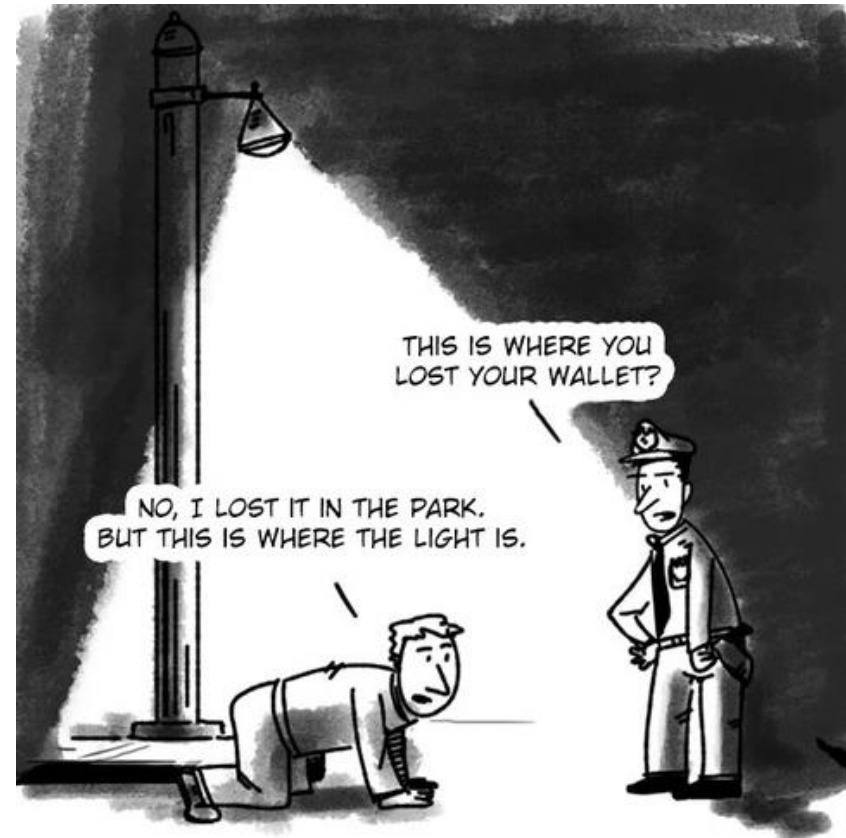
- Average = a number expressing the central or typical value in a set of data
- 50 people are at a bar for happy hour
 - Some are college students
 - Some just got off work at a local business
 - Median net worth = \$85,000, Mean net worth = \$86,000
- Michael Jordan walks in, net worth ~\$1.6 billion
- New average in the bar = > \$31 million

Benchmarking is Seductive: “How Does My Dairy Compare?”

- Dairy farmers love to compare their performance to others.
- “Easy” to do but hard to do correctly with dairy data (and very dangerous)
 - No two facilities are identical (cow flow, acres farmed, cow comfort, age of facility, etc)
 - No two herds are the same (VWP, DNB strategy, genetics, milking frequency, feeding, components, etc)
 - Debt structure and Business plan – Long term? Short term?
 - Data challenges – disease detection, recording, treatments

Cognitive or Observational Bias – Seeking answers where the looking is easy

- A better approach → seek answers where they're likely to be found.
- Benchmarking seems easy
 - Gives instant feedback
 - Allows you to pat yourself on the back or beat yourself up
- Requirements for benchmarking:
 - Similar production system, geography, time run, etc.
 - AND
 - Objective, consistent measurable outcomes
- But it is fraught with many challenges



Instead of Traditional Benchmarking... Monitor Internal Performance and Processes

- Monitor internal processes to drive repro vs. comparing your 21-d PR to your neighbor's
 - Monitor your transition performance:
 - Appropriate dry period and close-up periods
 - Proper stocking density in prefresh and postfresh pens
 - Transition disease – RP, Metritis, Ketosis, etc.
 - Monitor compliance within your TAI protocol – are cows missing out on shots?
 - Are you achieving greater than 95% of first services within your targeted timeline (i.e., 70-76 DIM for a weekly Double Ovsynch)
 - Are all cows being preg checked at the correct time?
 - Are re-insemination intervals in order?

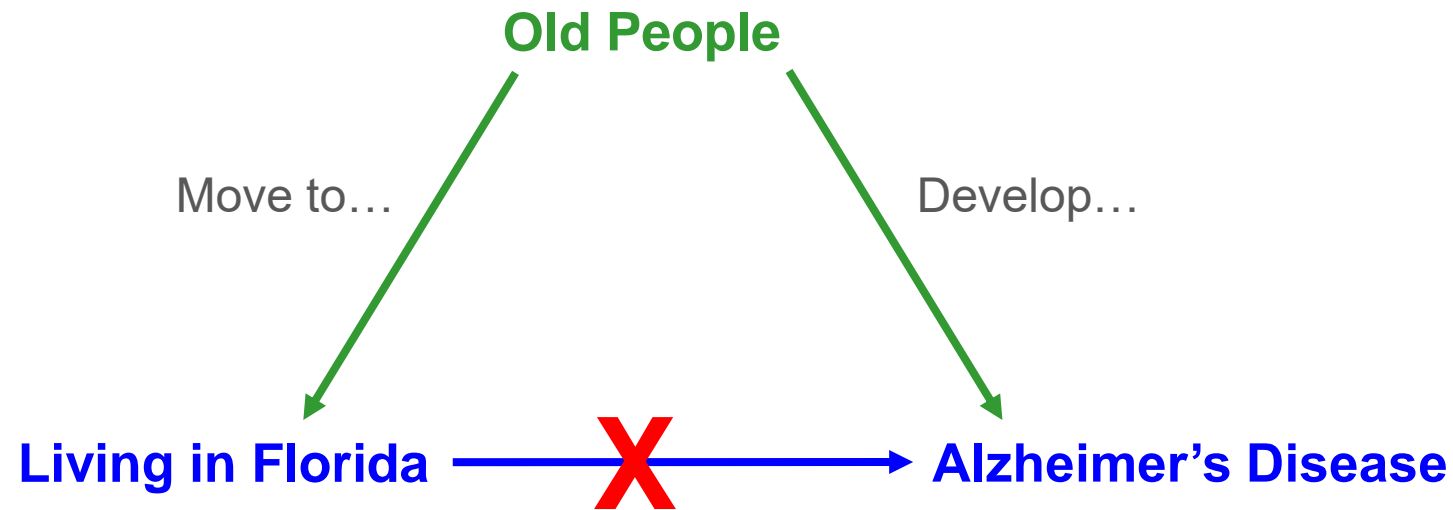
Association vs. Cause and Effect (Correlation vs. Causation)

- Does A “cause” B?; Does B “cause” A?
 - Might there be a hidden factor involved?
- Examples:
 - A larger shoe size is correlated with greater reading ability
 - The more firemen and fire trucks sent to a fire, the more damage is done
 - Children who get tutored get worse grades than children who do not get tutored



Beware of Confounding Variables

- A confounding variable is an “extra variable” that you didn’t account for that is related to the outcome you’re interested in
- A confounding variable can have a hidden effect on your outcome of interest



Correlation Concerns

- People working with very large data sets are often going to find correlations but may have no clue about causality
- Example: Does Mastitis cause higher milk and longer lactations?
 - Actual results for first lactation cows in a large, US, Holstein herd:

# MAST	Avg 305M	DIM	Count
1	21,641	239	1779
2	21,973	251	398
>2	23,223	255	103

- Why?
 - What's the rest of the story?
- Subject matter knowledge matters

Beware of Confounding Variables: First lactation Milk for Heifers from 2 Growers (heifers had same breed, genetics, calving range, culling risk)

Heifer grower A:

- 574 heifers
- 20,434 lb 305M

Heifer grower B:

- 584 heifers
- 21,186 lb 305M

752 lb more milk for Grower B heifers
P=0.02

Let Grower B grow them all, right?

Not so fast...

- Days in Close-up:
 - 21 d

- Age at Fresh:
 - 21.9 months

- Weight at 2 DIM:
 - 1269 lb

- Days in Close-up:
 - 28 d

- Age at Fresh:
 - 23.2 months

- Weight at 2 DIM:
 - 1348 lb

More Days in Close-up => More milk
Higher Weight at Calving => More milk

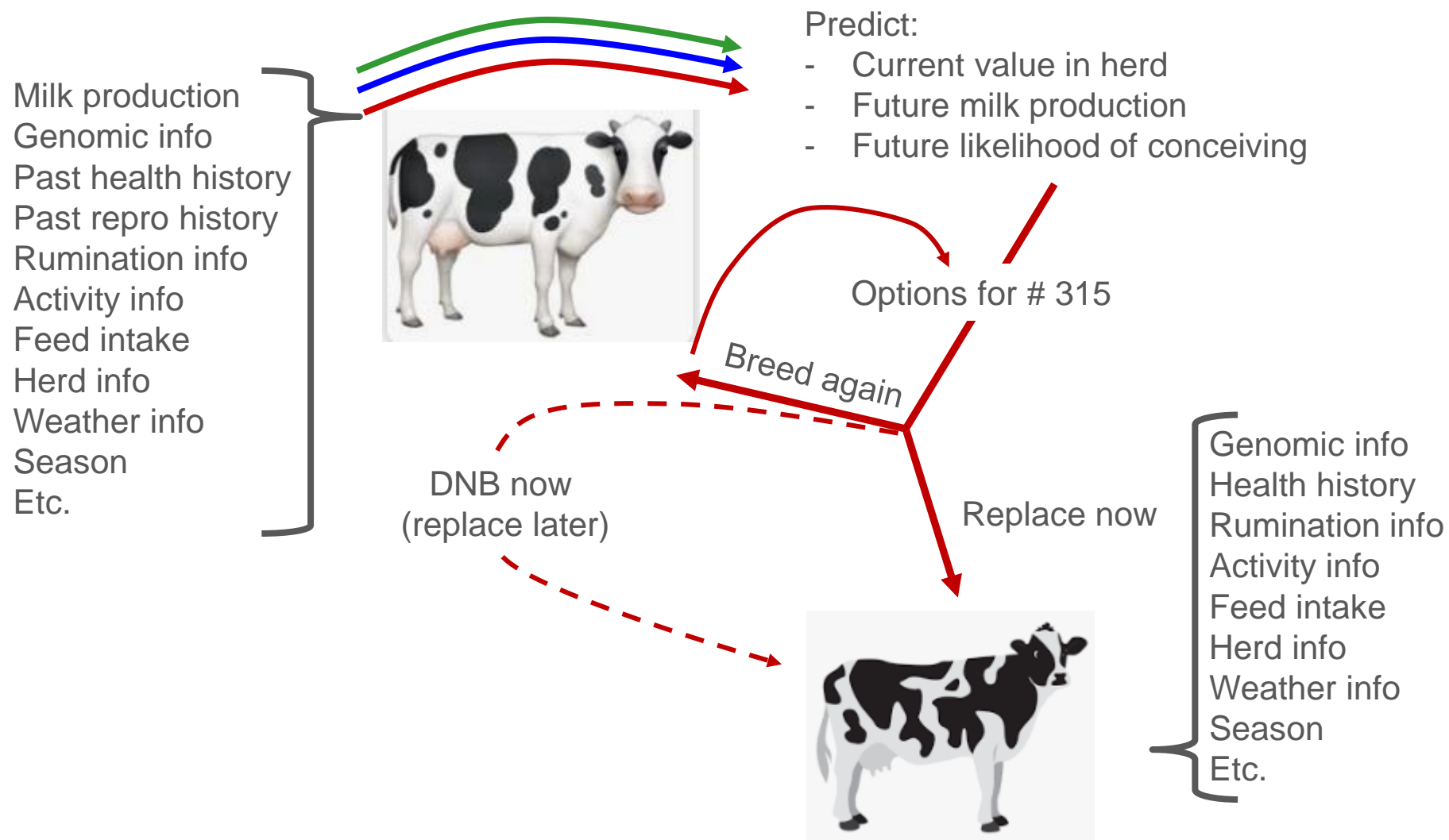
So, in the end, the growers were not really different...
But **when** the herd took possession of the heifers and **how they** managed them prior to calving differed

