

Next-Gen Mastitis Management with Precision Dairy Technology

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WKU SmartHolstein Lab

VISUAL DETECTION AND TREATMENT

FORESTRIPPING

CMT

- Cowside
- Cheap
- Easy
- Simple
- Detects relative cell content
- Does NOT give SCC



COWSIDETESTS















DHI SCC MONITORING



Mid-S	outh Dair	ry Reco	rds	*	****	•* H	IOT SH	HEET **	****	Page	e 1	
		41 sa	mples		colle	ected	4-28	8-10	test	ted 5-03	-10	
Index	Barn	Milk	Fat	Pro	SNF	MUN	SCC	Count	DIM	Lac CAR	B#	
Avg	41 cows	59.8	3.9	3.3	9.0		3.6		140			
Highe	st 20 SCC	Cows						Weighted	Aver	age SCC:	492	
Index	Barn	Milk	Fat	Pro	SNF	MUN	SCC	Count	DIM	Lac CAR	W/0	%
7	7SWISS	42.1	4.7	4.0	8.8		9.2	7352	12	1	373	25.6
56	56	30.2	5.3	4.6	8.3		9.0	6400	180	3	297	15.9
54	TESSY	81.5	3.6	3.2	8.7		6.9	1493	12	2	254	10.1
302	GLITTER	83.1	3.3	3.0	8.2		6.3	985	47	3	226	6.8
14	IZZIE	62.7	3.6	3.3	9.1		6.5	1131	145	5	200	5.9
457	NIKKI	81.4	3.2	2.9	8.1		5.9	746	34	2	179	5.0
554	AIDA	44.8	4.3	3.4	9.2		6.3	985	150	1	161	3.7
289	WHITCHA	61.7	3.2	3.2	9.0		5.4	528	308	4	149	2.7
68	5639556	85.1	4.0	3.0	8.8		4.9	373	15	1	139	2.6
17	M17	47.2	2.9	3.0	8.8		5.6	606	41	1	127	2.4
608	ELIZABE	36.1	4.1	3.2	8.9		5.8	696	107	2	116	2.1
47	PEYTON	68.2	4.8	3.3	9.0		4.8	348	117	6	106	2.0
35	SQUIRRE	58.0	3.8	3.4	9.3		4.7	325	50	1	99	1.6
119	BGEORGE	66.2	3.0	3.1	8.7		4.4	264	162	2	92	1.4
113	BETH	72.4	3.4	3.4	9.0		4.1	214	316	3	86	1.3
4	GRACEFU	56.9	6.0	3.7	9.3		4.4	264	204	4	80	1.2
285	ANN	60.5	4.2	3.7	9.2		4.3	246	210	4	72	1.2
42	42	76.0	3.6	3.3	9.1		3.7	162	28	1	67	1.0
86	86	65.3	2.4	3.1	8.9		3.9	187	26	1	61	1.0
282	WITCHIE	68.1	3.9	3.1	8.6		3.7	162	137	3	55	0.9

A ROAD PAVED WITH TECHNOLOGY

Rapid, continuous

measurements



WHITE REVOLUTION



DETECTION NEEDS VERY DIFFERENT





FOUR DIFFERENT SCENARIOS

- Cows with severe clinical mastitis needing immediate attention
- Cows with subclinical mastitis, mild or mild, or moderate clinical mastitis not needing immediate attention
- Cows needing attention at drying off
- Monitoring of udder health at the herd level



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Novel ways to use sensor data to improve mastitis management

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MASTITIS DETECTION BENEFITS





MASTITIS DETECTION PLUS CULTURING MAGNIFIES VALUE

DRYING OFF

- Abrupt cessation is US industry norm
- Milk leakage and discomfort are concern
- Increase risk of IMI Primiparous animals show reduced risk of IMI with gradual cessation
- Role in tailoring drying off approach
- Selective dry cow therapy



Dairy Farm Tech 2.0







This poster tracks companies developing and deploying 21st Century technology advancements for use in handling, milking or managing cows or youngstock on dairy farms globally. Technologies that offer solutions for use in farming applications or in the dairy supply chain are not included. Manure-handling technologies are not part of the scope of this project. However, technologies for the management of enteric methane and a farm's carbon footprint are included.

Companies displayed on the map are startups or may be partially / fully owned by other companies. Companies owning or investing in these new technology brands may also be included. Companies that solely distribute technology owned by others are not included.

