THE TRANSITION COW: PERFORMANCE, HEALTH & REPRODUCTION



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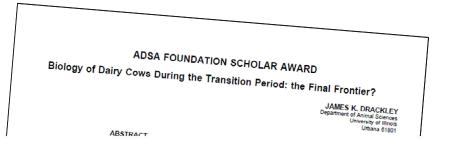
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Biology of Dairy Cows During the Transition Period: the Final Frontier?

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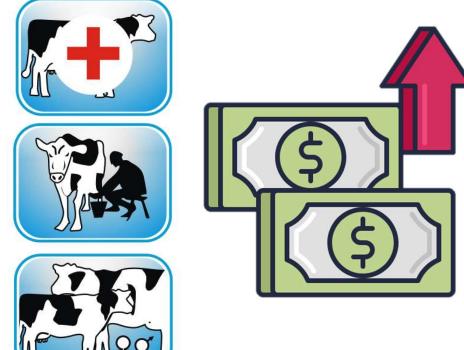






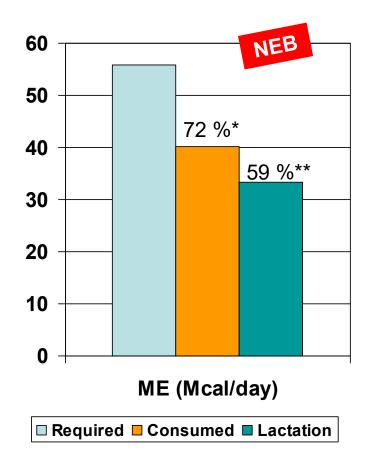
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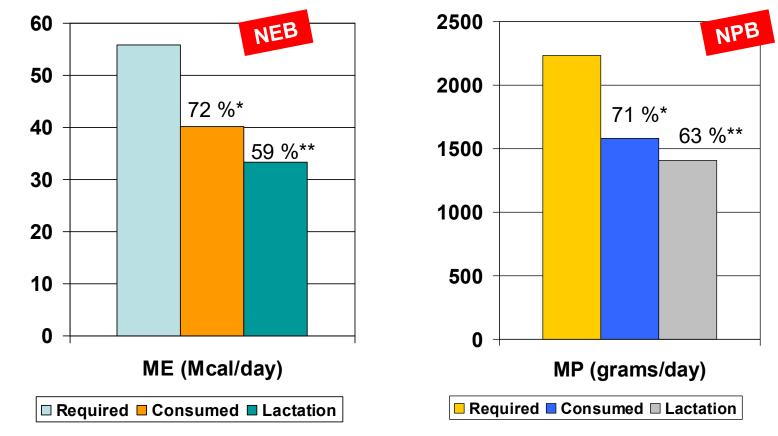
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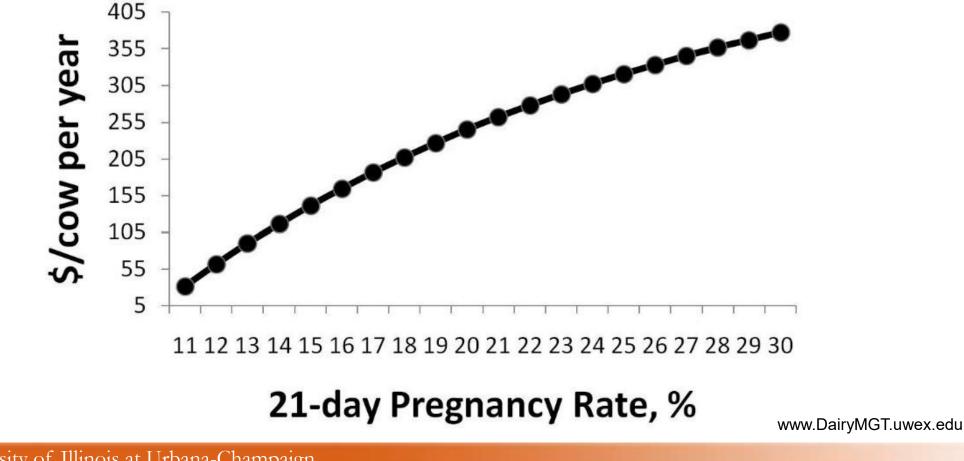


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Economic Impact of Reproduction



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Cabrera, V. E. 2011

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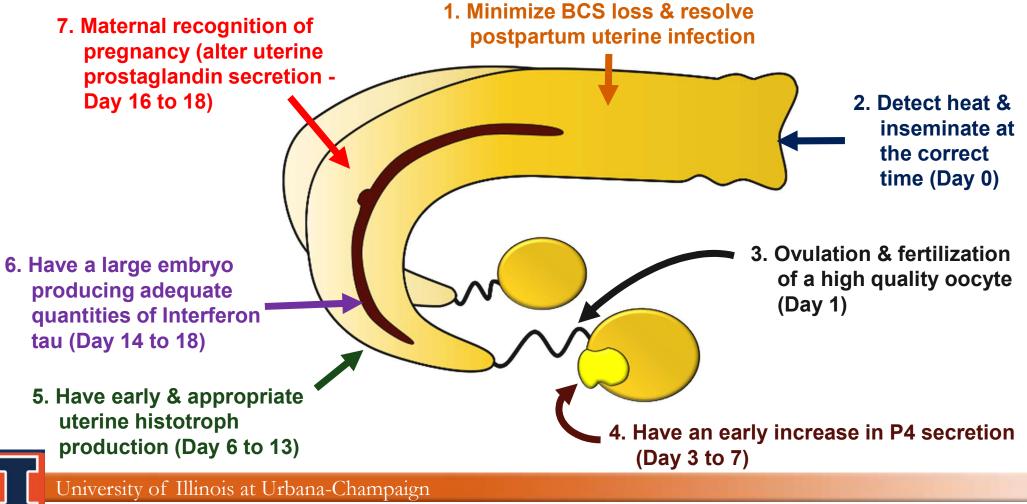
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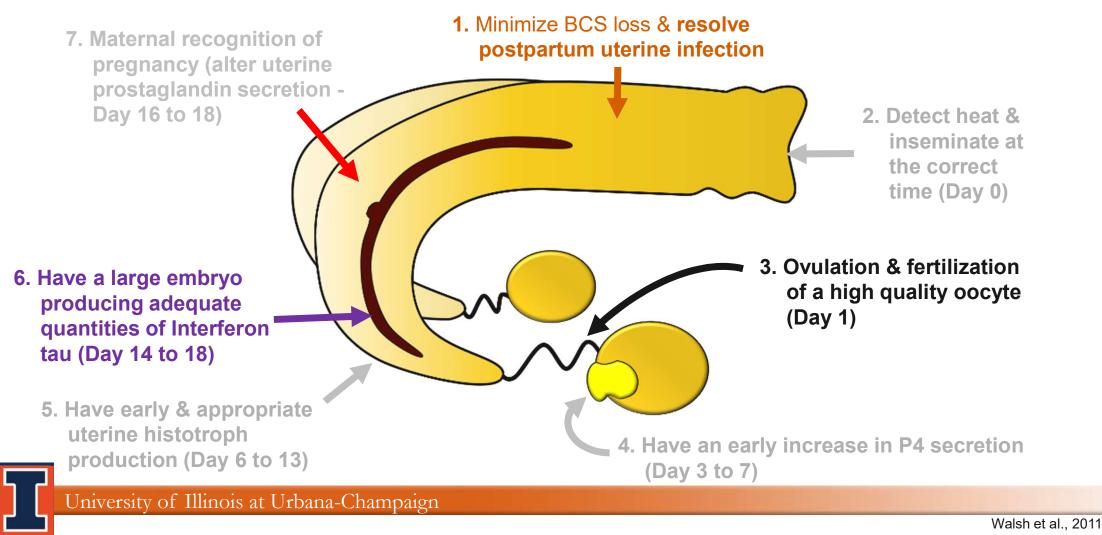
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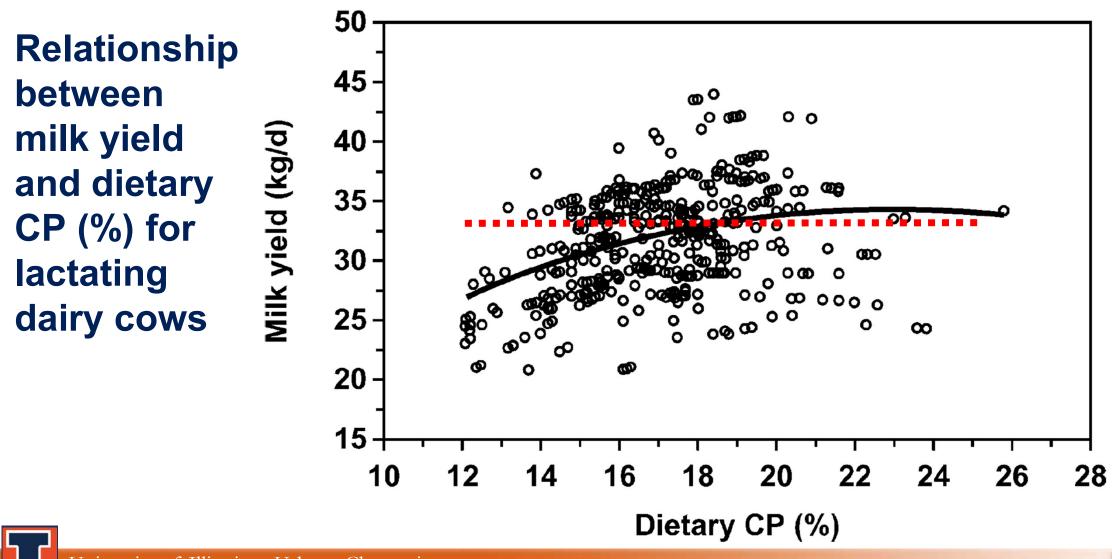
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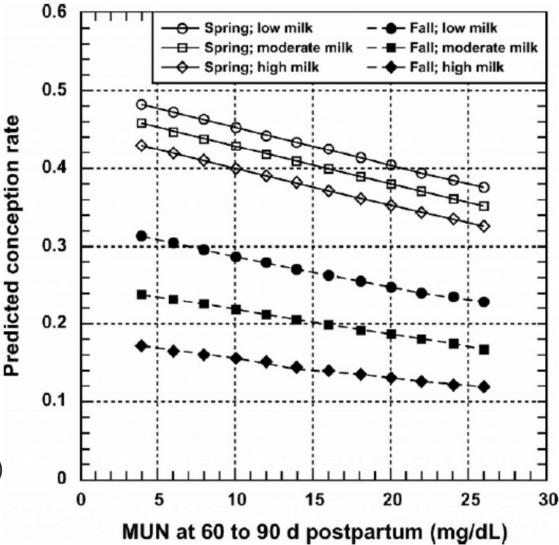
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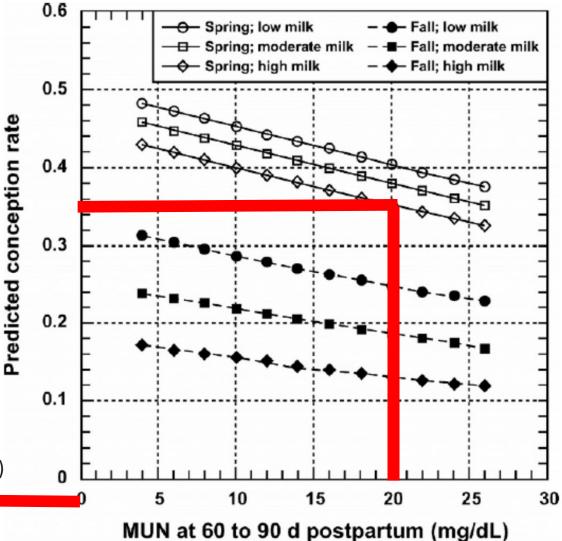