“Big Data” and Dairy Production

- Predictive Analytics uses “Big Data” to find meaningful patterns to forecast future events, and evaluate the attractiveness of different solutions
 - Sunday morning, got in my car and the maps feature popped up to tell me that traffic was clear and my trip to church should take 11 minutes...
 - How many times have you had an ad pop up on your phone with “You might like this...”
- Baseball – has its own branch of analytics to predict a player’s future potential value
- And, guess what... we are there/getting there with dairy as well

A Hypothetical Example: Cow # 315

- Cow #315 is a 3rd lactation cow, 155 DIM, 83 lb ECM, not pregnant



Monitoring Day-to-Day Performance Doesn't Require Machine Learning Skills

- But it does require some forethought, planning and careful application
- Good records are important
- Need to ask the “right questions”
- Caution: When Monitoring Performance, Don't Confuse Goals with Metrics
 - **Goal:** strategic outcome you want to accomplish
 - Should be measurable
 - **Metric:** key indicator you use to determine progress towards your goal

Goal: Higher Average Milk Shipped per Day

- Metrics that might be important to monitor:
 - Heifer quality – age, size, health at first calving
 - Transition cow performance - disease risk, feed intake
 - Early lactation milk – Week 4 Milk or similar
 - Reproductive performance (21-d PR) → impacts DIM for the herd
 - Variation in milk by lactation group
 - Is my feeding management too variable?
 - Am I making the right culling decisions?
 - Genetics of my herd – am I selecting heifers & sires appropriately?
- Yes, we need to measure how much milk is shipped but it is the outcome and not a monitoring metric that helps us to improve

Monitoring

- Four general approaches for monitoring herd data:
 - Exception monitoring
 - Outlier identification – who needs attention NOW
 - Historical performance
 - What has been the RECENT, historical trend in performance?
 - “Peering into the future”
 - Are there any “Leading Indicators” that point to where performance is heading?
 - Monitoring Tasks (NOT waiting for Results!)
 - Employees, Processes, etc.

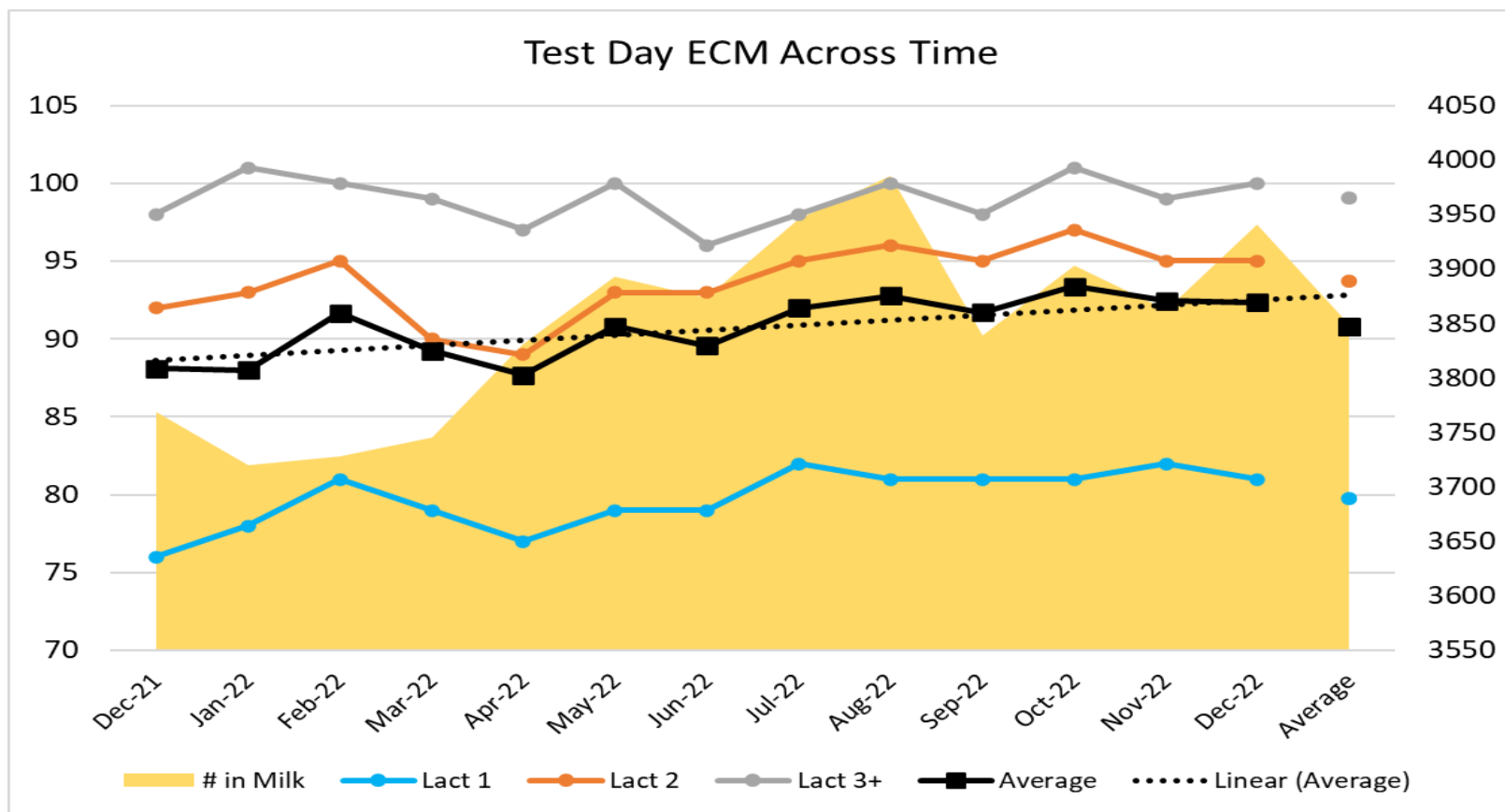
Key Areas of Importance for Monitoring

- Milk production
- Reproduction
- Transition – dry, closeup, and fresh period
- Health Issues Across Lactation – mastitis and lameness
- Youngstock
- Genetics

Milk Production

- Exception monitoring:
 - Which cows are in early lactation and underperforming?
 - Are there cows in mid to late lactation that are underperforming?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend in milk production (ECM)?
- “Peering into the future”
 - What is the weight/size at calving for my fresh heifers?
 - How are the fresh cows performing?
 - What are the projections for future calvings?
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Are feeders on time? Is the correct ration delivered consistently?
 - Are waterers properly cleaned/maintained?
 - Are pens milked at consistent times?

ECM by Lactation Group Across Time

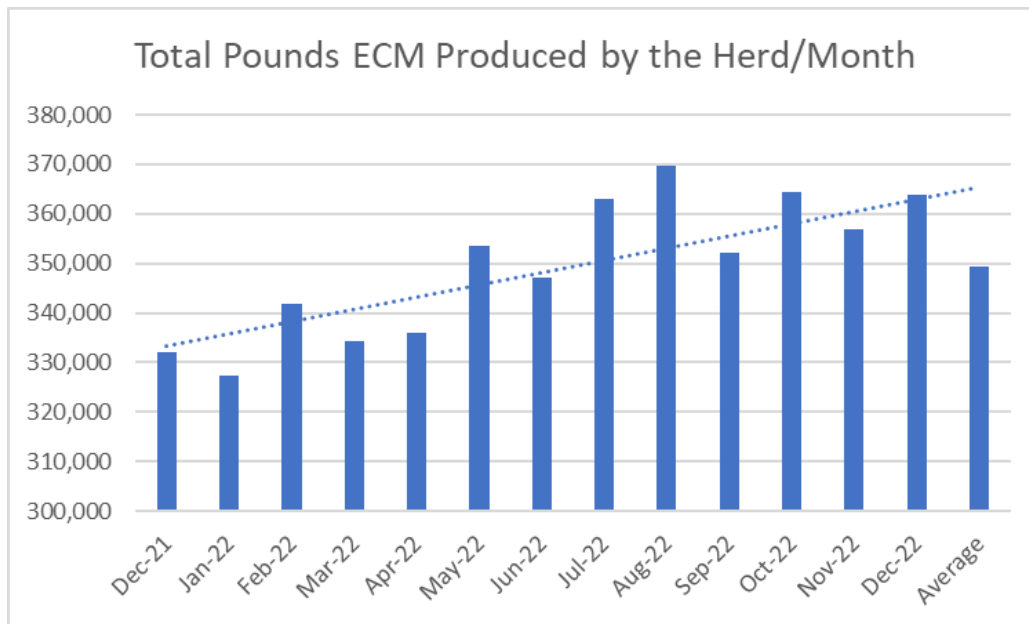


General whole herd trend is an increase in ECM over time

AND

Milking cow numbers have also tended to increase over time

Summarized View of the Previous Report: Total Production by the Herd/Month



The Goal:
More ECM Shipped

Previous 12 months
averaged 3850 milking cows

Keeping slots full of healthy, productive cows is key to optimizing profitability

Projections for Milking, Calving, Drying, and Marketing:

	January	February	March	April
Milking	4040	3954	3847	3911
To Calve	423+	364+	535+	491+
To Dry	373-	335-	336-	457-
To Market	136-	136-	135-	136-