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WKU SmartHolstein Lab Daily Data

	75.8	83.8	5:52		138 _{steps/hr}	10:26 rest time hr/d	9.7 rest bouts/d	
Production	lbs milk	energy-corrected milk	milking time min:ss	Behavior	3:06 eating time hr/d	4:05 active time hr/d	8:01	
	4.3 fat %	3.3 protein %	4.4 lactose %	${\color{black}{\smile}}$	4:36 time at feedbunk hr/d	5:48 standing time hr/d	1:54 time out of pen hr/d	
	9.2	177,000 test day SCC cells/ml	102.5		87.2 cow comfort index			
Environment	58.8	0.1 rain (in.)	1.1 ammonia (ppm)	Nutrition	1.1 deliveries/day	7.4 pushups/day	0.9 cleanouts/day	
	0.6 methane (ppm)	21.1 TVOC (ppm)	225.2 light (lux)		4:03 low feed hr/d	6.2		

Wearable Sensors







First health microchip optimized for dairy

Real-time measurement without blood extraction

- Progesterone for Fertility
- BUN, BHB and NEFA for energy status
- Body temperature

With a smart ear tag monitoring

- Lameness
- Movement
- Behaviour

And API data integration from other technologies





Quantify the impact of your interventions and make data-driven decisions

- · Keep a centralized record of changes and events
- Understand the impact of changes you make
- Make better decisions for your herd and operations



Al-powered Copilot automates data analysis and sends key insights to your inbox

- Save time spent browsing through data
- Get a weekly summary of key changes and outliers
- Identify hard-to-spot issues with advanced AI





Machine Vision Technologies











Missed Post Dip Event

Phone Time







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Inline Somatic Cell Count





GEA'S DAIRYMILK M6850

- First somatic cell count system focus on each udder quarter individually
- Works with DairyRobot R9500, former Monobox or DairyProQ
- Uses Electrical Permittivity Threshold (EPT) technology, a patented, physical method to measure somatic cell counts in milk, with no resources or reagents







SomaDetect





- Light scattering, absorption and fluorescence to simultaneously determine milk composition
- In-line and handheld devices





ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY

- Ion concentration of milk changes, increasing electrical conductivity
- Inexpensive and simple equipment
- Wide range of sensitivity and specificity reported
- Results improve with quarter level sensors
- Improved results with recent algorithms
- Most useful combined with other metrics





MILK COLOR



Color variation (red, blue, and green) sensors in some automatic milking systems



Reddish color indicates blood (Ordolff, 2003)



Clinical mastitis may change color patterns for three colors (red, green and blue)

Specificity may be limited



THE POWER WITHIN

Core body temperature monitoring has promise as a mastitis detection tool.

BY KIM SCHOONMAKER



Thermo-Tracker TM

With CT Logic[™] Identifies sick cows for early treatment!



Milk Temperature Monitor





Temperature

- Not all cases of mastitis result in a temperature response
- Best location to collect temperature?
- Noise from other physiological impacts



The use of a radiotelemetric ruminal bolus to detect body temperature changes in lactating dairy cattle

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Figure 1. Twenty-four-hour recording of vaginal temperature during d 21 of cows received intramammary injection of LPS (black marker) or saline (gray marker). Each point (n = 16) represents average vaginal temperature recorded during a given minute. The error bars represent standard deviation. Lipopolysaccharide or saline injections were administered at 0900 h, as depicted by the arrow.



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Evaluation of reticuloruminal temperature for the prediction of clinical mastitis in dairy cows challenged with *Streptococcus uberis*

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Figure 3. Frequency of health-related alerts based on the time of intramammary challenge. Day 0 represents the day of the intramammary challenge with *Streptococcus uberis*. During the week before the challenge, 13.6% of the alerts were recorded, whereas 86.4% were recorded after the challenge.



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CM severity score	Test characteristic	Ability to predict CM at least 24 h before onset of clinical signs, % (95% CI)
Mild	Se^2	90.9 (58.7, 99.8)
(severity 1)	Sp^3	90.9 (58.7, 99.8)
	PPV^4	90.9 (58.7, 99.8)
	NPV^5	90.9 (58.7, 99.8)
	Accuracy ⁶	90.9 (70.8, 98.9)
Moderate	Se	77.8 (57.7, 91.4)
(severity 2)	Sp	92.6 (75.7, 99.1)
x v /	PPV	91.3 (72.0, 98.9)
	NPV	80.6 (62.5, 92.5)
	Accuracy	85.2 (72.9, 93.4)
Severe	Se	100 (59.0, 100)
(severity 3)	Sp	85.7 (42.1, 99.6)
	PPV	87.5 (47.3, 99.7)
	NPV	100 (54.1, 100)
	Accuracy	92.9 (66.1, 99.8)

Table 1. Performance of the reticuloruminal temperature (RRT) alerts to predict clinical mastitis (CM) in cows challenged with Streptococcus uberis¹

¹Based on severity score at least 24 h before the occurrence of clinical signs of a given severity in 37 Holstein dairy cows.

²Se = sensitivity; correct prediction of a CM status based on a generated RRT alert.

³Sp = specificity: correct prediction of a CM absence status based on the lack of an RRT alert.

⁴PPV = positive predictive value: probability that, given an RRT alert, the cow will develop CM of a given severity.

⁵NPV = negative predictive value: probability that, given a lack of an RRT alert, the cow will not develop CM of a given severity.