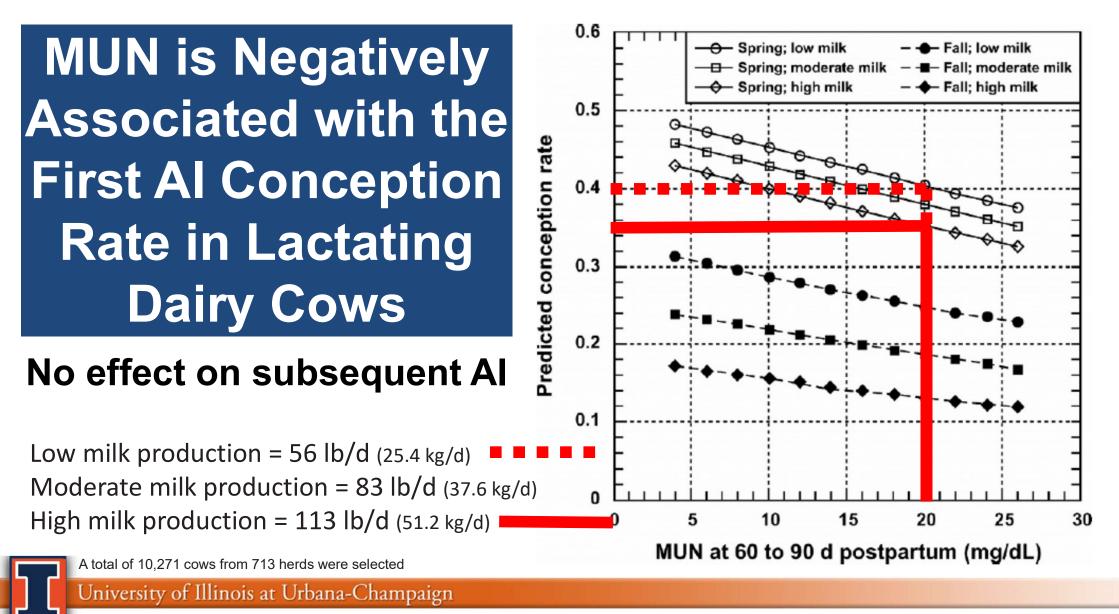
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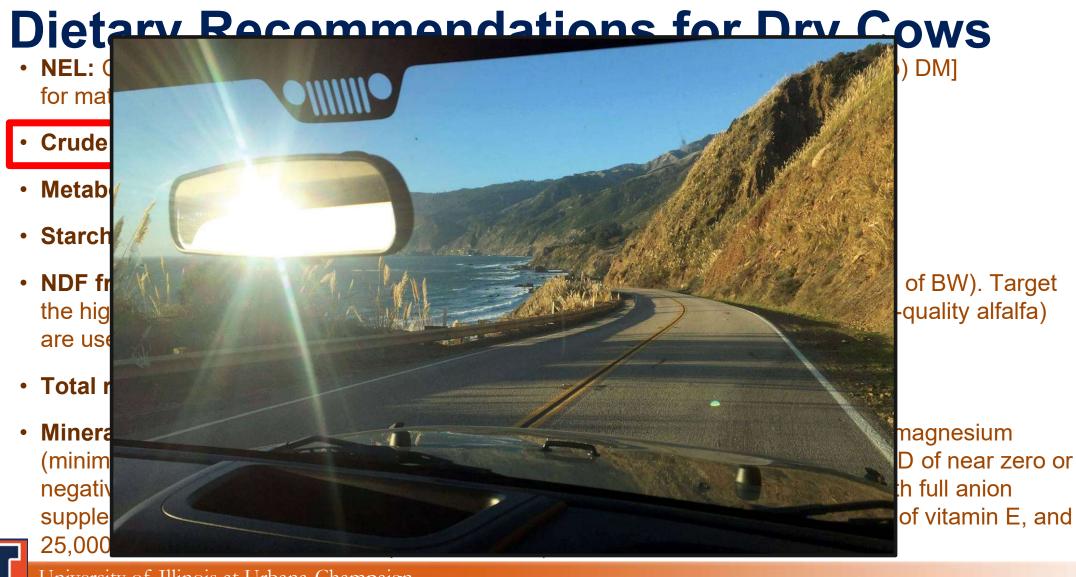




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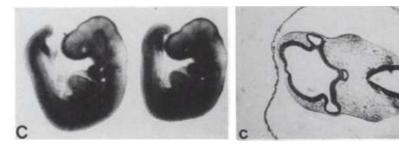


