







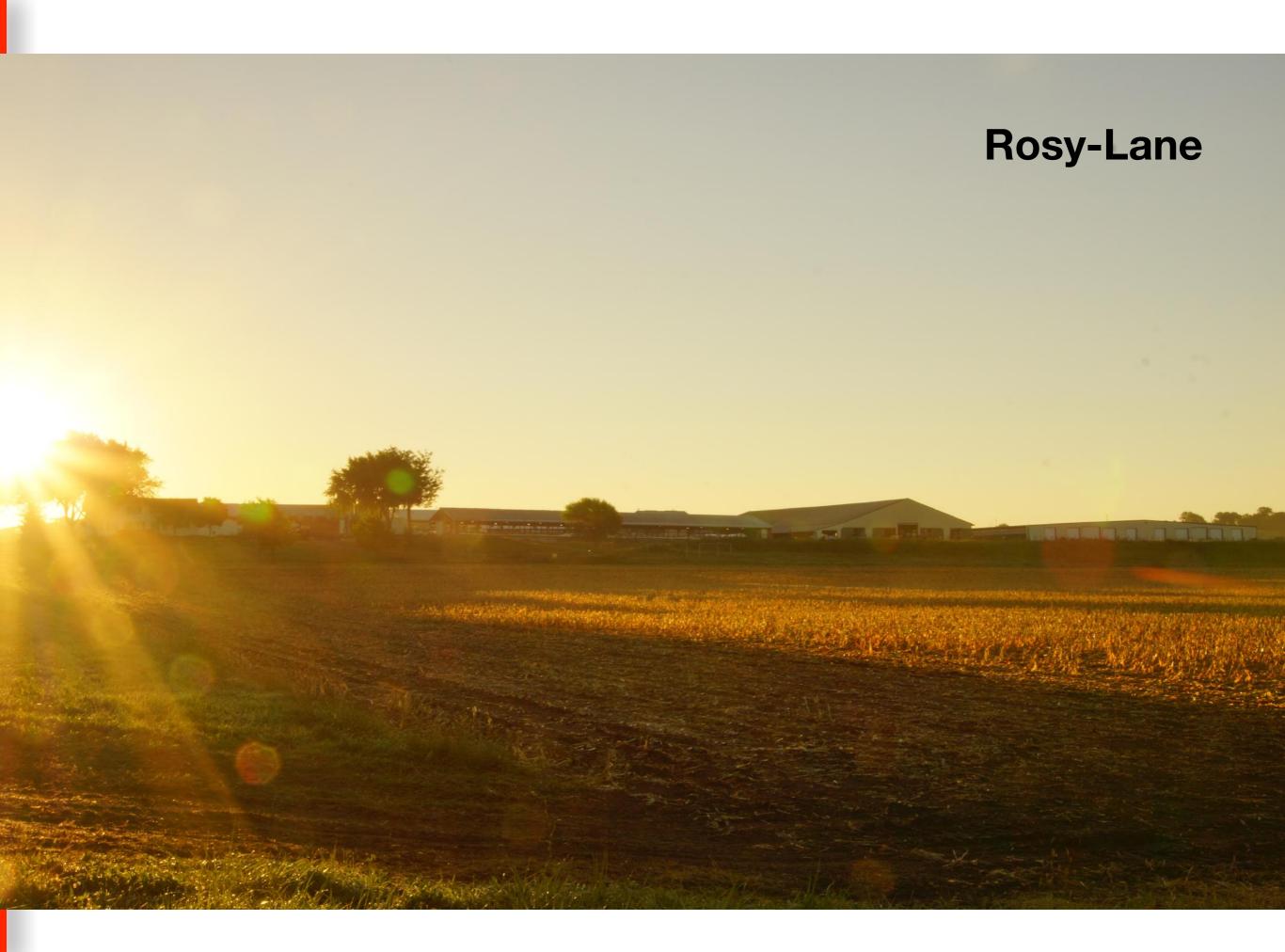


Reproduction management and its economic value

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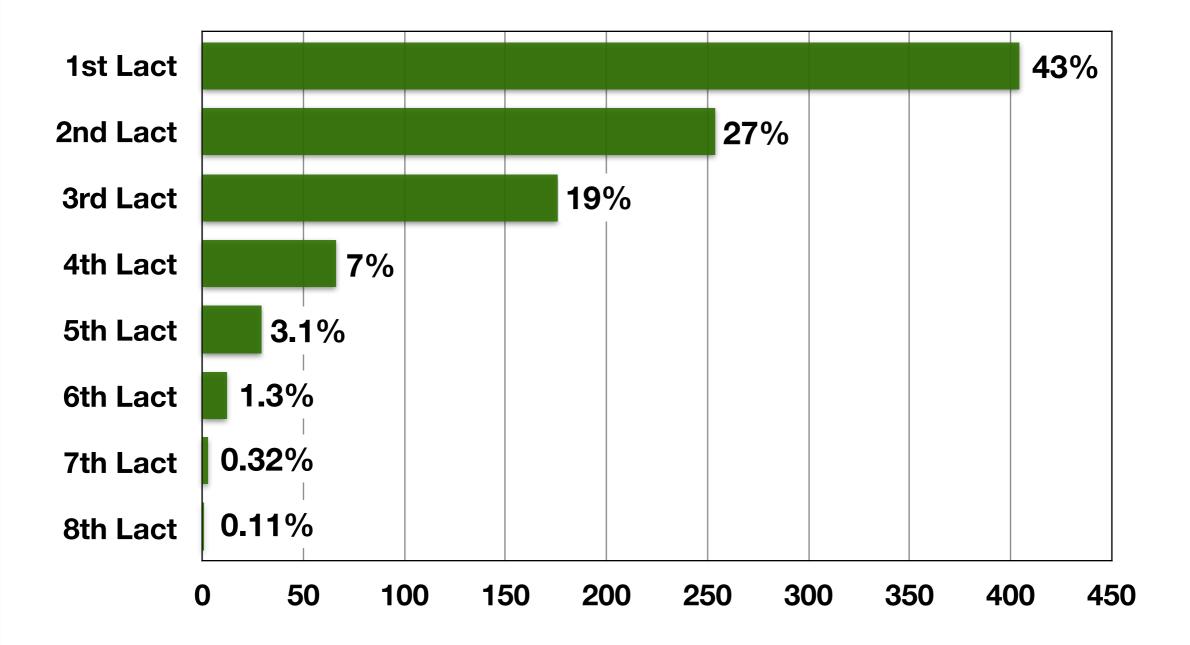
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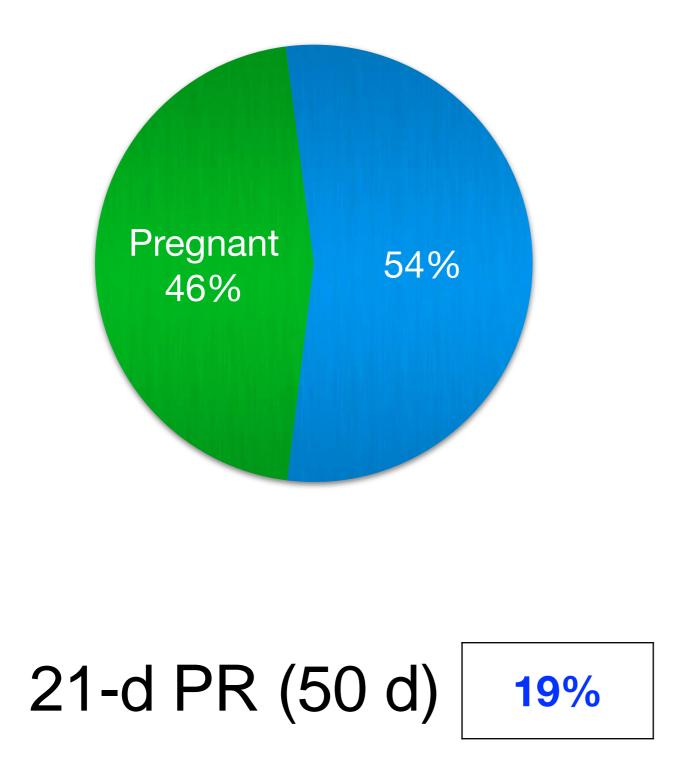
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Cows by lactations Total number of cows in records: 945