Reproduction

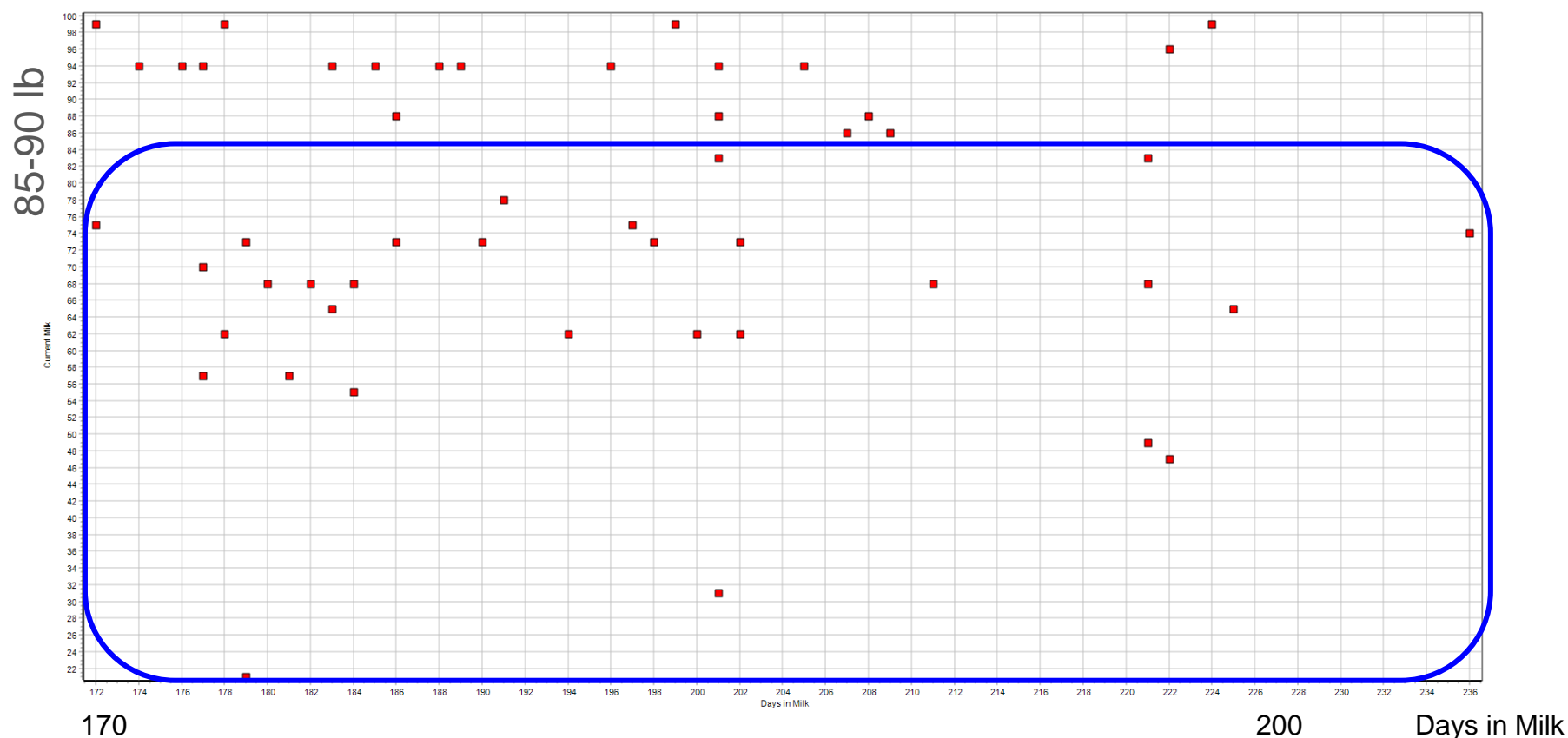
- Exception monitoring:
 - Which cows are overdue for first service, preg check, or simply overdue?
 - Are there cows that should be flagged as Do Not Breed (DNB)?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend in 21-d Preg Rate and Insemination Risk?
 - What has been the trend for conception risk?
- “Peering into the future”
 - Are there trends in dry cow or transition performance that might negatively impact future reproductive performance?
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Are synchronization injections correct, no missing cows
 - Are breeders managing the semen tank/handling straws correctly?

Are There Mid to Late Lactation Cows That Need to be Made “DNB”?

Non-pregnant, older cows (lactation > 2) currently past 170 DIM

Projected decline in milk of ~ 0.16 lb/d \rightarrow in 220 days, drop 35+ lb of milk

Estimated culling threshold for DNB cows = 55 lb for this herd

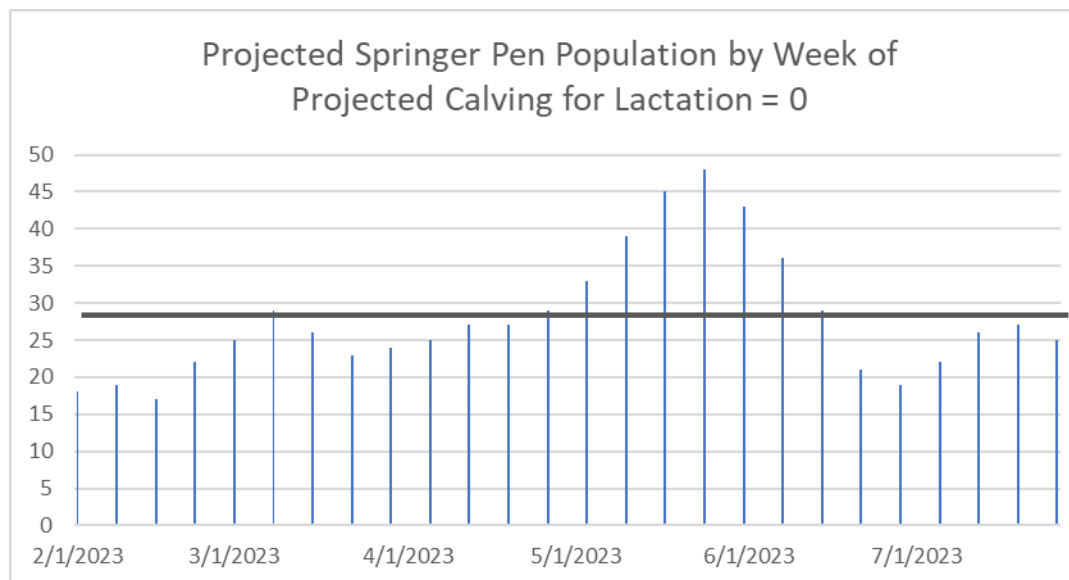


~30 cows that need further scrutiny regarding future breeding efforts

Transition Monitoring

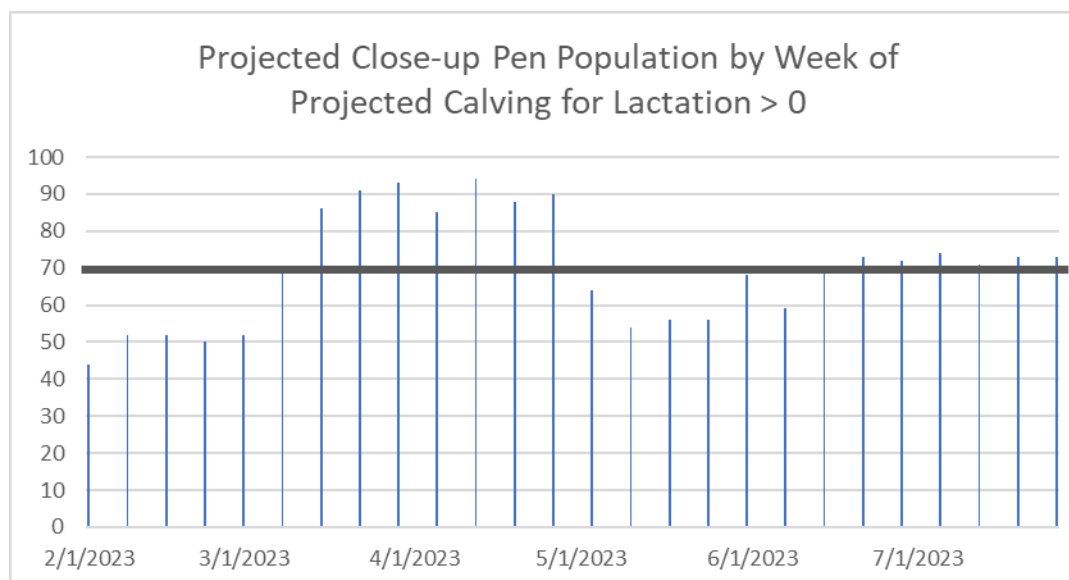
- Exception monitoring:
 - Which cows are in early lactation and underperforming?
 - Are there overdue cows in the dry pens that need to be examined?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend in transition disease risk?
 - Milk Fever, RP, Metritis, Ketosis, DA, Mastitis
- “Peering into the future”
 - What are the projected calvings? (are my cows likely to become overcrowded? Do I need to add more close-up capacity or plan to move fresh cows out earlier?)
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Are dry pens over-crowded today?
 - Are cows moved to dry pens and close-up at the right times?

Projected Calvings



Lact=0 (Springers)

- Average projected calvings/week = 7
- Capacity for ~28 in pen
- Projected to peak out at 172% of capacity



Lact>0 (Close-up Cows)

- Average projected calvings/week = 23
- Capacity for ~ 70 in pen
- Projected to have 7 weeks with >125%

Genetics Monitoring

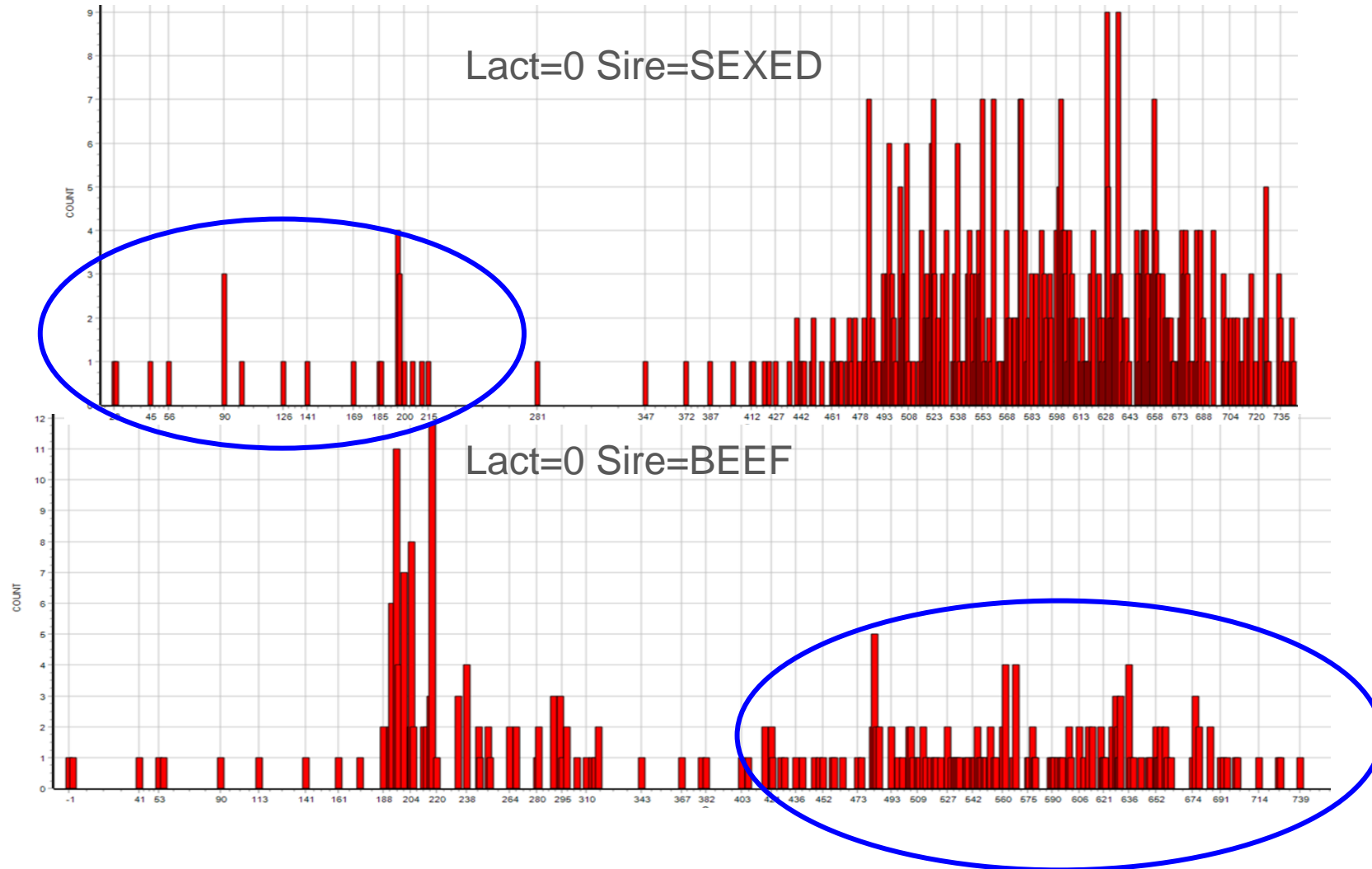
- Exception monitoring:
 - Is there a sire used that is well below herd “standards”?
 - Are there animals receiving sexed semen that are below your genetic cut point goal?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend in genetic performance (DWP\$, NM\$, PTAM, etc.)?