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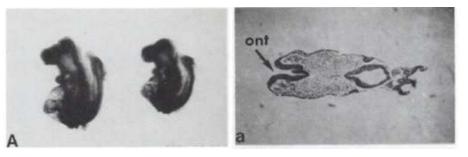
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Better postpartal performance in dairy cows supplemented with rumenprotected methionine compared with choline during the peripartal period

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Effects of Rumen-Protected Methionine or Choline Supplementation on the First Dominant Follicle

- 72 Holstein cows entering 2nd or greater lactation
- Experimental design was a randomized block design
- Housed in tie stalls with sand bedding
- Milked 3x per day
- Fed same basal TMR to meet but not exceed 100% of the energy requirements as outlined by NRC, 2001
 - From -34 d to calving: prepartum diet
 - From 0 to 30 DIM: fresh cow diet
 - From 31 to 72 DIM: high cow diet

Treatments were given as top-dress

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- 4. No supplementation to serve as control
 (CON; n = 16, fed TMR with a Lys:Met = 3.5:1)

Diets		Pre-Fresh -21 d to calving	Fresh Calving to 30 DIM	High 31 to 73 DIM
	Ingredients			
	Alfalfa silage	8.35	5.07	6.12
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	Corn silage	36.40	33.41	35.09
	Wheat straw	15.63	2.98	
	Cottonseed		3.58	3.26
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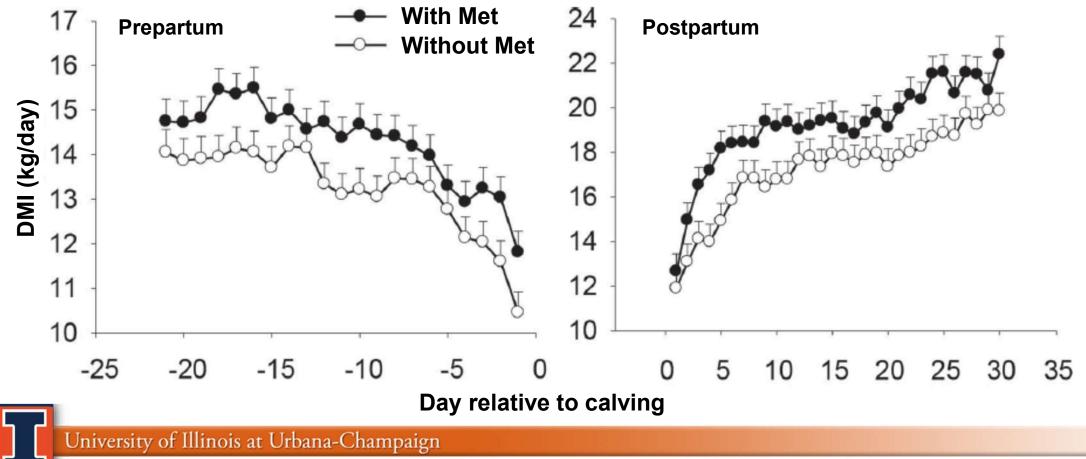
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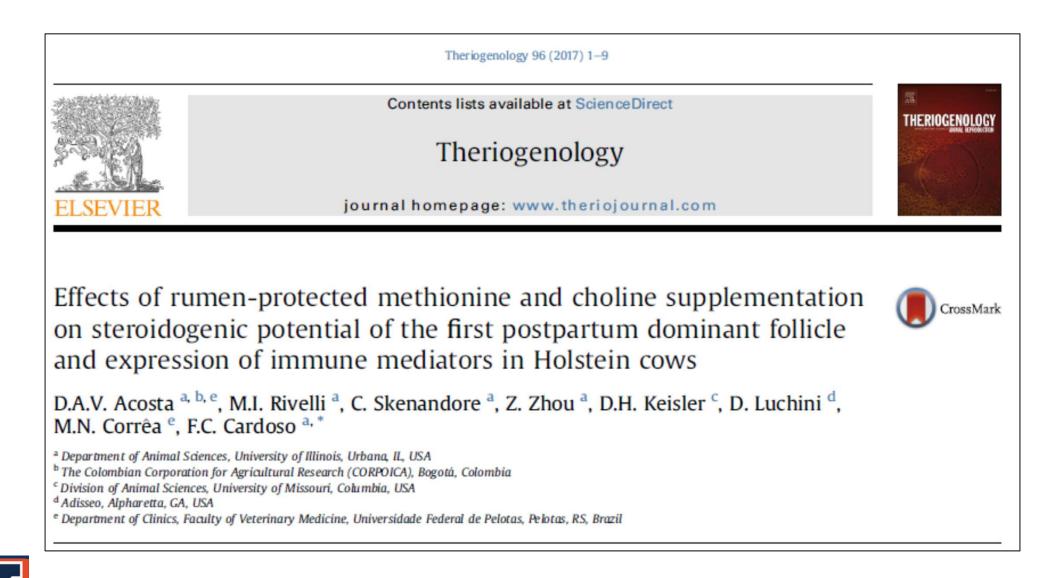
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Fat	3.72	3.74	0.11	0.92	-	<0.01	0.58
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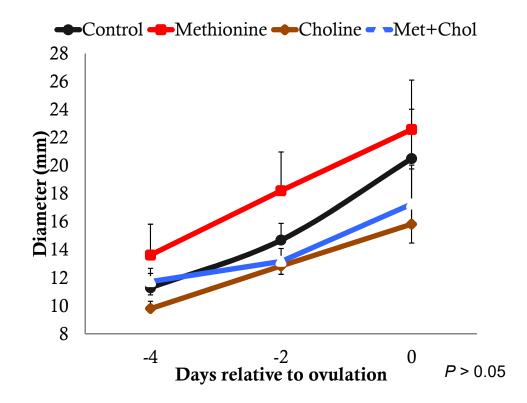