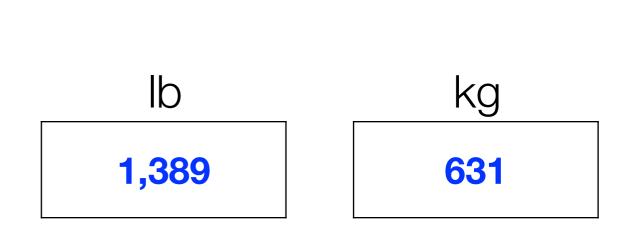
Cows by status Total number of cows in records: 945





Average BW Weighted average

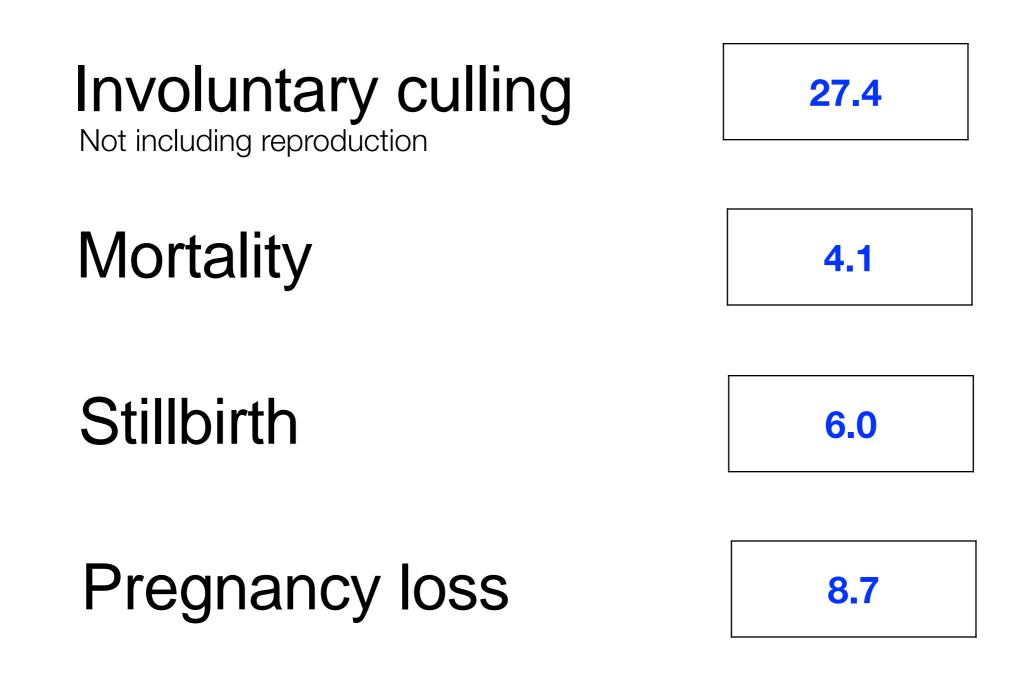
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2nd Lact	27%	1,400
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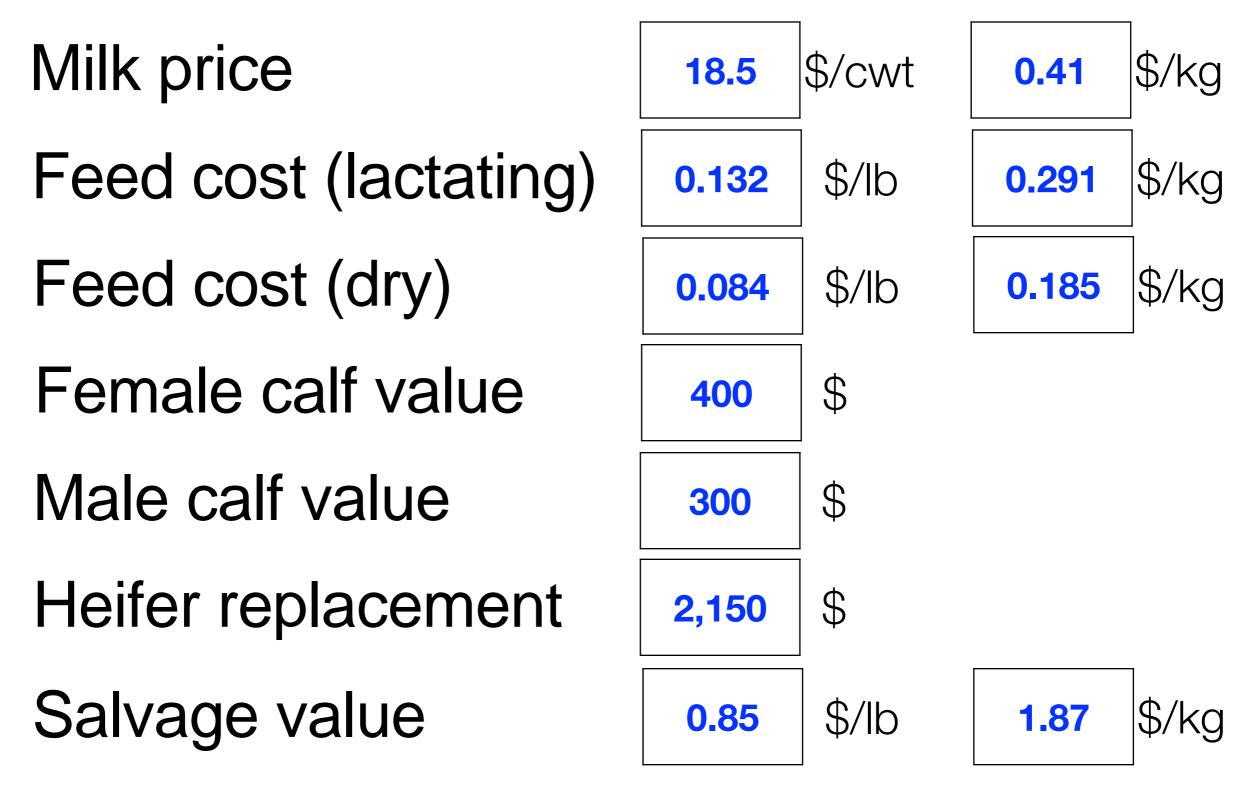
Animal losses