Genetics Monitoring

- “Peering into the future”
 - What is the trend for pedigree index PTAM for calves in-utero?
 - What are the genetic values of bulls used this month vs. previous months?
 - Based on my current use of different type of semen, how many heifers will I have in the future?
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Are the right cows inseminated with the right bulls?

Have the Heifers Been Inseminated with the Correct Semen Type?

Graph of DPW\$ of Heifers by Sire of Conception for Their Future Calf



Lactation Health Issues (Mastitis & Lameness)

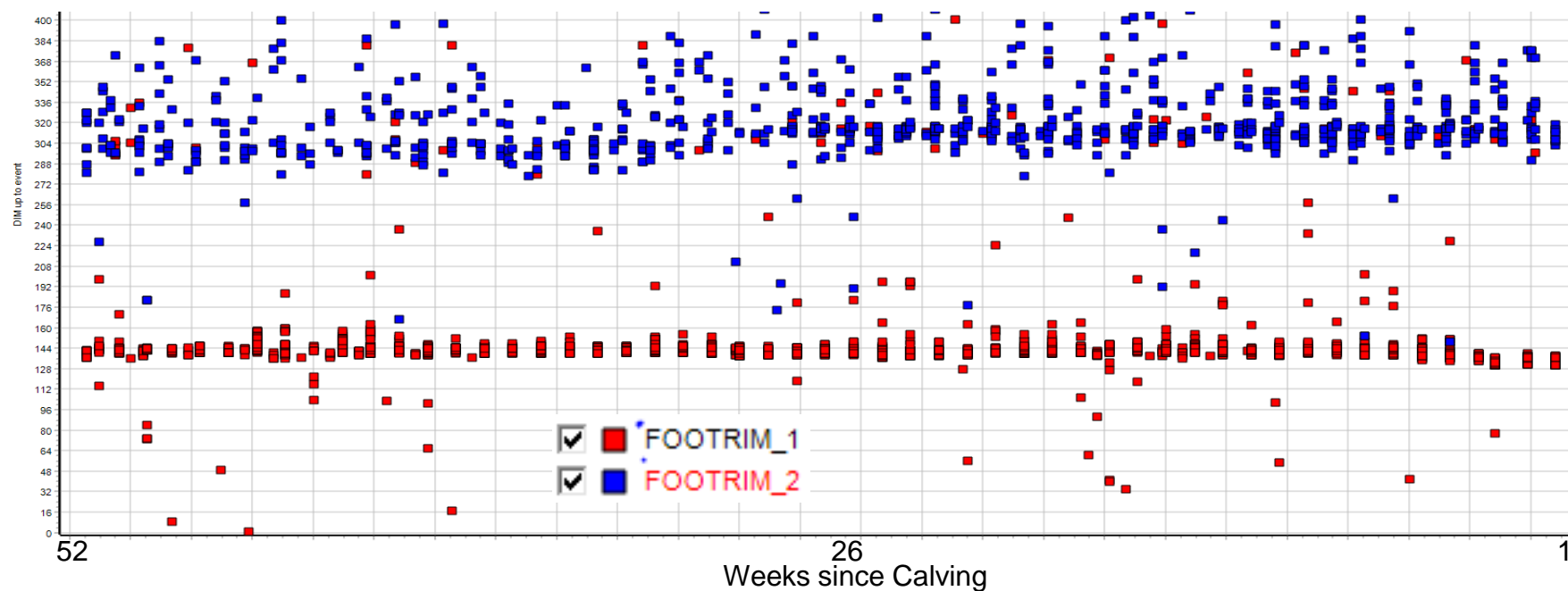
- Exception monitoring:
 - Which cows have chronically high SCC but no clinical cases recorded?
 - Which cows have 3 or more clinical cases recorded?
 - Which cows are chronically lame (treated more than twice in a lactation)?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend for early lactation disease risk?
 - What has been the trend for overall disease risk in the herd?

Lactation Health Issues (Mastitis & Lameness)

- “Peering into the future”
 - Is first test SCC changing over time? Has the incidence of fresh mastitis changed recently?
 - Are the proportion of LS*=2-3 cows increasing over time?
 - Are hoof trimming reports showing unfavorable trends in lesions?
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Cows prep, stall raking/bedding – stall hygiene evaluation/scoring?
 - Are cows moved just in time? Are cows standing too long?
 - Are routine trimmings occurring as planned?

LS = Locomotion score (1-5, where 1=non gait abnormality, 2=arch when walking, 3=arch walking and standing, etc.)

Are Routine Trimmings Occurring As Planned?



Routine trimming of most cows at ~140-146 DIM followed by a pre-dry trim

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Nov	Dec	Total
1 st Trim @ 140-146 DIM	87	77	86	67	64	72	89	95	81	718
Total 1st Trims	110	113	116	104	99	121	137	132	123	1055
	79%	68%	74%	64%	65%	60%	65%	72%	66%	68%

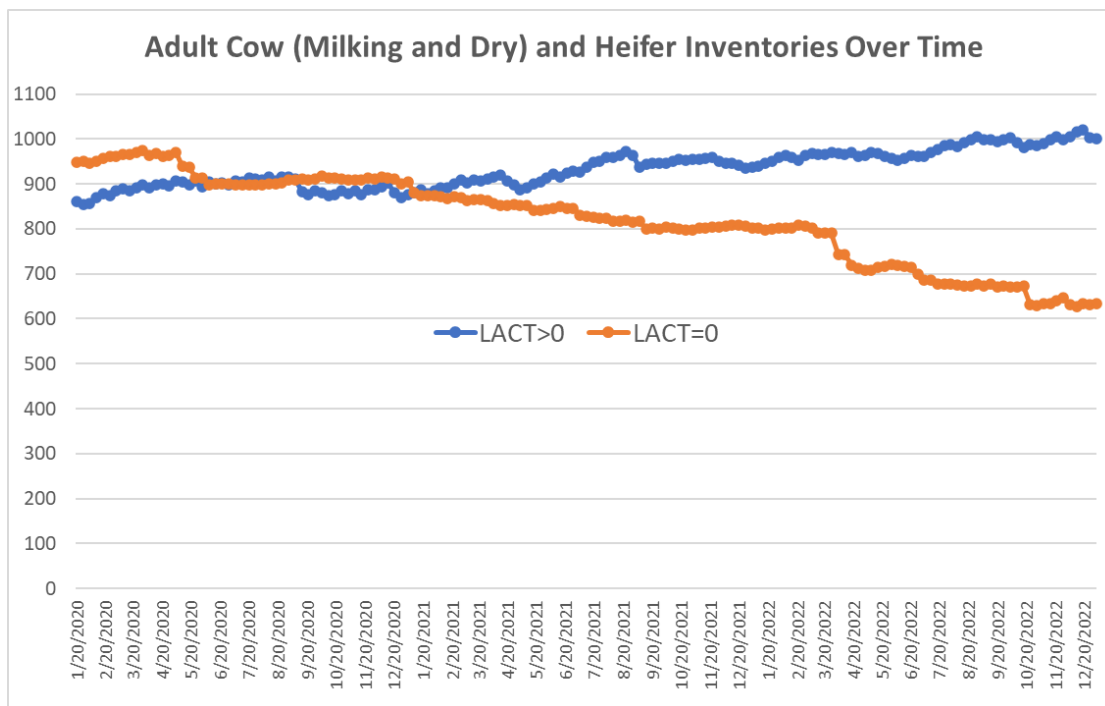
Youngstock Monitoring

- Exception monitoring:
 - Are there heifers with more than X cases of pneumonia?
 - Are there heifers that are overdue for movement into or out of the breeding pen?
- Historical performance
 - What has been the trend in preweaning disease risk?
 - Scours, Pneumonia
 - What has been the trend in preweaning and postweaning growth rate?
 - What is the trend for Age at 1st Service and Age at 1st Calving?

Youngstock Monitoring

- “Peering into the future”
 - Am I on track to produce enough future replacements?
 - Am I breeding the appropriate animals to sexed vs. conventional vs. beef semen to enhance the future genetic value?
- Monitoring Tasks
 - Colostrum collection, handling and deliver
 - Are calves receiving the correct amounts of milk/grain
 - Are birth weights, weaning weights, postweaning weights performed and recorded?
 - Are heifers moved into breeding pens correctly?

Are You Producing Enough Heifers to Meet Ongoing Replacement Needs?



Current Heifer:Cow inventory

626 heifers: 1000 cows (63%)

At a high level, how is this herd doing in terms of producing enough heifers???

Average annual Replacement Rate = 36%

Heifer completion rate = 84% (born alive to calving)

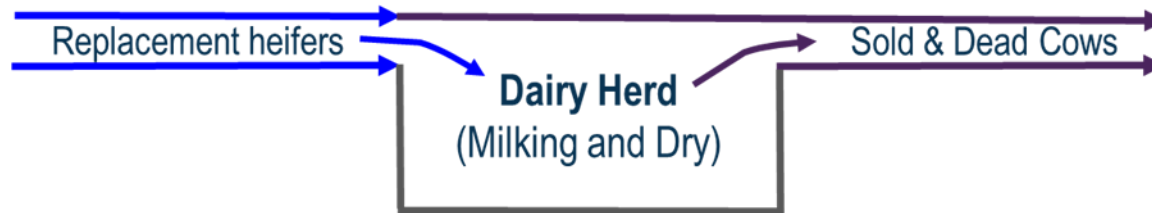
Heifer completion rate = 80% (born to calving)

Heifer Needs for the Previous Herd...