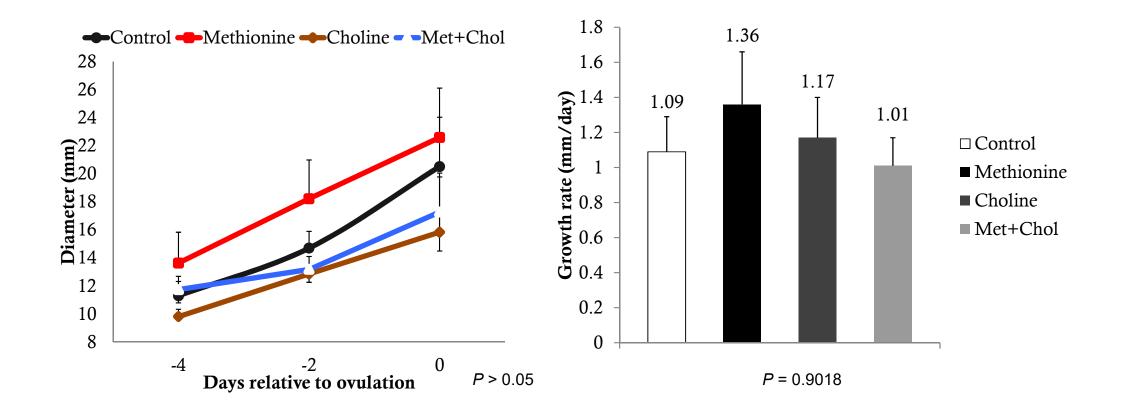


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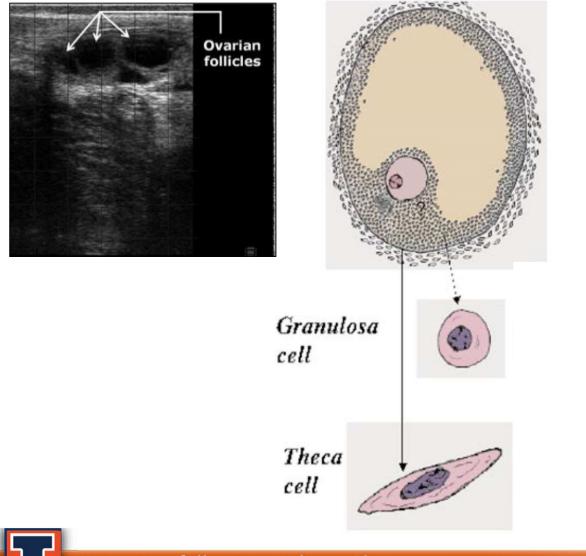
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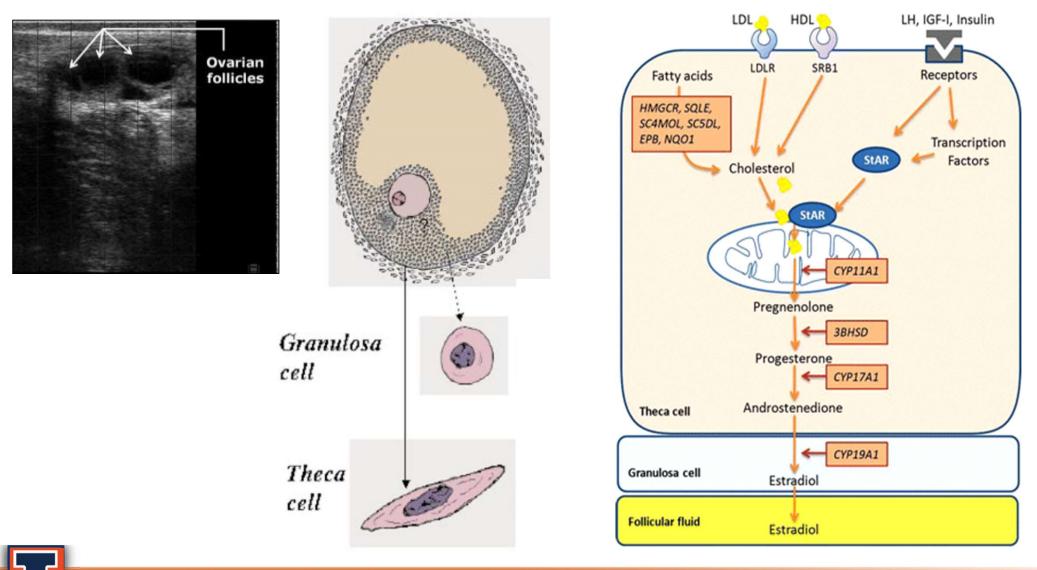








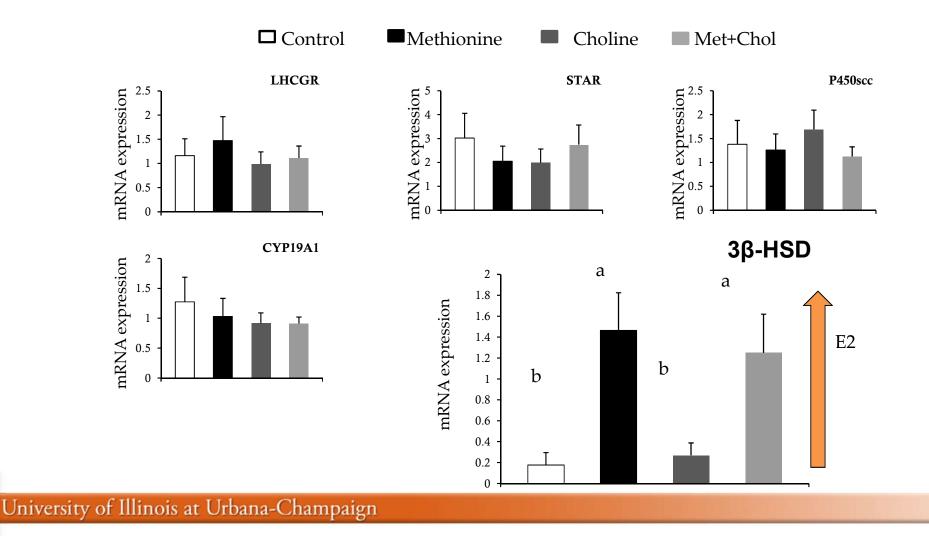
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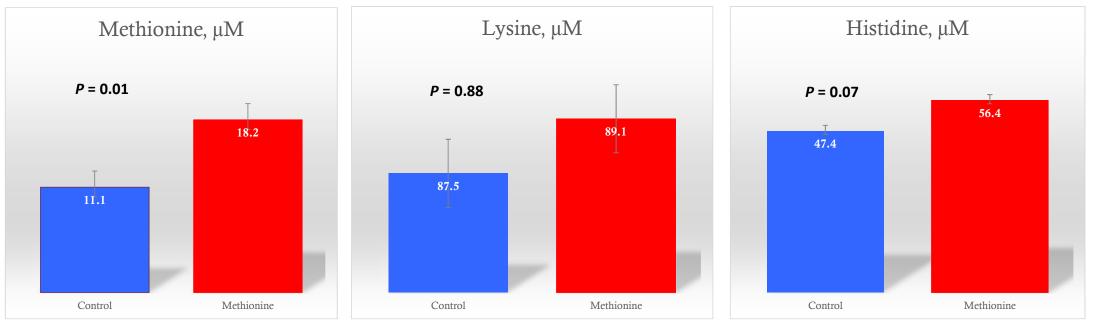


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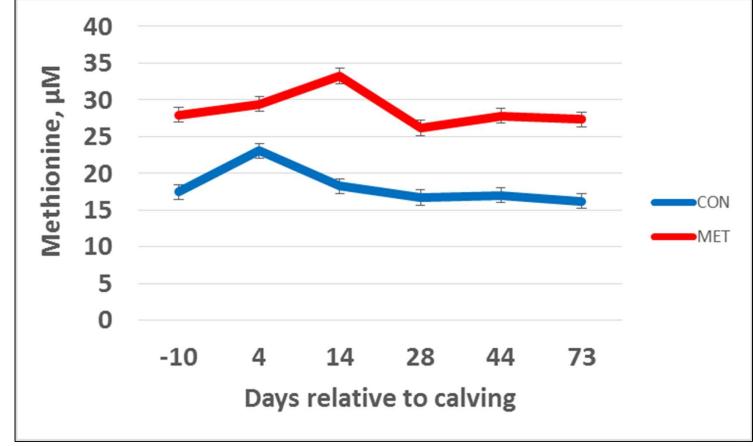


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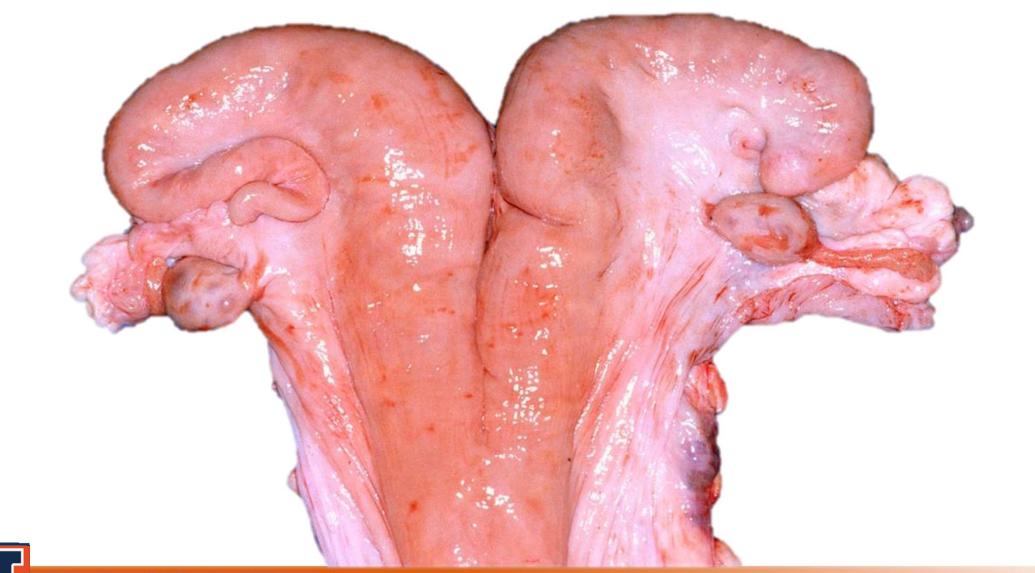