Percentages (%) animals leaving the herd



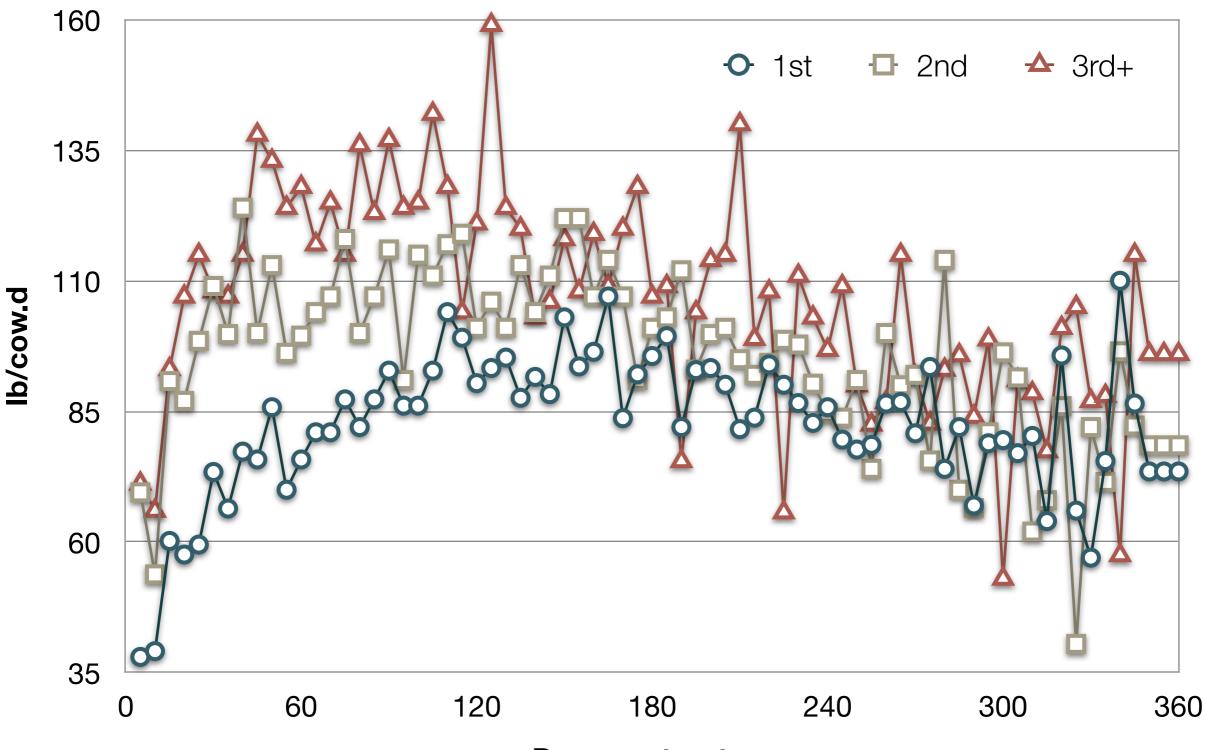
Economic values

Average of a year ending September 2014



Lactation curves

Crucial for reproduction evaluation



Days postpartum

Lactation curves Smoothing the curves

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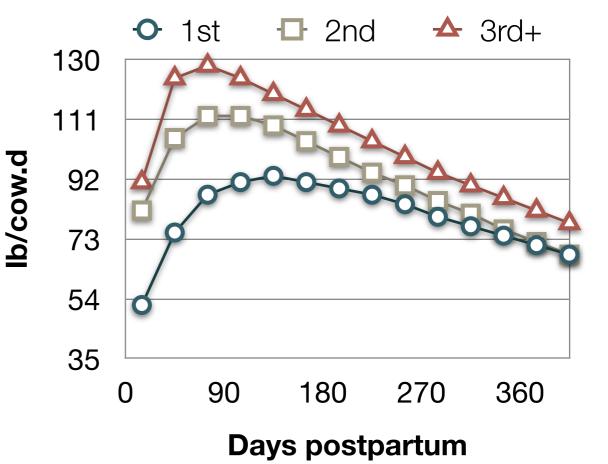
Lactation curves Smoothing the curves

DIM	1st	2nd	3rd+
15	52	82	91
45	75	105	124
75	87	112	128
105	91	112	124
135	93	109	119
165	91	104	114
195	89	99	109
225	87	94	104
255	84	90	99
285	80	85	94
315	77	81	90
345	74	76	86
375	71	72	82
405	68	68	78

$$M_{DIM} = a \left(1 - \frac{e^{\left(\frac{c-DIM}{b}\right)}}{2}\right) e^{-(d)(DIM)}$$

M =	Milk Yield
DIM =	Days in milk
a =	Scale (overall capacity to produce milk)
b =	Ramp (slope of milk production rising after calving)
c =	Offset (starting amount of milk yield)
d =	Decay (rate factor of decline in milk yield after peak)