- Assuming the same replacement rate moving forward...
- Just to maintain herd size → need ~80% of avg milking & dry herd in heifer inventory
- Currently, sitting at 63% → will support < 30% replacement rate in the future
- Need 28 fresh heifers each month to maintain herd size

By MYDUE	Sexed Ho	Convent Ho	Beef Sire	Heifers to Calve	Proj Heifer Calves
Jan23	15	4	1	20	15
Feb23	13	2	3	18	12
Mar23	16	2	4	22	15
Apr23	25	4	3	32	24
May23	20	5	2	27	20
Jun23	27	5	6	38	26
Jul23	22	3	3	28	21
Total	138	25	22	185	133
Average/month				26	19

Not Raising Enough Replacements Can be a HUGE Mistake



- Raising fewer heifers → may save cash flow now but hurts future profits
- A herd with a 36% replacement rate that “decides” to raise only enough heifers to support a 30% replacement rate is “deciding” to retain cull cows longer (if no management changes occurred that truly changed replacement risk)
- 36% → 30% replacement rate due to insufficient heifers...
 - Now, the average market cow is retained ~ 200 days longer
 - Under current conditions, milking these less productive cows longer than optimal results in lost opportunity of approximately \$300-\$400 or more per delayed replacement
- Important: Plan to produce a modest excess of replacement beyond anticipated future needs

Summary

- Data – used properly, should help drive performance improvement
- Beware of data quality and application issues
- Remember, correlation is NOT causality
- Instead of benchmarking against other dairies, monitor internal performance and processes
 - Don't confuse Goals with Metrics – goals are important but appropriate metrics help us get there faster
 - Ask the important questions and then find the data to help answer



Evolution of Mastitis Treatments

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Mastitis is the Most Frequent Disease of Adult Dairy Cows

Incidence (1st cases) of Diseases in 37 WI Dairy Herds

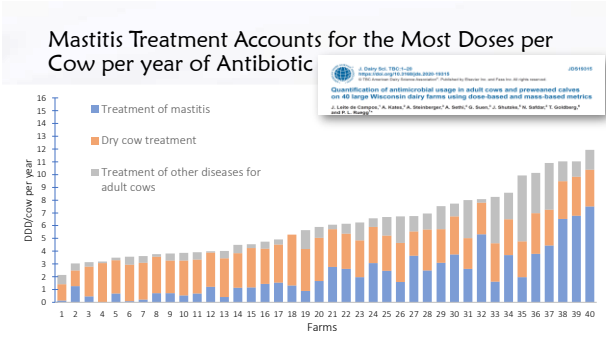
Disease	Incidence (%)
Clinical Mastitis	27.8%
Lameness	15.5%
Mastitis	9.7%
Enteritis	7.5%
Ret. Placenta	6.8%
Diarrhea	4.6%
DA	3.3%
Pneumonia	2.8%
Milk Fever	2.1%

Goncalves, Leite de Campos, Ruegg, et al., 2022 Pathogens

About 15 - 35% of cows have subclinical mastitis everyday

About 20 – 40% of cows develop a clinical case each lactation

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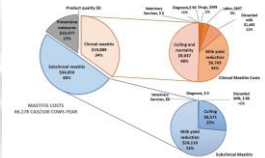
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Mastitis is the Costliest Disease of Dairy Cattle

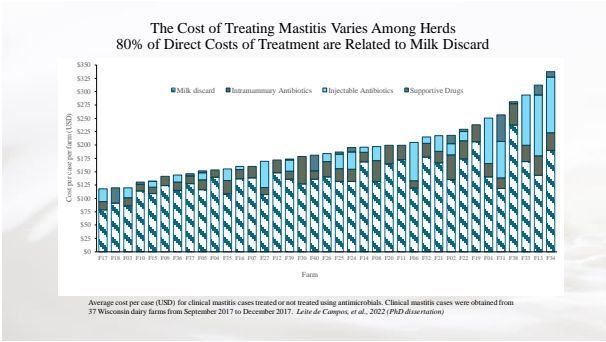
- Mastitis has direct and indirect economic consequences
 - Direct
 - Reduced Milk Yield
 - Reduced Value of Milk
 - Discarded milk
 - Cost of Treatment & Prevention
 - Indirect
 - Reduced Reproductive performance
 - Final product quality
 - Ability to sell milk
- Opportunity costs
 - Value of inputs used to reduce risk of mastitis
 - Udder preparation
 - Teat dips
 - Bedding

Mastitis was estimated to cost \$662 CDN per cow per year (from Aghamohammadi et al., 2018)

- 48% Subclinical losses
- 34% Clinical mastitis losses
- 15% Use of preventive measures



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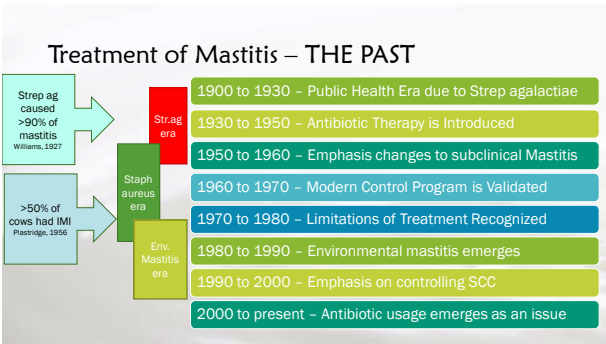
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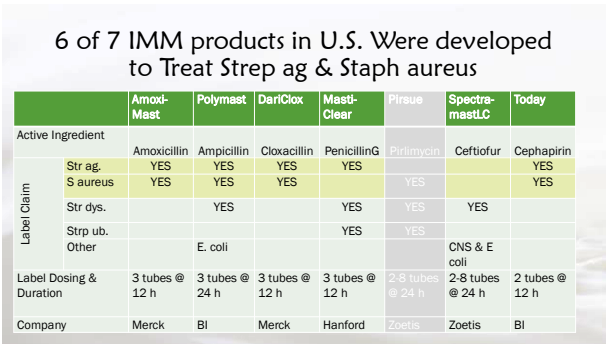
- Historical basis of mastitis therapy
- Options for improving current therapies



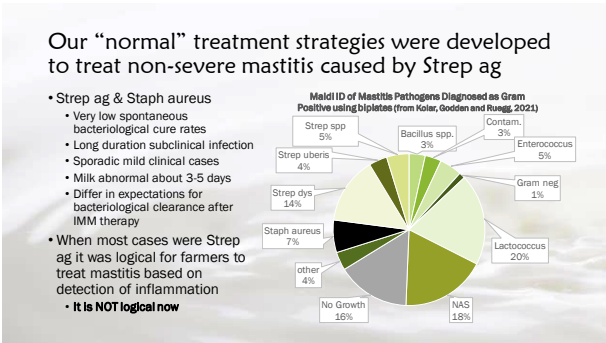
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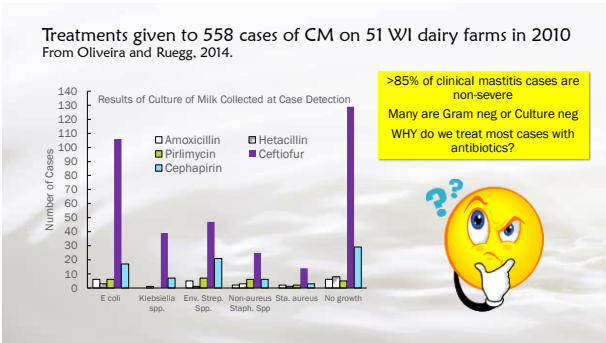
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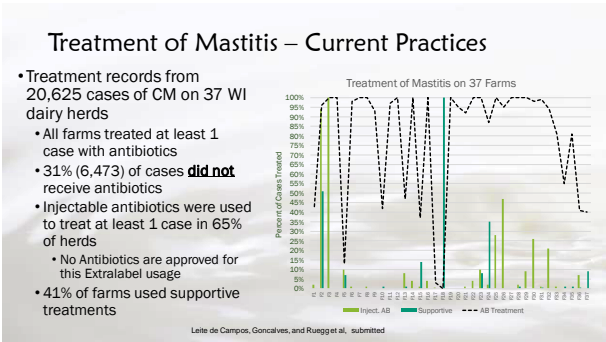
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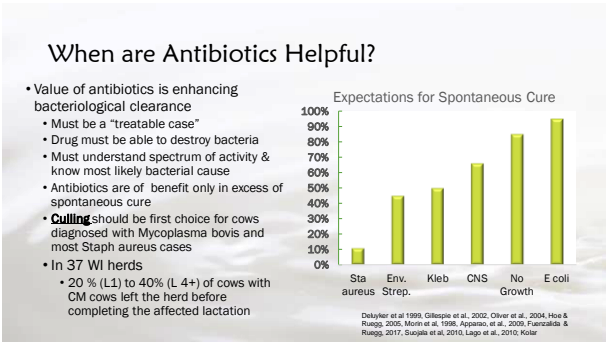
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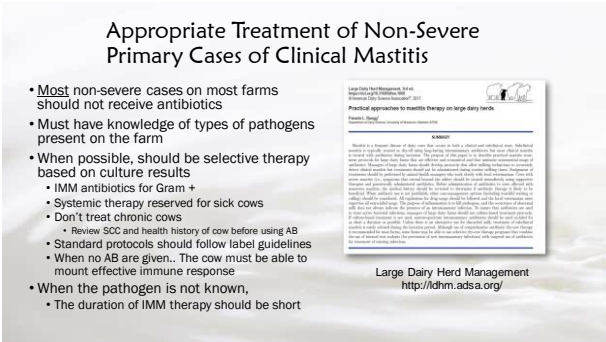
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Appropriate Treatment of Non-Severe Primary Cases of Clinical Mastitis

- Most non-severe cases on most farms should not receive antibiotics
- Must have knowledge of types of pathogens present on the farm
- When possible, should be selective therapy based on culture results
 - IMM antibiotics for Gram +
 - Systemic therapy reserved for sick cows
 - Don't treat chronic cows
 - Review SCC and health history of cow before using AB
- Standard protocols should follow label guidelines
 - When no AB are given.. The cow must be able to mount effective immune response
- When the pathogen is not known,
 - The duration of IMM therapy should be short

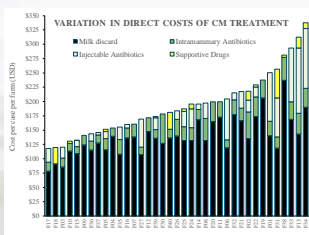


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Present Trends in Mastitis Treatment


1. Reduced duration of IMM treatments
2. Greater adoption of selective treatment protocols
3. Selection of the right cows to treat



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Key Concept

Inflammation Does **NOT = INFECTION**

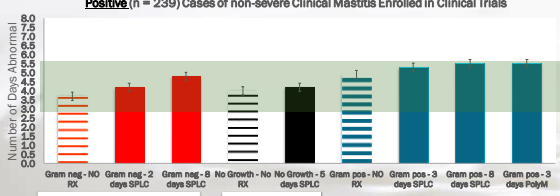


- Infection
 - actively dividing bacteria in udder
- Inflammation
 - the bodies response to infection
 - purpose is to kill bacteria
- We identify mastitis infections **AFTER** the cow's immune system is already killing bacteria
- Sometimes the bacteria are already gone before we notice the symptoms

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Milk is Abnormal for 3 – 5.5 Days With or Without Treatment