Serum <u>Methionine</u> Concentration from Cows Fed rum<u>en-protected methionine (MET) or not (CON)</u>



University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Control: n = 7; Methionine: n = 10

Stella et al., 2018

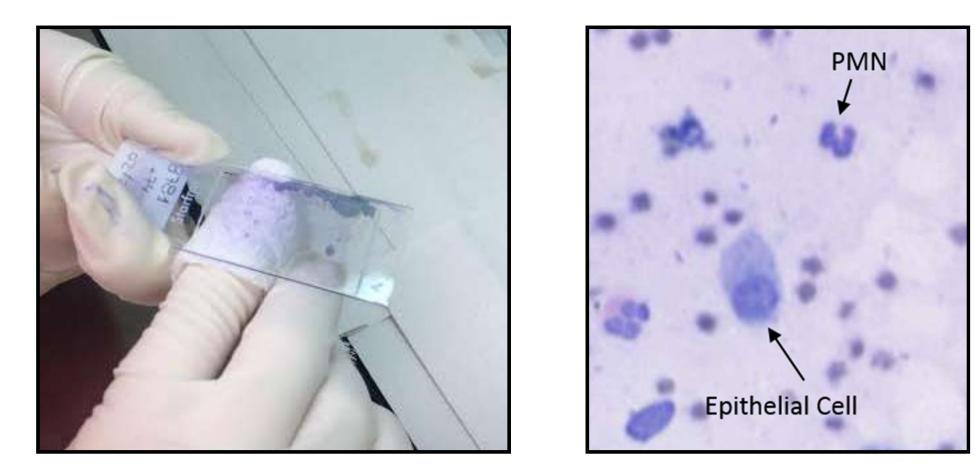


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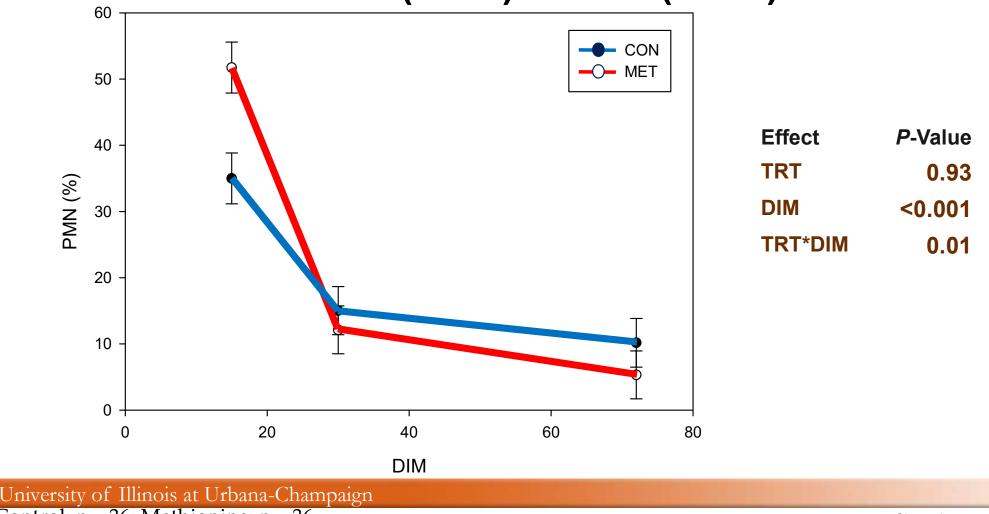


Uterine Cytology – Polymorphonuclear (PMN)



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Control: n = 36; Methionine: n = 36

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Reproductive tract inflammatory disease in *postpartum* dairy cows

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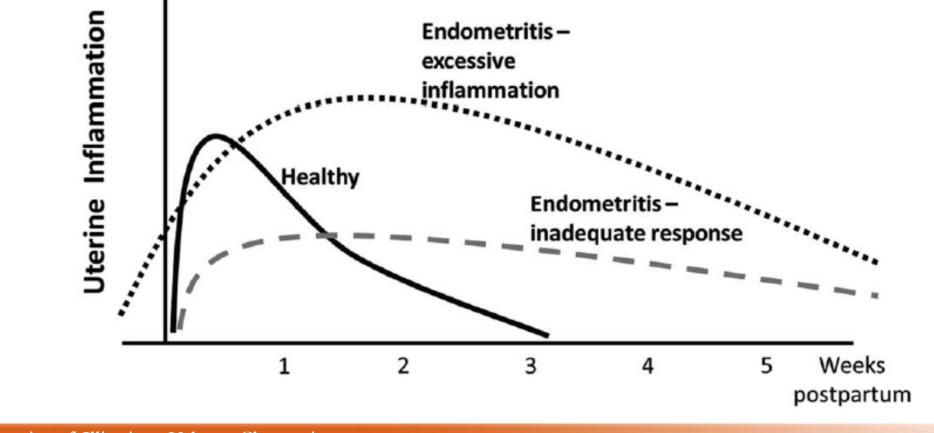
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Schematic Representation of Concepts of the Patterns of Immune and Inflammatory Response in Dairy Cows in the Postpartum Period





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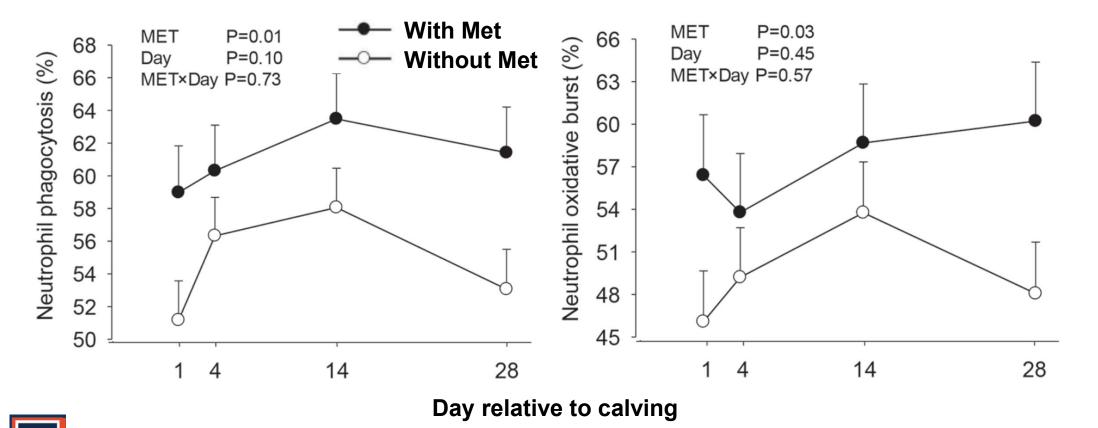
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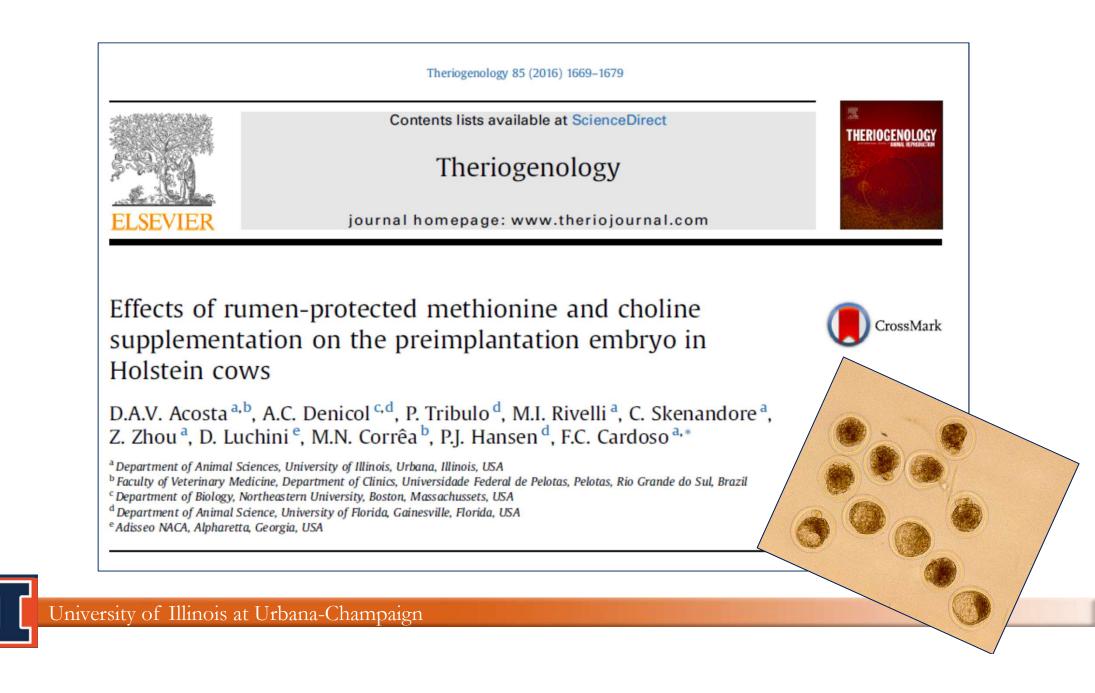
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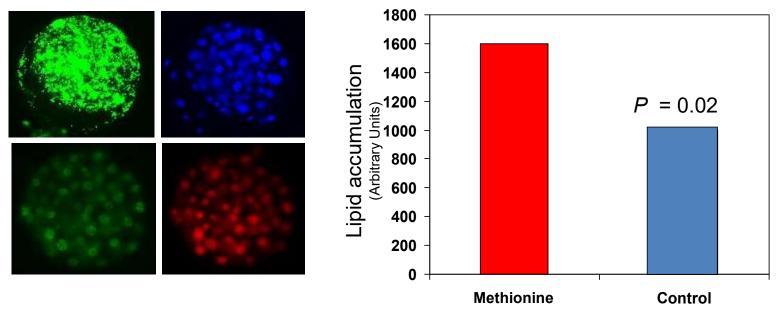