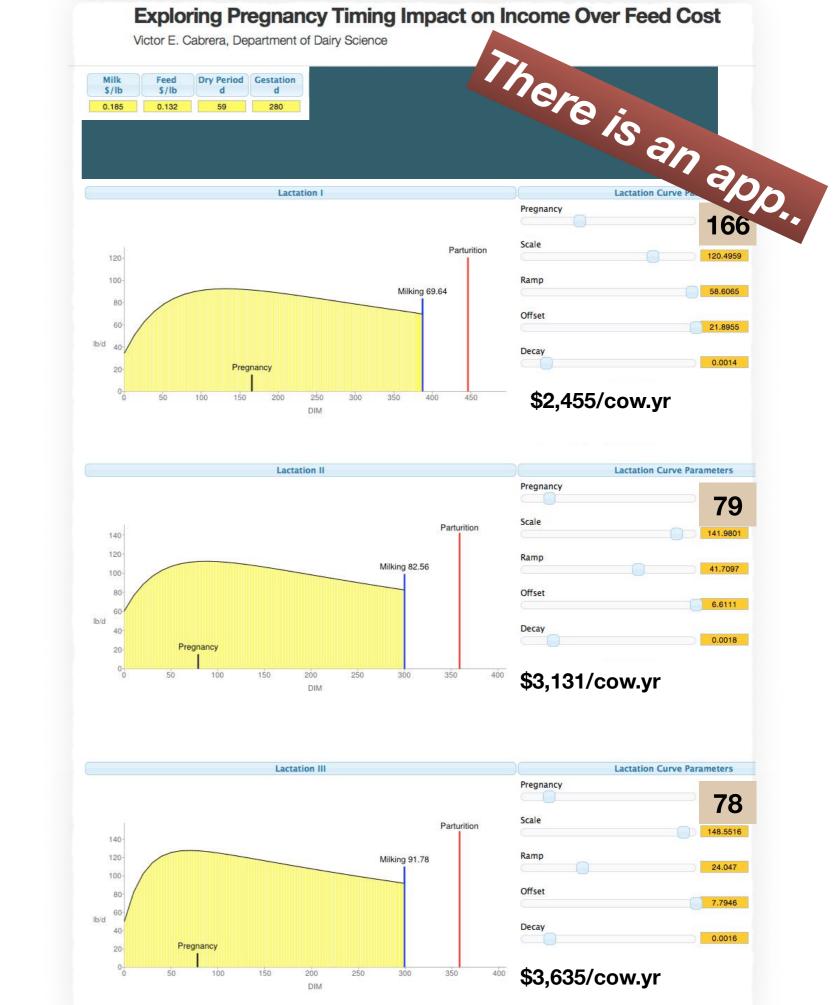
Fig.1: MilkBot's Model



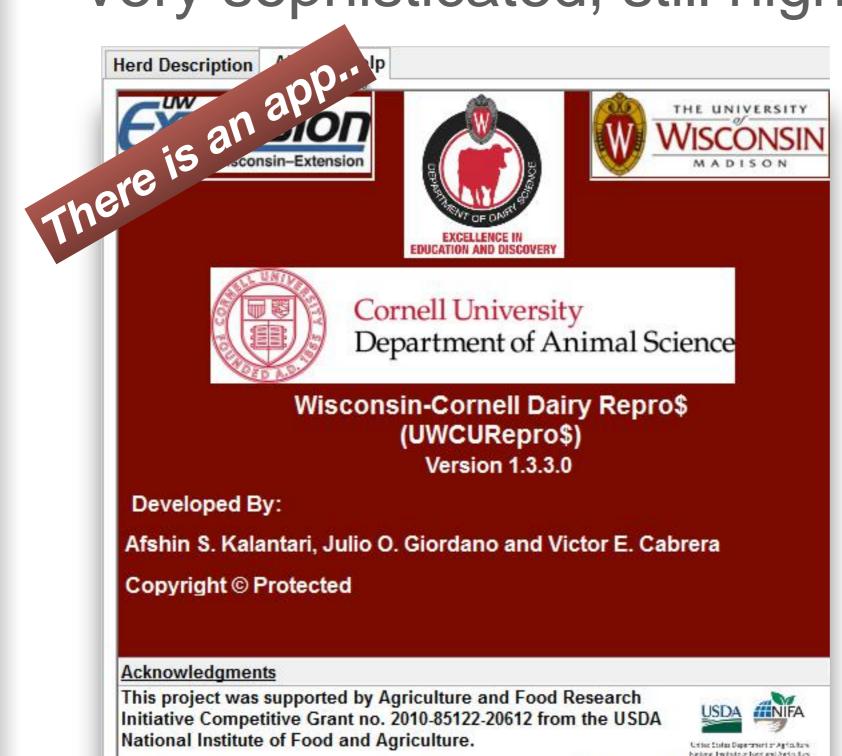
Lactation curves

Lactations and optimal pregnancy time

UW-HERD		
1st	167	
2nd	46	
3rd+	24	



The UWCU Repro\$ Tool Very sophisticated, still highly user-friendly



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Overview

Reproductive performance greatly impacts dairy farm profitability. Optimal reproductive performance improves milk productivity because cows take better advantage of the most productive part of their lactations, decreases replacement costs due to less reproductive failure increases the number of offspring, and decreases reproductive costs per pregnancy. Normally, farmers and consultants can keep detailed records and compute meticulous reproductive costs They can also know herd's reproductive performance. However, it is difficult to assess the actual monetary value of alternative reproductive programs. Therefore, in a multi-state collaboration, we have created the Wisconsin-Cornell Repro\$ (UW-CURepro\$) to assist dairy farm decision-makers perform advanced reproductive analyses by studying the economic value of intended reproductive management strategies. The UW-CURepro\$ is a complex daily Markov chain model inspired on Giordano et al., 2012 (J. Dairy Science 95:5442) that daily simulates every single cow and her economics, and computes the net return associated to reproductive performance parameters. Luckily, this tool has been designed as a user-friendly decision support tool and users only need to define: 1) productive, reproductive, and economic parameters to represent their own farm particular conditions and 2) potential reproductive strategies to be implemented. The decision support tool takes care of the rest!