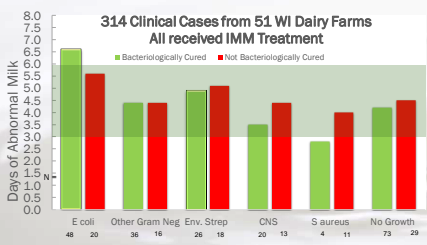
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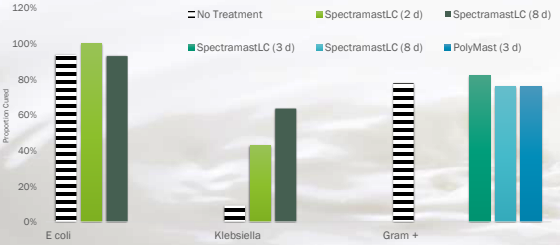
Inflammation Lasts 3-6 days Regardless of Bacteriological Cure

314 Clinical Cases from 51 WI Dairy Farms
All received IMM Treatment

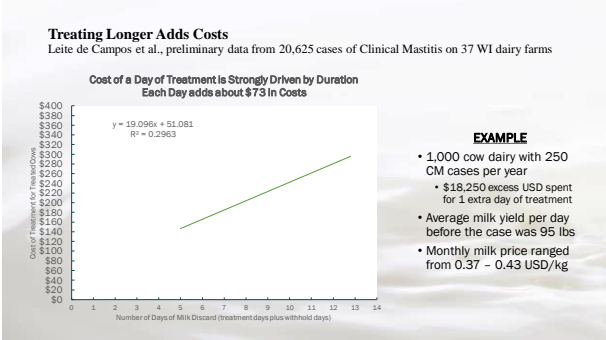


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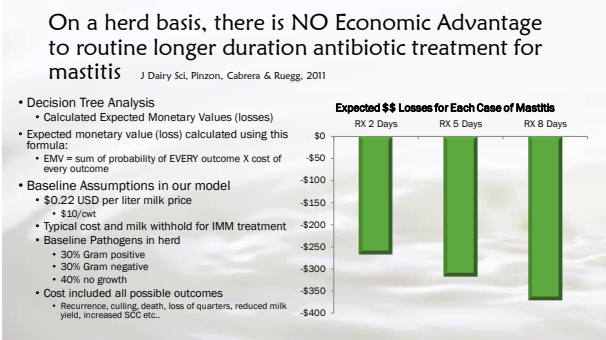
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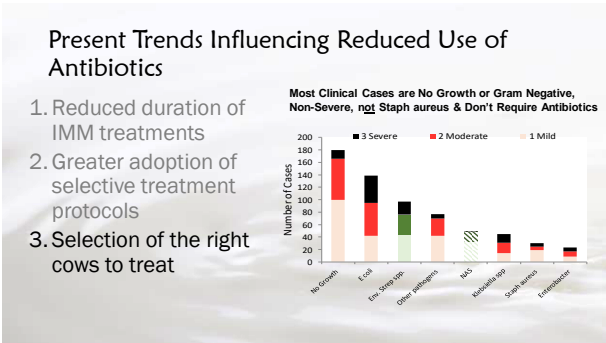
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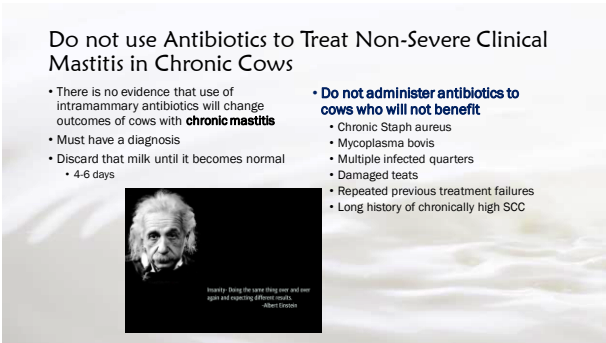
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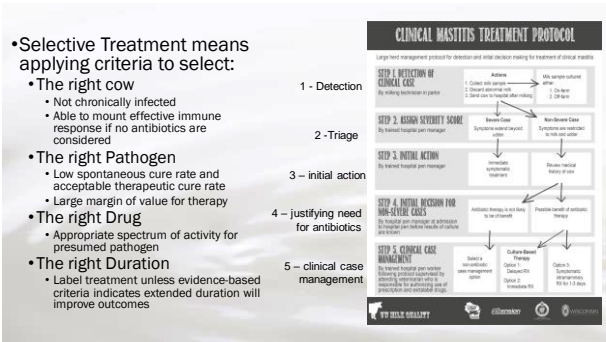
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How should you treat non-severe mastitis if you don't know the bacteria?

Etiology	% of all cases	Evidence that IMM-AR helps
E. coli	20%	No
Klebsiella sp	5%	Variable
Enterobacter sp	3%	No
Strep spp.	13%	Often Yes
Enterococcal spp	2%	No
CNS	6%	Variable
No Growth	29%	No
Yeast	3%	No
Staph aureus	3%	In a very few cases Yes
Other Pathogens	7%	No

- If the bacteria is not known
 - Use a narrow spectrum IMM antibiotic for short duration
- Most cases will be
 - No growth
 - Gram negative
 - Intrinsically resistant
- Base longer duration treatment on cow history

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Conclusion

- Current mastitis treatment protocols are based on lessons learned during a past era and are gradually evolving
- Antibiotic treatment of non-severe mastitis based on detection of abnormal milk in an otherwise healthy cow is **wrong more frequently than it is right**
- There are many **cow-level indicators** that can be used to reduce reliance on antibiotics

- What we can do **today** to improve mastitis treatments
 - Use **shorter duration IMM** treatment
 - Follow label of short duration IMM products
 - Reduce the duration by 1 day of flexible duration products
 - Culture **more clinical** mastitis cases
 - use data to make antibiotic usage decisions
 - Cull (don't treat) cows infected with Staph aureus
 - Use **narrower spectrum** drugs unless you are treating a case that is outside the spectrum of activity of the product

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Building a Foundational Repro Program

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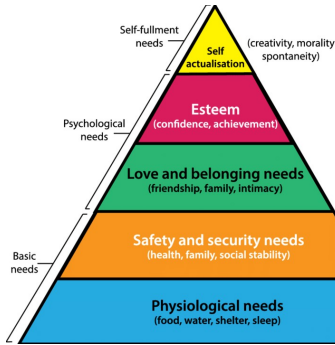
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Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