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Effect of Methionine Supplementation from -21 to 72 Days relative to calving on Lipid Accumulation of Preimplantation Embryos

Embryos (n = 37) harvested 7 d after timed AI at 63 DIM from cows fed a control diet or the control diet enriched with rumen-protected methionine.



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This is happening... Patients are seeking to genetically modify their embryos to improve their IQ

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Ever incarcerated (men)	7		7		;	3		1	0

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Effect of feeding rumen-protected methionine on productive and reproductive performance of dairy cows

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Effect of Supplementation with Rumen-Protected Methionine (RPM) on Reproduction of Lactating Dairy Cows

Cows were fed a basal TMR (6.9% Lys of MP and 1.87% Met of MP) from 30 ± 2 to 128 ± 2 DIM and assigned to two treatments:

RPM: Basal TMR top dressed daily with RPM

CON: Basal diet top dressed daily with DDG

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Effect of Supplementation with Rumen-Protected Methionine (RPM) on Reproduction of Lactating Dairy Cows

RPM cows were top dressed with 50 g (29 g DDG and 21 g of Smartamine M) CON cows were top dressed with 50 g of DDG

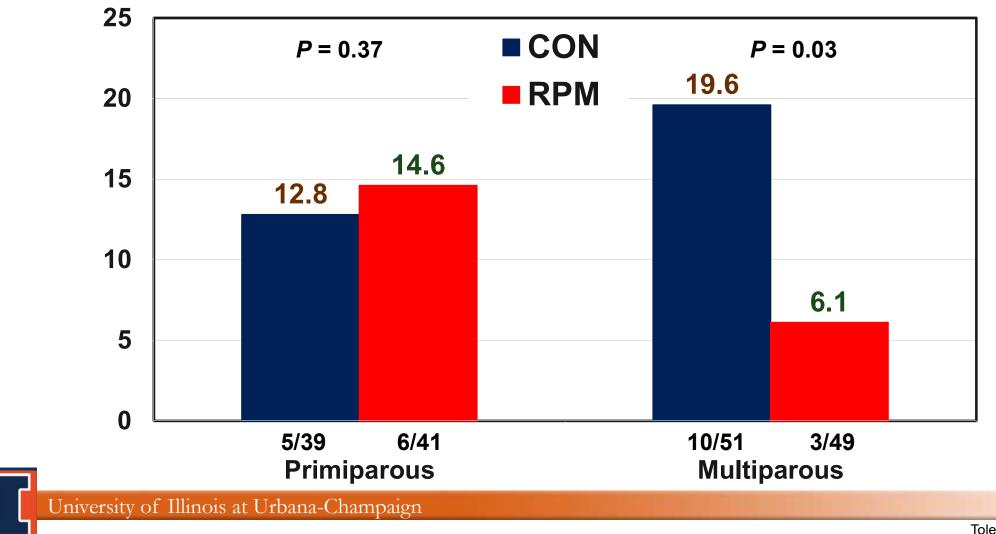


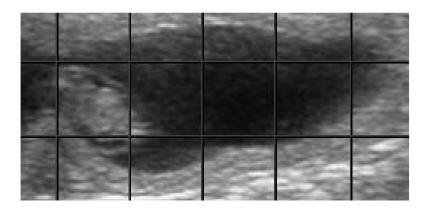
Animals

	CONTROL	RPM	TOTAL
Primiparous	68	70	138
Multiparous	85	86	171
TOTAL	153	156	309

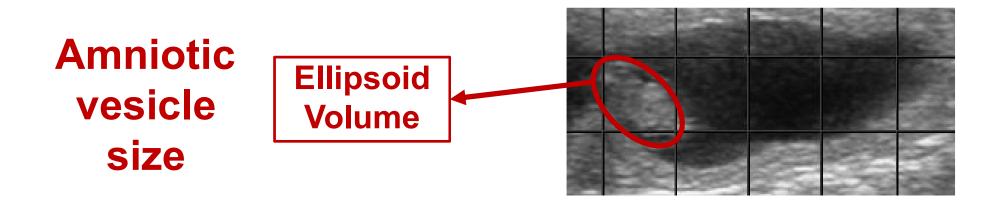


Pregnancy Losses (%) from 28 to 61 days after AI



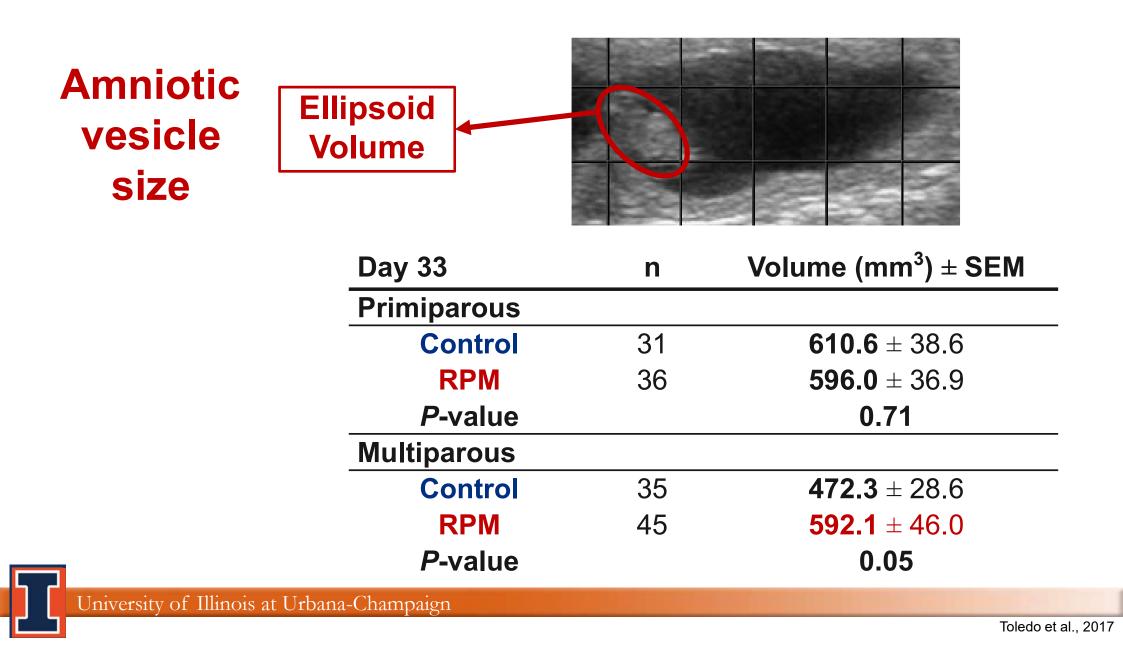