⁶Accuracy includes 22 observations for mild severity, 54 for moderate, and 14 for severe severity.


ADVANCED IMAGING & MACHINE LEARNING

We automate mastitis detection without touching the cow or milk.

- Camera installed on rotary parlor
- Infrared image analysis at every milking
- In-barn, "edge", data processing
- Real-time signal to workers
- Integrates with other farm software systems

Thu 8:43 AM (+34.5s)



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Thermography

May be limited because not all cases of mastitis result in a temperature response

Difficulties in collecting images



Before Infection

After Infection



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Accurate detection of dairy cow mastitis with deep learning technology: a new and comprehensive detection method based on infrared thermal images

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Table 2

Detection results of three methods for 105 Holstein cows mastitis.

Detection method	Specificity (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Accuracy (%)
Left and right USST difference method	97.44	33.33	80.95
OST and USST difference method	58.97	96.30	68.57
New and comprehensive method	84.62	96.30	87.62

Abbreviations: USST = udder skin surface temperature; OST = ocular surface temperature.

Spectroscopy

- Visible, near-infrared, midinfrared, or radio frequency
- Indirect identification through changes in milk composition
- AfiLab uses near infrared
 - Fat, protein, lactose





Day relative to clinical mastitis

Steele and Petersson-Wolfe, unpublished



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The effect of J5 bacterins on clinical, behavioral, and antibody response following an *Escherichia coli* intramammary challenge in dairy cows at peak lactation

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Figure 3. Least squares means (\pm SEM) of the percent of pre-challenge yields (kg) for milk yield, milk fat, milk protein, and milk lactose in the 60 d following an intramammary challenge with *Escherichia coli*. No significant differences were found between treatments (P > 0.05).

Lab on a Chip





Biosensors and Chemical Sensors

- Biological components (enzymes, antibodies, or microorganism)
- Enzyme, L-Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), is released because of the immune response and changes in cellular membrane chemistry
- Chemical sensors: changes in chloride, potassium, and sodium ions, volatile metabolites resulting from mastitis, haptoglobin, and hemoglobin (Hogeveen, 2011)

Herd Navigator

- Progesterone
 - Heat detection
 - Pregnancy detection
- LDH enzyme
 - Early mastitis detection
- BHBA
 - Indicator of subclinical ketosis
- Urea
 - Protein status





Mastitis





Individual Cow SCC from a Bulk Tank Sample

On-Farm PCR Pathogen Detection







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Load cartridge

Add milk sample to Mastatest cartidge, then replace the lid. Firmly tap cartridge to dislodge any bubbles.





Place in Lapbox

Place Mastatest cartridge into the Lapbox™, enter cow number, then start the test.





Results in 24 hours

Fully interpreted test results will be emailed to you within 24 hours.





What Lessons Can be Learned from the Technology Graveyard?





Nobody on Team that Knows Cows

Physical Form Problems





Device Integrity



Identifying, fixing, or replacing broken, misfitting, or malfunctioning devices







Cow ID issues? Right data from the right cow?



Too Much Infrastructure Needed

Plug and Play Has Different Meanings for Different People



Rodents and Other Farm Realities





Lightning Strikes Twice

Rural Connectivity Limits



Focus on Technology, Rather than Information



Some Data Interesting but Not Useful

How Much Data Do We Really Need?



Clinical or subclinical

- SCC
- Human detection of clinical signs
- Bacteria presence
- Time window





Mastitis Challenges

DYNAMICS OF CLINICAL AND SUBCLINICAL MASTITIS

POTENTIAL FOR OVERTREATMENT

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

WHAT ACTION TO TAKE?



Mastitis Challenges

CALIBRATION ACROSS TIME

AUTOMATIC DIVERSION OR ALERT

PATHOGEN DIFFERENCES

FARM DIFFERENCES

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Are we focused too heavily on disease detection?

Are we measuring the targets we intend to?



$X \neq X$ and $Y \neq Y$





Jones et al., 2020

Disappearing Data



• 138 cows

- DIM 1 to 21
- 2898 cow days
- 7 technologies



How good are we at finding events of interest?

The Full Story



[†] *P* < 0.1, * *P* < 0.05, ** *P* < 0.01, *** *P* < 0.001

Technology	Disease	
	Detection	False Positive
	Nate (70)	Rate (%)
System 1	80	15
System 2	80	19
System 3	70	23
System 4	78	18
System 5	76	20
System 6	46	12
System 7	60	15

Tsai et al. 2020
Data Silos







Too Costly to Justify Investment

Economic Considerations

- Initial investment
- Ongoing, variable costs
- Only reducing, not eliminating case cost
- Compare detection versus prevention investment
- Consider cost of intervention
- Intervention success likelihood
- Is the information used or ignored?



PERFECTION IS THE ENEMY OF PROGRESS

-- Winston Churchill



Never Lose Sight Of the Cow



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