UWCU-DairyRepro\$-Instructions.pdf

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A daily herd Markov-chain model to study the reproductive and economic impact of reproductive programs combining timed artificial insemination and estrus detection

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Herd and economic parameters UWCU Repro\$

Herd Parameters Herd Size (#) 942 Average Body Weight (lb) 1,396 Involuntary Culling (%/yr) 29.2 Mortality Rate (%/yr) 3.9 Stillbirth (%) 6.0 **Economic Parameters** Milk Price (\$/cwt) 18.50 Cost Feed Lactating (\$/Ib DM) 0.13 Dry Period Fixed Cost (\$/Ib DM) 0.08 Female Calf value(\$) 400 Male Calf value (\$) 300 Heifer Replacement Value(\$) 2,150 Salvage Value (\$/Ib) 0.850

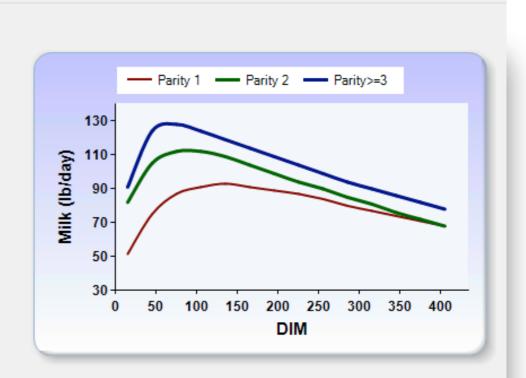
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Next

Reproductive program Timed Artificial Insemination program

1st TAI service postpartum

2nd+ TAI services

Weekday first injection

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					GnRH	
					PGF	
	GnRH					
	GnRH					
	PGF		GnRH	ΤΑΙ		

Double Ovsynch

Double Ovsynch

Friday

Reproductive program Description of program

Voluntary waiting period 1st lact, d Voluntary waiting period 2nd+ lact, d Estrous duration, d Maximum DIM breeding 1st lact, d Maximum DIM breeding 2nd lact, d Maximum DIM breeding 3rd+ lact, d

40

40

22

338

276

236

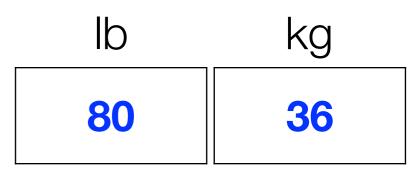
Reproductive program Description of program

Do-not-breed minimum milk/d

DIM first TAI injection, d

Resynch before pre check

Interbreeding interval TAI, d







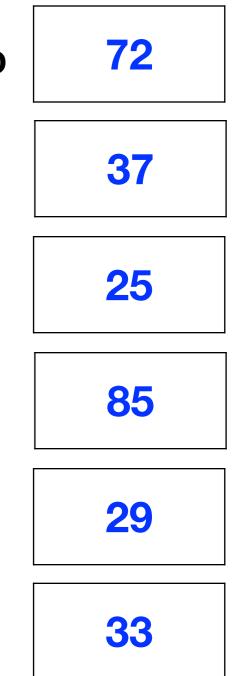


Reproductive program Description of program

Heat bred before 1st TAI service, %

- CR before 1st TAI service, %
- CR 1st TAI service
- Heat bred after 1st TAI service, %
- CR after 1st TAI services, %

CR 2nd+ TAI services



Reproductive program Pregnancy diagnosis

Days in gestation 1st preg check, d



Days in gestation 2nd preg check, d

90

180

Days in gestation 3rd preg check, d

Reproductive program Cost of semen, insemination, & pre check

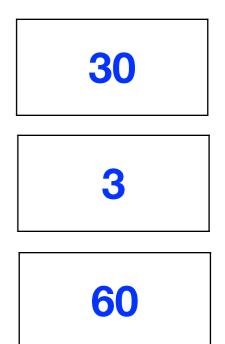
Semen cost, \$/dose Labor insemination, \$/AI



Ultrasound, \$/hr

Time used in preg check, hr/d

Number of cows checked, #/d



Reproductive program Synchronization labor and hormones

Labor for injections, \$/hr



GnRH, \$/dose

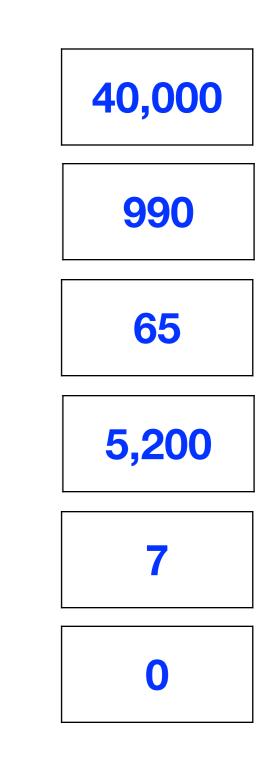
PGF, \$/dose



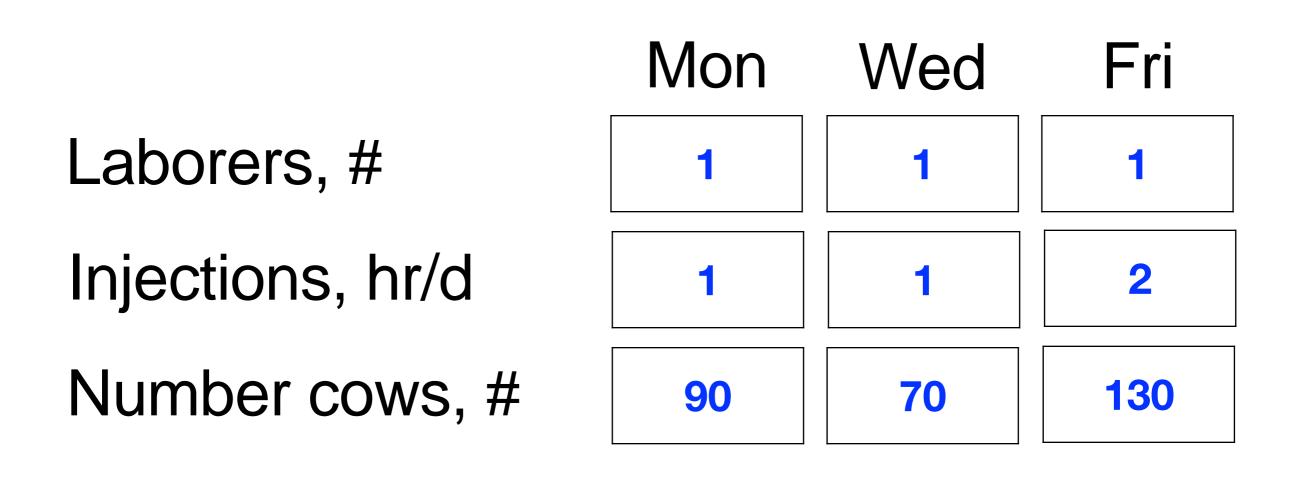


Reproductive program Activity monitors for heat detection (avg)

- System cost, \$
- Monitors, #
- Cost per monitor, \$
- Maintenance cost, \$/yr
- Life expectancy, yr
- Salvage value, \$