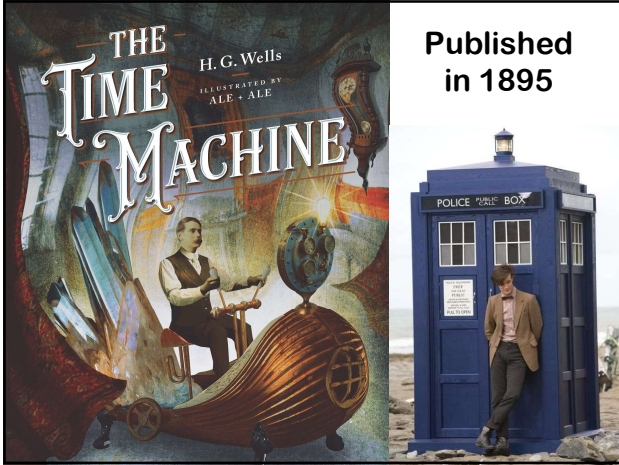


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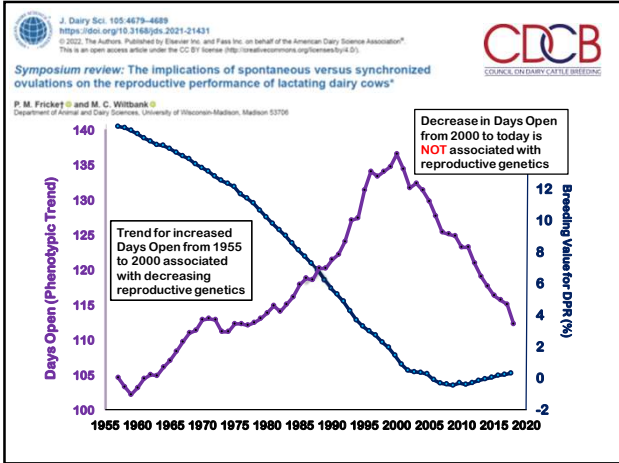
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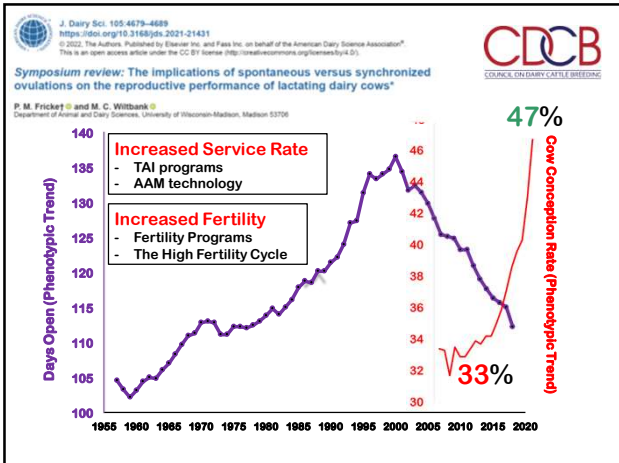
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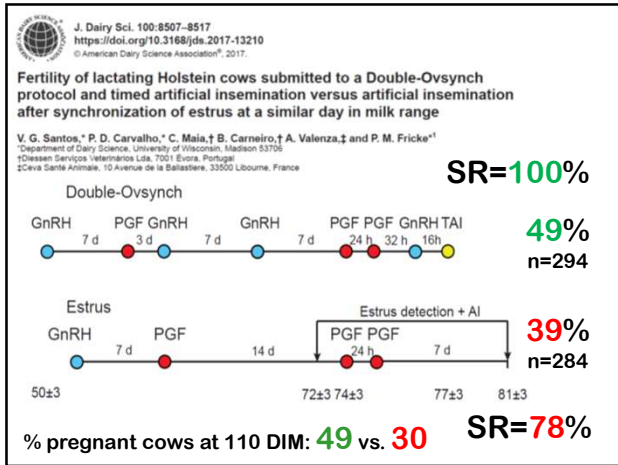
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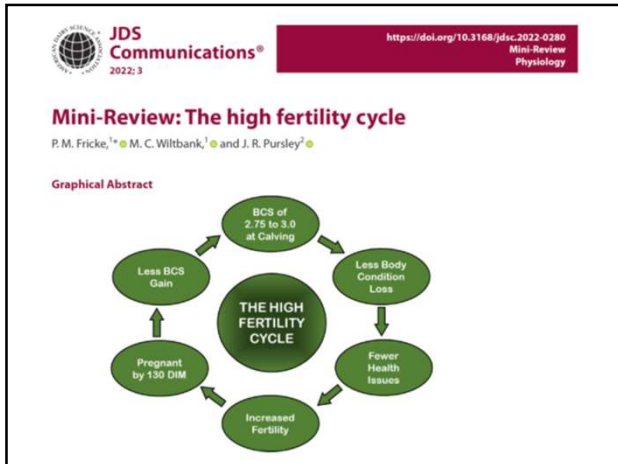
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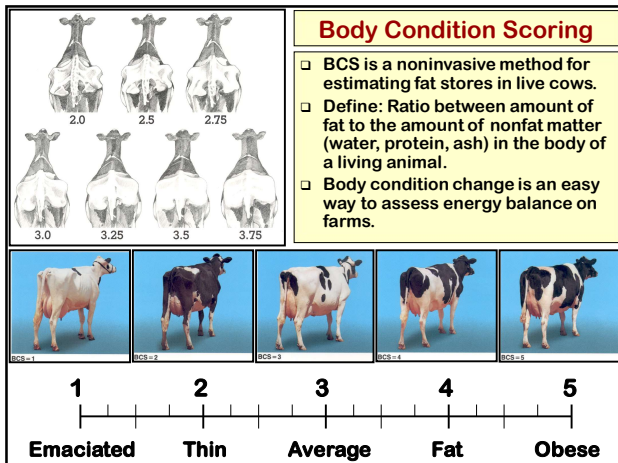
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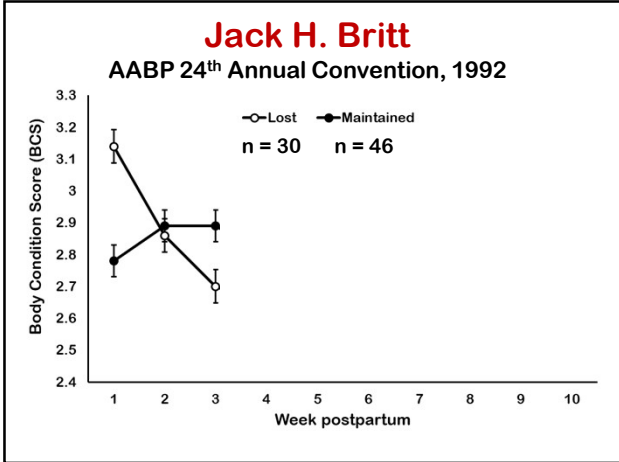
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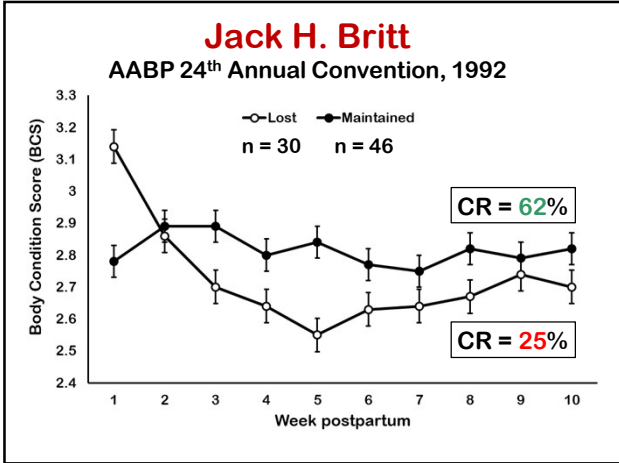
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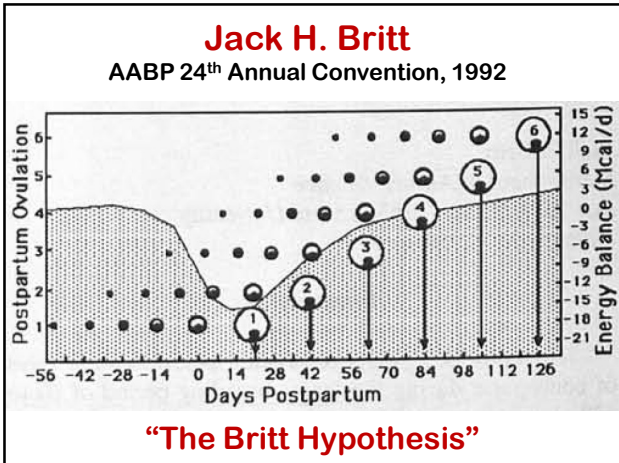
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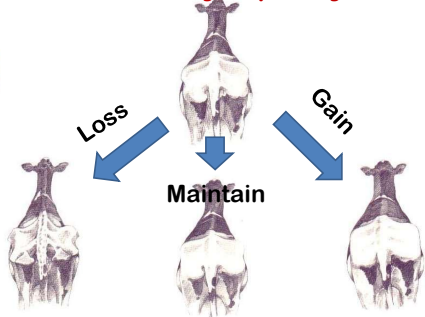
 

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Does Body Weight change early postpartum affect embryo quality?

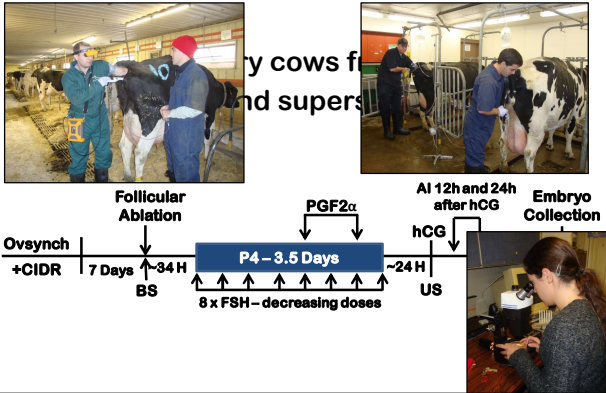
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Cows losing more BW early postpartum will have poor embryo quality

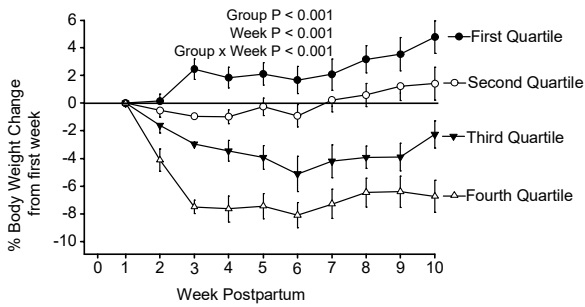
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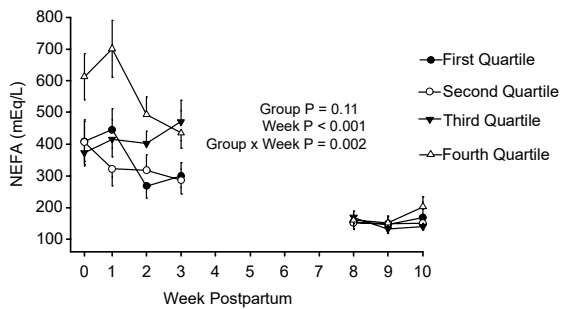
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% Body weight change



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NEFA concentrations



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Embryo Characteristics					
	Quartile				P-value
	Fourth Q Lost +	Third Q Lost	Second Q Maintain	First Q Gain	
CL (no.)	18.4 ± 2.6	18.4 ± 1.7	19.0 ± 1.7	16.0 ± 2.0	0.67
Fertilized embryos (%)	76.9 ± 7.1	77.0 ± 6.6	77.6 ± 7.6	78.4 ± 7.1	0.99
Quality 1 & 2 embryos (%)	38.0 ± 8.7	61.3 ± 8.2	60.6 ± 9.4	63.4 ± 8.6	0.14
Degenerate embryos (%)	35.2 ± 8.5 ^a	12.6 ± 4.6 ^b	14.5 ± 6.3 ^b	9.6 ± 3.7 ^b	0.02
Qual 1 & 2 of Fertilized (%)	48.4 ± 9.5 ^a	78.3 ± 6.6 ^b	72.6 ± 9.5 ^b	77.7 ± 7.4 ^b	0.05
Degenerate of Fertilized (%)	46.9 ± 9.6 ^{a,A}	17.4 ± 6.4 ^{b,B}	24.8 ± 9.3 ^{ab,A}	16.2 ± 7.0 ^{b,B}	0.04

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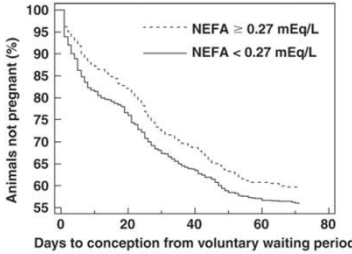
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Associations of elevated nonesterified fatty acids and β-hydroxybutyrate concentrations with early lactation reproductive performance and milk production in transition dairy cattle in the northeastern United States

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- Cows from 91 dairy herds were sampled for NEFA and BHBA prepartum (n = 1,164) or postpartum (n = 1,095).
- Cows with NEFA concentrations > 0.27 mEq/L resulted in **16% decreased risk** of conception within 70 d after the VWP (P = 0.05).



Animals not pregnant (%)

Days to conception from voluntary waiting period

--- NEFA ≥ 0.27 mEq/L
— NEFA < 0.27 mEq/L

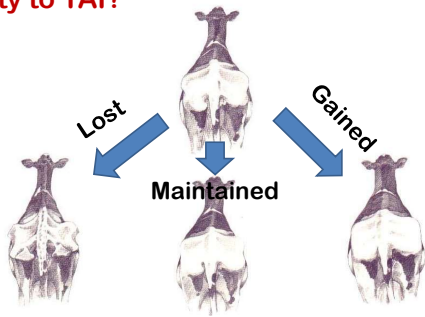
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Does a change in BCS early postpartum affect fertility to TAI?

Calving

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Cows losing more BCS early postpartum will have decreased fertility at first TAI

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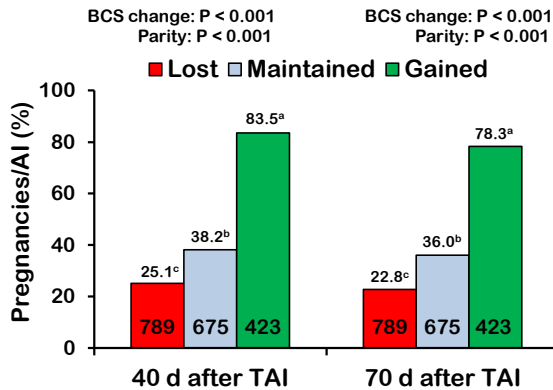
% of cows, BCS at calving and 21 DIM

	BCS Change			P-Value
	Lost	Maintained	Gained	
				BCS
% cows	42 (789/1887)	36 (675/1887)	22 (423/1887)	-
% Primi.	47 (373/789)	53 (356/675)	55 (233/423)	0.02
BCS at calving	2.93±0.01 ^a	2.89±0.02 ^{ab}	2.85±0.02 ^b	0.005
BCS at 21 DIM	2.64±0.01 ^c	2.89±0.02 ^b	3.10±0.02 ^a	<0.001
BCS Δ	-0.29	0.0	+0.25	
ECM (kg/d) [†]	30.9±0.4	31.5±0.4	28.7±0.4	0.3

[†]From calving to 21DIM

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P/AI to Double-Ovsynch



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Case Study Extreme Example

A nutritionist called me about a 450-cow dairy with severe repro problems

- 21-d Pregnancy Rate: 8%
 - <20% = poor
 - 21% to 25% = OK with room for improvement
 - 26% to 30% = excellent
 - >30% = outstanding
- 21-d Service Rate: 33%
 - Goal: >60%
- Conception Rate: 39% overall
 - No sexed semen used in lactating cows
 - CR is difficult to benchmark; many factors are involved
 - Goal: 45% to 55%