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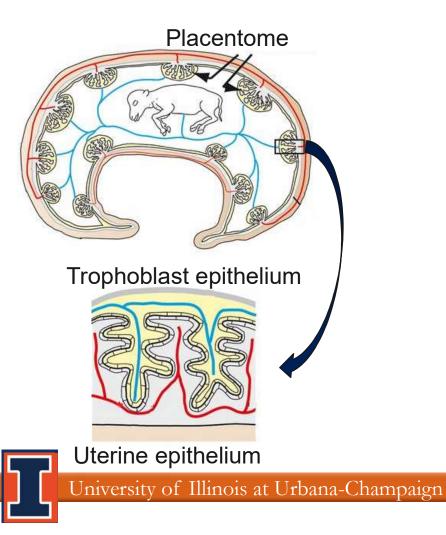
Placentome Nutrient Transporters and Mammalian Target of Rapamycin Signaling Proteins Are Altered by the Methionine Supply during Late Gestation in Dairy Cows and Are Associated with Newborn Birth Weight

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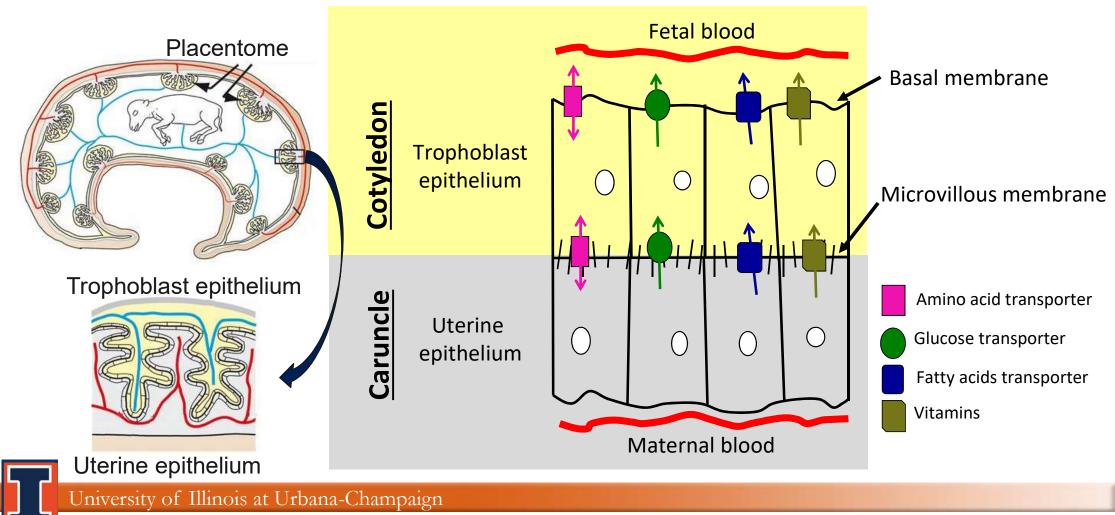
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Effects of maternal nutrition on placenta

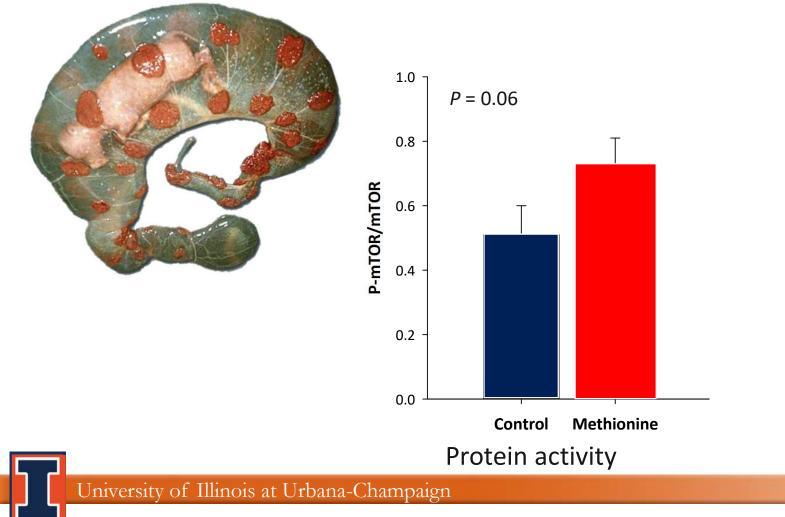


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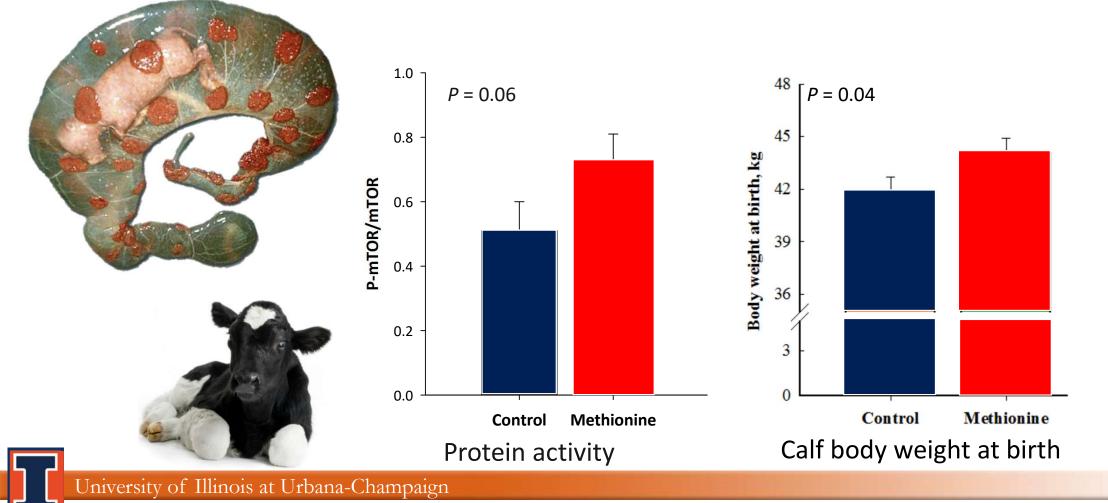
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Effects of maternal nutrition on placenta and calf



Effect of Supplementation with Rumen-Protected Lysine (RPL) During the Transition Period of Holstein Cows

PRE (26 \pm 5 d prepartum)

C (Control) no RPL.

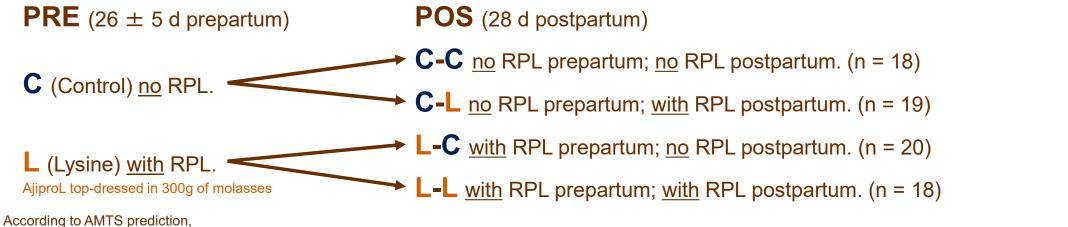
L (Lysine) with RPL. AjiproL top-dressed in 300g of molasses



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Prepartum:

- Cows in **C** consuming the prepartum diet received 1.17 kg of MP per d, resulting in <u>6.86% MP as Lys, 2.98 % MP as Met</u>, and 2.71 % MP as His with a Lys:Met of 2.30 and His:Met of 0.92.
- Cows in L received 1.19 kg of MP per d, resulting in 8.24 % MP as Lys, 2.94 % MP as Met, and 2.67 % MP as His with a Lys:Met of 2.80 and His:Met of 0.92.
- Postpartum:
 - Cows in C consuming the postpartum diet received 2.28 kg of MP per d, resulting in <u>6.27% MP as Lys, 2.54 % MP as Met</u>, and 2.42 % MP as His with a Lys:Met of 2.46 and His:Met of 0.94.
 - Cows in L received 2.22 kg of MP per d, resulting in 7.15 % MP as Lys, 2.55 % MP as Met, and 2.40 % MP as His with a Lys: Met of 2.80 and His: Met of 0.93.