Reproductive program Labor for TAI injections

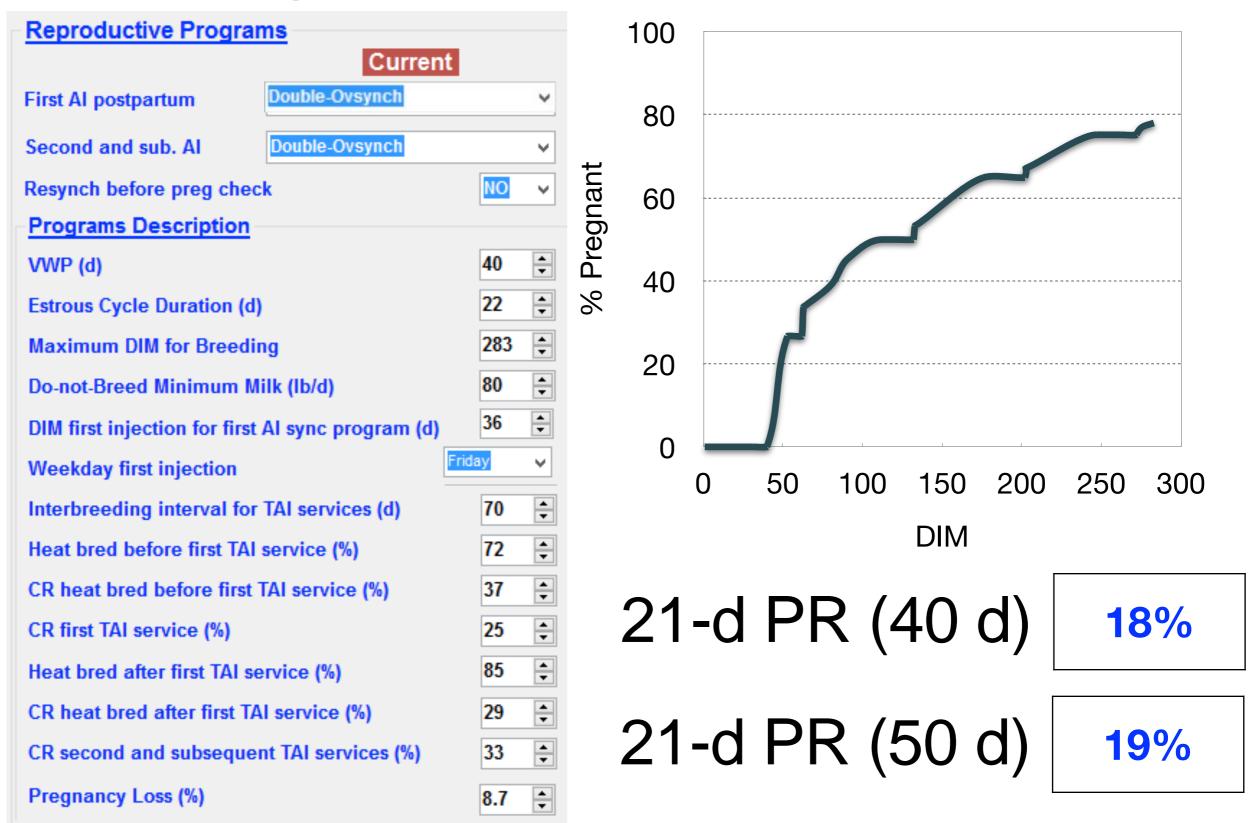


TAI breedings

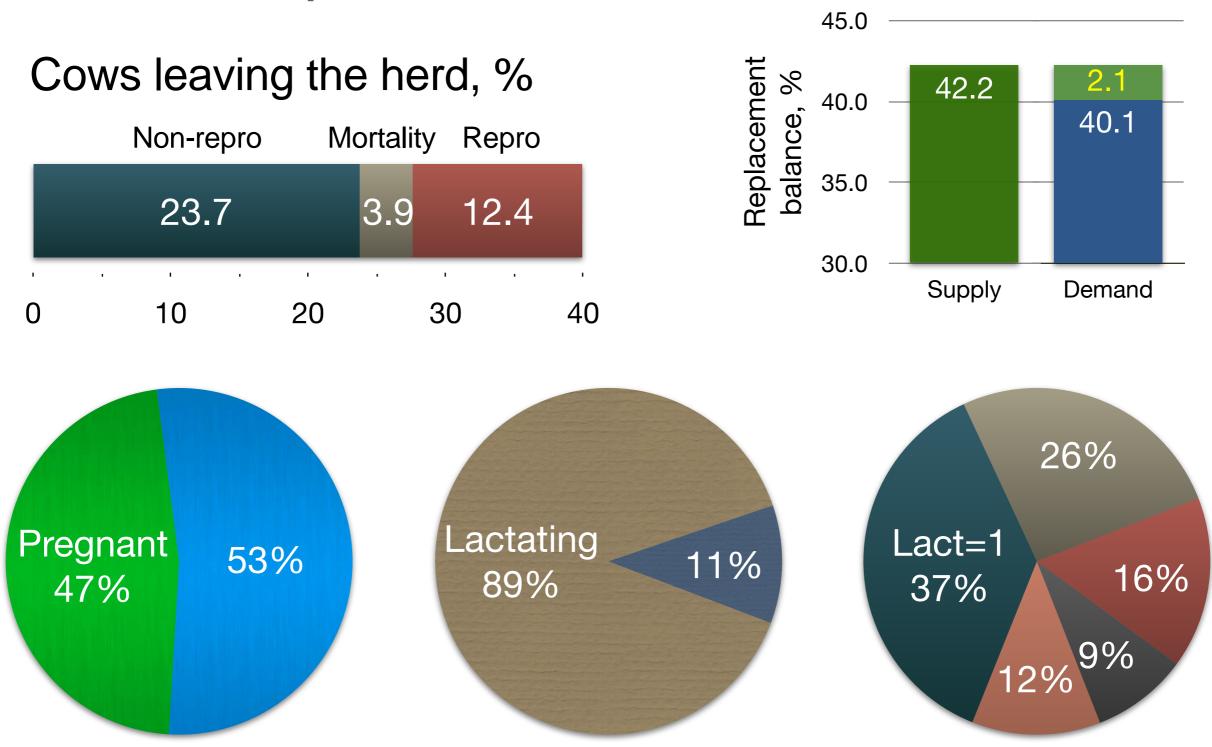


Repro Performance

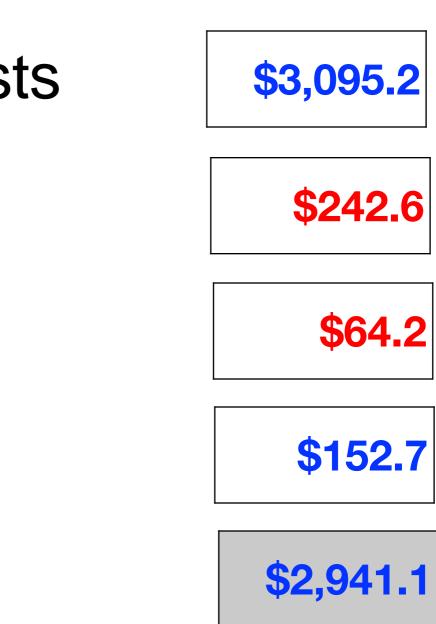
Reproductive program UWCU Repro\$



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\$/cow.yr

Income over feed costs

Replacement costs

Reproductive costs

Calf revenue

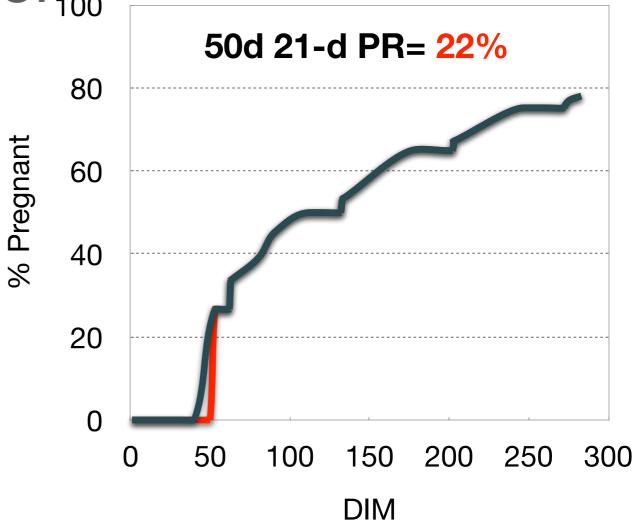
Cow net value

Management strategies

Delay waiting period to 50 d Start heat breeding later₁₀₀

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	0.0
Mortality	3.9	0.0
Repro	12.4	0.0
Total	40.0	0.0

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.1
Demand	40.1	0.0
Balance	2.1	0.1



Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	1.0
Lactating	89	0.0
1 st Lact.	37	0.0

Delay waiting period to 50 d Start heat breeding later

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$0.2
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$0.1
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$1.0
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$0.2
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$1.5

Herd net value (945 cows)	\$1,417.5 \$/herd.yr
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Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) CR DO 1st serv. = 45%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	0.8
Mortality	3.9	0.2
Repro	12.4	1.8
Total	40.0	2.8

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Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.2
Demand	40.1	2.8
Balance	2.1	3.0

Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	2.0
Lactating	89	1.0
1 st Lact.	37	2.0

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) CR DO 1^{st} serv. = 45%

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$16.7
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$8.7
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$5.1
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$12.2
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$32.5

Delay waiting period to 73 d (TAI) CR DO 1st serv. = 45%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	0.6