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Far-Off Dry Cows



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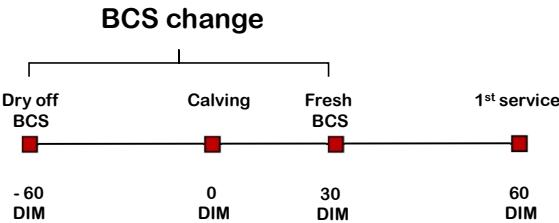
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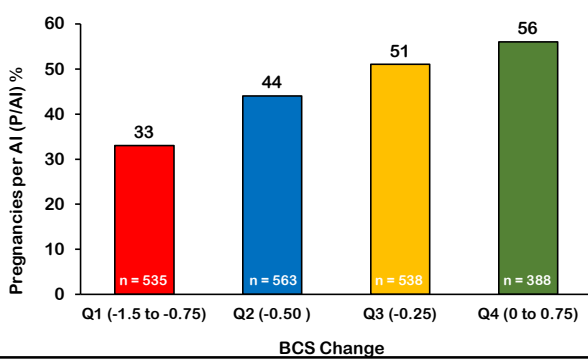
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Demographics by BCS change

	BCS Change from Dry off to 30 DIM			
	Q1 n = 608	Q2 n = 672	Q3 n = 650	Q4 n = 449
BCS Change	-1.5 to -0.75	- 0.50	-0.25	0 to 0.75
BCS Change (Mean ± SEM)	-0.84 ± 0.01	-0.50 ± 0	-0.25 ± 0	0.04 ± 0.01
Parity (Mean ± SEM)	3.47 ± 0.06	3.07 ± 0.05	2.86 ± 0.5	2.73 ± 0.06
Week 8 Milk (lbs)	117	117	113	108
1 st F:P Ratio (Mean ± SEM)	1.30 ± 0.02	1.25 ± 0.01	1.21 ± 0.01	1.19 ± 0.01

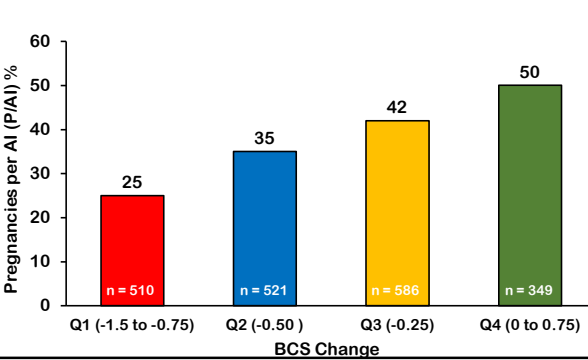
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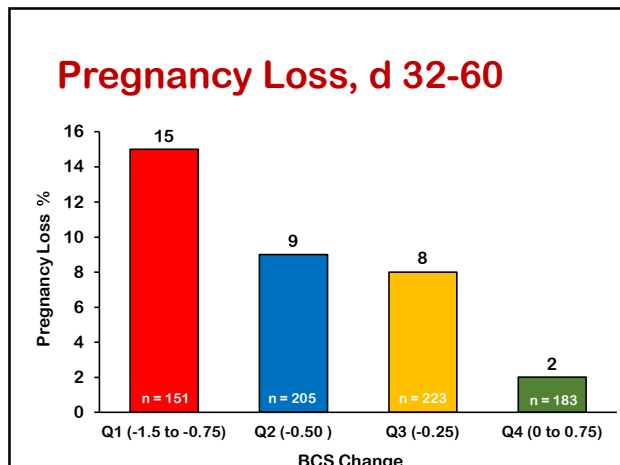


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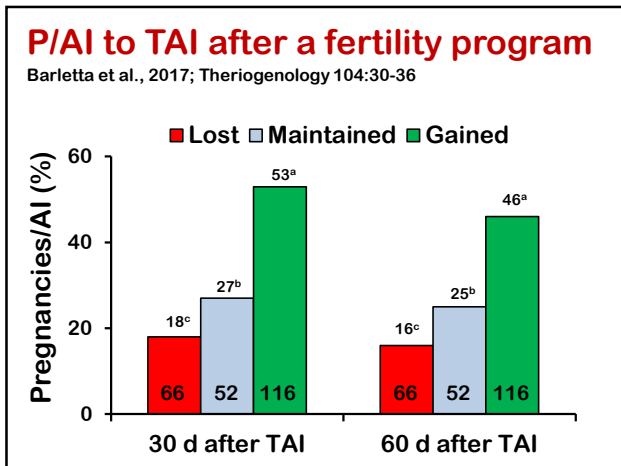
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BCS change from 21 days before calving to 21 days after calving

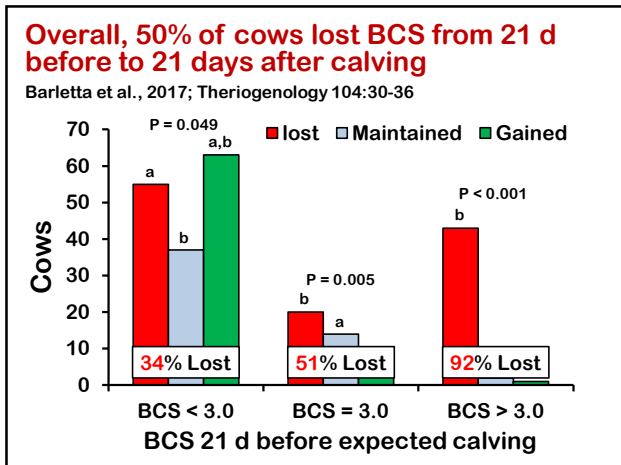
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Effect of BCS Change on Health Events			
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Event	Lost	Maintained	Gained
	50% (116/234)	22% (52/234)	28% (66/234)
Metritis	23%	21%	20%
Mastitis	29% ^b	17% ^{a,b}	17% ^a
Ketosis	27%	19%	15%
Pneumonia	15%	12%	9%
>1 Event	63% ^b	46% ^a	39% ^a

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Question:

How can we get cows to gain or maintain BCS after calving?

Answer:

Avoid calving over-conditioned cows!

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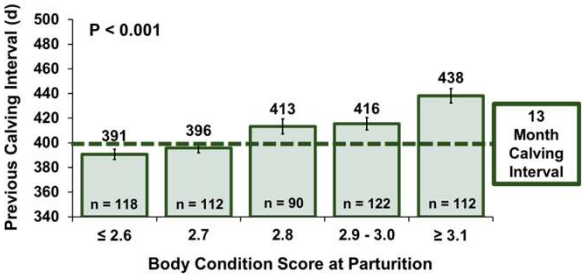
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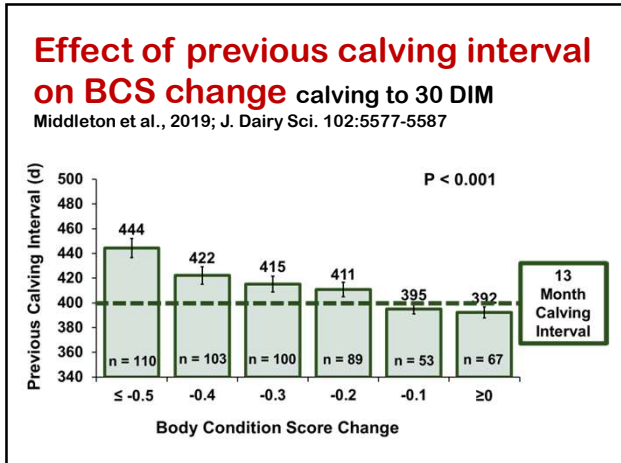
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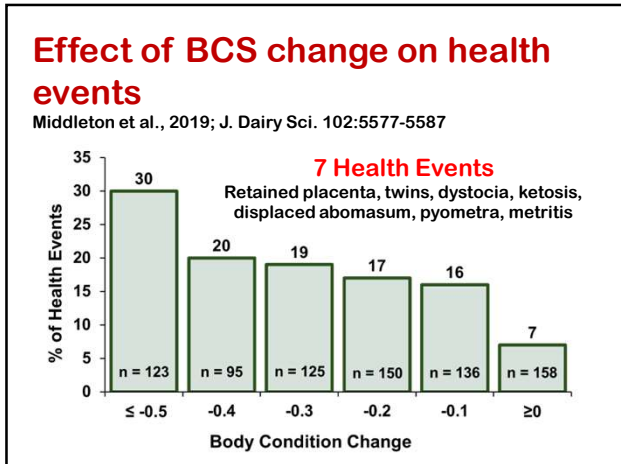
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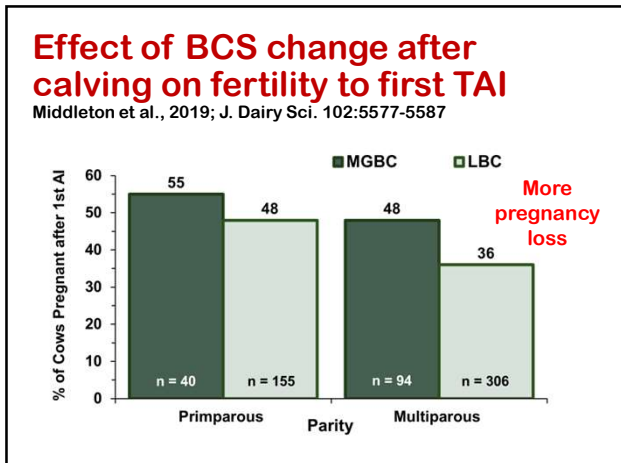
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The high-fertility cycle: How timely pregnancies in one lactation may lead to less body condition loss, fewer health issues, greater fertility, and reduced early pregnancy losses in the next lactation

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PREGNANT BY 130 DIM

LESS BODY CONDITION LOSS

Fewer Health Issues

Greater PR/AI

HIGH FERTILITY CYCLE

REDUCED EARLY PREGNANCY LOSS

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Re-think BCS targets

2001 BCS Recommendations:

Calving: 3.25 to 3.75






Early: 2.50 to 3.25

Mid: 2.75 to 3.25

Late: 3.00 to 3.50

Dry Off: 3.25 to 3.75

Too High!



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Emaciated

Thin

Average

Fat

Obese

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					GnRH	
					PGF	
	GnRH					
	GnRH					
	PGF	PGF	GnRH	TAI		



Parity	21-d Preg Rate	Service Rate	P/AI
All cows	31%	66%	50%
Primiparous	41%	70%	61%
Multiparous	29%	65%	47%



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BREDSUM By Times Bred
January, 2019 to January, 2020

	95% CI	%Conc	#Preg	#Open	Other	Abort	Total	%Tot	SPC
1 46-55	50	269	266	5	35	540	49	2.0	
2 47-58	53	153	137	4	13	294	27	1.9	
3 42-58	50	75	75	1	6	151	14	2.0	90% pregnant after 3 AI
4 34-57	46	31	37	1	2	69	6	2.2	
5 21-54	36	10	18	0	1	28	3	2.8	
6 -	62	10	6	0	0	16	1	1.6	
7 -	50	1	1	0	0	2	0	2.0	
8 -	100	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.0	
TOTALS	47-53	50	550	540	11	57	1101	100	2.0

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