Mortality	3.9	0.1
Repro	12.4	1.3
Total	40.0	2.0

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Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.2
Demand	40.1	2.1
Balance	2.1	1.9

Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	1.0
Lactating	89	0.0
1 st Lact.	37	2.0

Delay waiting period to 73 d (TAI) CR DO 1^{st} serv. = 45%

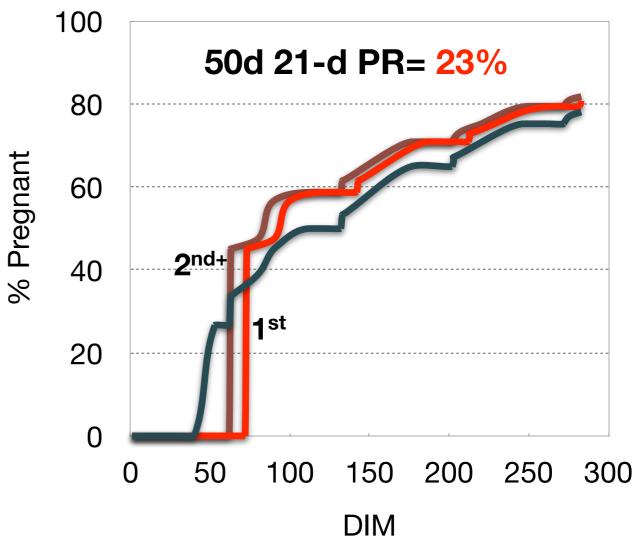
\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$11.0
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$6.2
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$4.5
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$5.3
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$18.0

Herd net value (945 cows)	\$17,010.0 \$/herd.yr	

Delay by lactation (TAI CR = 45%) 1^{st} Lact TAI = 73 d Later Lact TAI = 63 d 10050d 21-d PR= 23%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	0.9
Mortality	3.9	0.1
Repro	12.4	1.3
Total	40.0	2.3

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.1
Demand	40.1	2.4
Balance	2.1	2.5



Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	2.0
Lactating	89	1.0
1 st Lact.	37	2.0

Delay by lactation (TAI CR = 45%) 1^{st} Lact TAI = 73 d Later Lact TAI = 63 d

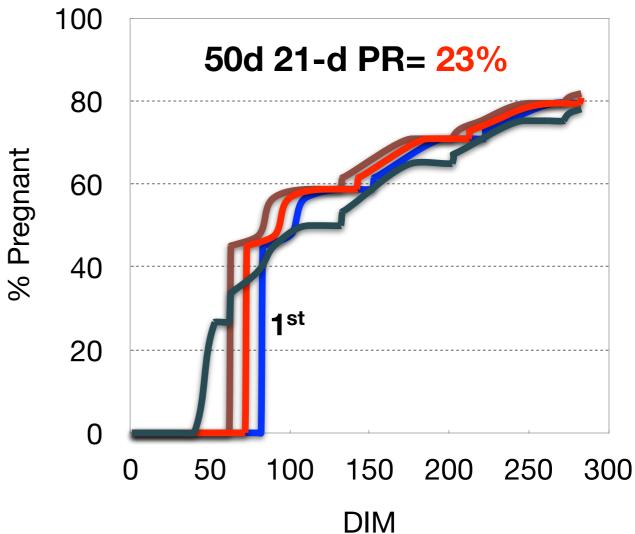
\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$14.8
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$9.3
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$5.3
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$9.9
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$28.7

Herd net value (945 cows) \$27,074.3 \$/herd.yr	Herd net value (945 cows)	\$27,074.3 \$/herd.yr
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Delay by lactation (TAI CR = 45%) 83, 73, and 63 d for $1^{50d 21-d PR= 23\%}$

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	0.9
Mortality	3.9	0.1
Repro	12.4	0.7
Total	40.0	1.7

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.2
Demand	40.1	1.8
Balance	2.1	1.6



Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	1.0
Lactating	89	0.0
1 st Lact.	37	1.0

Delay by lactation (TAI CR = 45%)

83, 73, and 63 d for 1st, 2nd, and 3^{rd+} lact.

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$10.5
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$8.8
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$5.0
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$5.5
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$19.8

Herd net value (945 cows) \$18,711.0 \$/herd.yr

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) CR DO 1st serv. = 53% $_{100}$

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	1.5
Mortality	3.9	0.3
Repro	12.4	3.4
Total	40.0	5.2

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Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.5
Demand	40.1	5.2
Balance	2.1	5.7

Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	5.0
Lactating	89	1.0
1 st Lact.	37	5.0

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) CR DO 1^{st} serv. = 53%

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$32.4
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$16.4
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$1.0
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$22.7
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$70.5

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) 1st TAI 45%, HD 30%, 100 2^{nd+}TAI CR 35%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	1.0
Mortality	3.9	0.2
Repro	12.4	2.2
Total	40.0	3.4

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		0	50	100	150	200	250	300
					DIM			

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.2
Demand	40.1	3.5
Balance	2.1	3.7

Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	3.0
Lactating	89	1.0
1 st Lact.	37	3.0

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) 1st TAI 45%, HD 30%, 2^{nd+}TAI CR 35%

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$18.8
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$11.1
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$3.0
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$18.0
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$44.9

Herd net value (945 cows)	\$42,430.5 \$/herd.yr	

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) 1st TAI 53%, HD 30%, 100 2^{nd+}TAI CR 35%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	1.8
Mortality	3.9	0.3
Repro	12.4	3.7
Total	40.0	5.8

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					DIM			

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.5
Demand	40.1	5.9
Balance	2.1	6.4

Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	5.0
Lactating	89	1.0
1 st Lact.	37	5.0

Delay waiting period to 63 d (TAI) 1st TAI 53%, HD 30%, 2^{nd+}TAI CR 35%

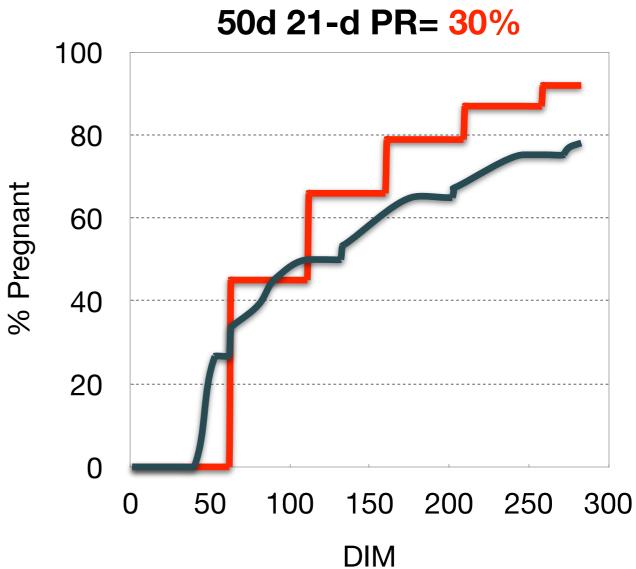
\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$34.3
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$19.0
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$0.8
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$39.0
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$91.5

Herd net value (945 cows) \$	86,467.5 \$/herd.y r	
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Only Double OvSynch 1st TAI 45%, 100 2^{nd+} TAI 38%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	3.5
Mortality	3.9	0.7
Repro	12.4	6.9
Total	40.0	11.1

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.8
Demand	40.1	11.1
Balance	2.1	10.3



Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	7.0
Lactating	89	2.0
1 st Lact.	37	9.0

Only Double OvSynch 1st TAI 45%, 2^{nd+} TAI 38%

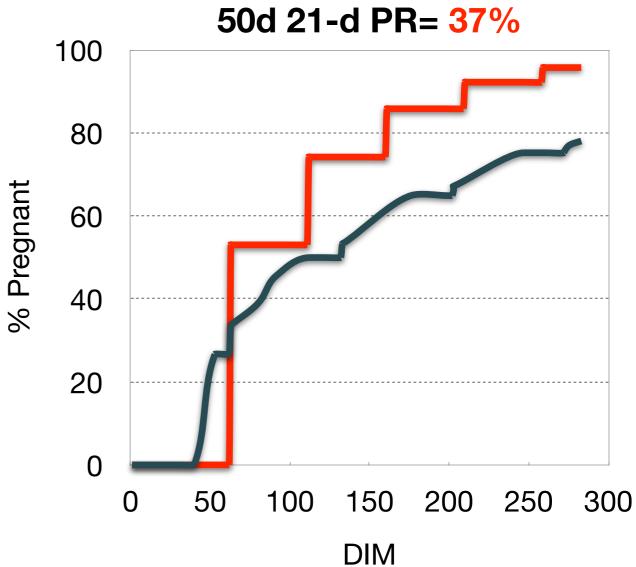
\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$53.1
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$36.5
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$9.8
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$34.4
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$114.2

Herd net value (945 cows)	\$107,919.0 \$/herd.yr
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Only Double OvSynch 1st TAI 53%, 100 2^{nd+} TAI 45%

Cull, %	Current	Change
No Repro	23.7	5.0
Mortality	3.9	1.0
Repro	12.4	7.9
Total	40.0	13.9

Heifer, %	Current	Change
Supply	42.2	0.4
Demand	40.1	14.0
Balance	2.1	14.4



Herd, %	Current	Change
Pregnant	47	11.0
Lactating	89	3.0
1 st Lact.	37	12.0

Only Double OvSynch 1st TAI 53%, 2^{nd+} TAI 45%

\$/cow.yr	Current	Change
Income over feed costs	\$3,095.2	\$76.1
Replacement costs	\$242.6	\$52.0
Reproductive costs	\$64.2	\$5.8
Calf revenue	\$152.7	\$49.8
Cow net value	\$2,941.1	\$172.1

Herd net value (945 cows)	\$162,634.5 \$/herd.yr



This site is designed to support dairy farming decision-making focusing on model-based scientific research. The ultimate goal is to provide user-friendly computerized decision support tools to help dairy farmers improve their economic performance along with environmental stewardship.



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UW-Dairy Management Decision Support TOOLS

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