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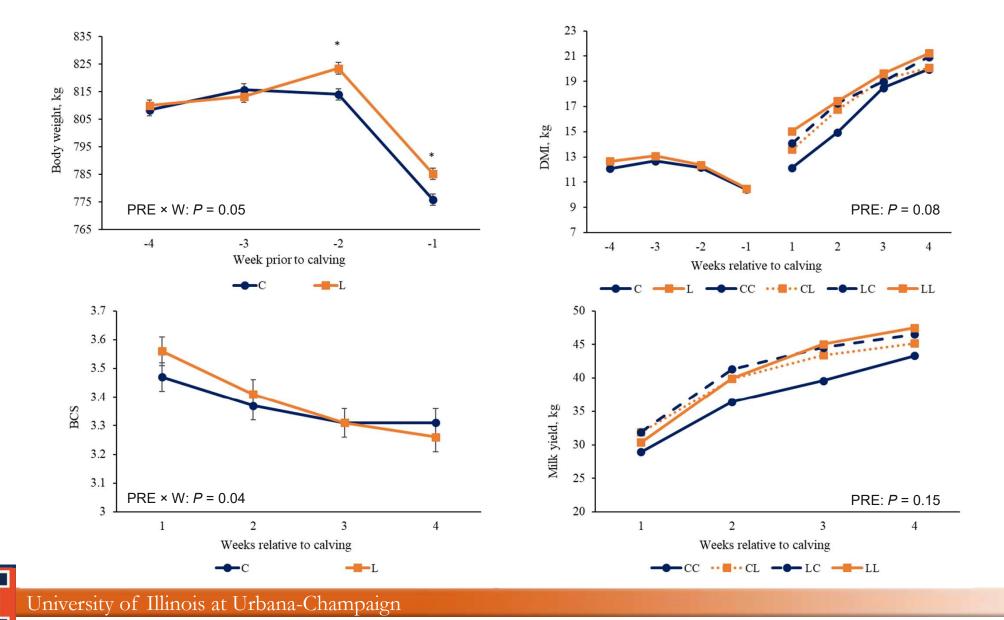
Ingredient (% of DM)	Prepartum	Postpartum	
Corn silage ^(34.7% DM)	31.06	39.38	
Canola meal	1.45	5.36	
Alfalfa hay	-	20.95	
Wheat midds	4.10	-	
Corn gluten feed	6.69	-	
Soybean meal, 48% CP	2.19	-	
Wheat straw	40.25	-	
Dry ground corn grain	0.16	15.26	
Smartamine M	0.12	0.09	
Energy booster100	-	1.93	
SoyPlus	5.74	6.66	
Animate	3.85	-	
Urea 46%	0.23	0.30	
Magnesium oxide	-	0.09	
Magnesium sulfate	0.25	-	
Dicalcium phosphate	-	0.33	
Molasses beet	-	4.43	
Calcium carbonate	2.08	-	
Vit. and mineral mix	1.31	-	
Vit. and mineral mix	-	4.73	

Chemical composition

ltem	Prepartum	Postpartum
DM, %	43.43 ± 1.42	45.71 ± 1.64
CP, % of DM	14.22 ± 0.68	16.75 ± 1.06
ADF, % of DM	28.41 ± 2.80	20.94 ± 1.77
NDF, % of DM	44.82 ± 2.75	31.25 ± 3.29
Lignin, % of DM	4.44 ± 0.74	3.80 ± 0.49
Starch, % of DM	13.99 ± 1.69	24.39 ± 2.62
Crude fat, % of DM	3.03 ± 0.21	4.95 ± 0.51
Ash, % of DM	10.34 ± 1.34	9.16 ± 0.74
NE _L , Mcal/kg of DM ³	1.44 ± 0.03	1.67 ± 0.05
Ca, % of DM	1.46 ± 0.35	1.12 ± 0.21
P, % of DM	0.37 ± 0.04	0.41 ± 0.04
Mg, % of DM	0.50 ± 0.07	0.38 ± 0.03
K, % of DM	1.12 ± 0.11	1.75 ± 0.17
Mn, ppm	91.9 ± 17.5	99.3 ± 13.7
Mo, ppm	1.20 ± 0.30	1.32 ± 0.30

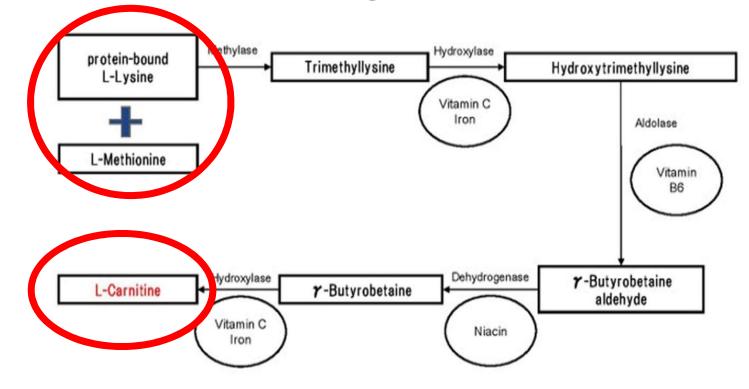


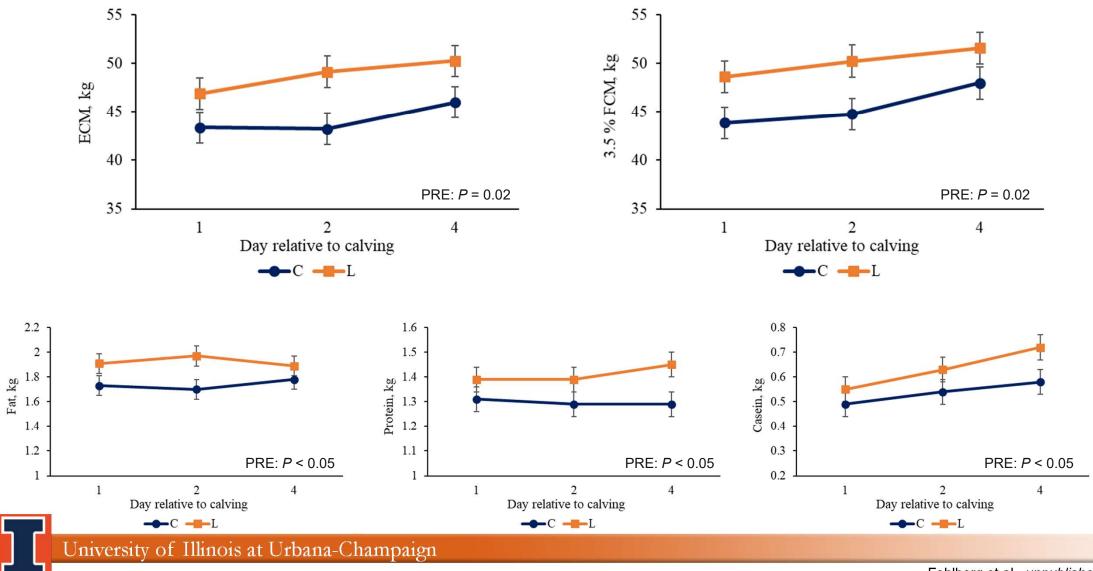
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Carnitine is synthesized in mammals from Lysine residues





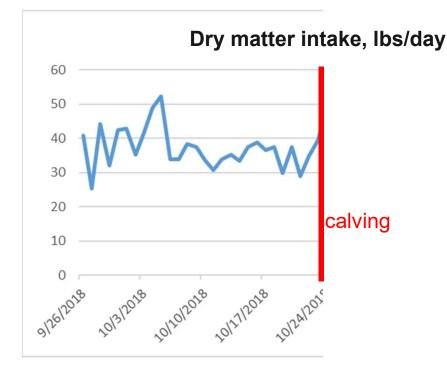
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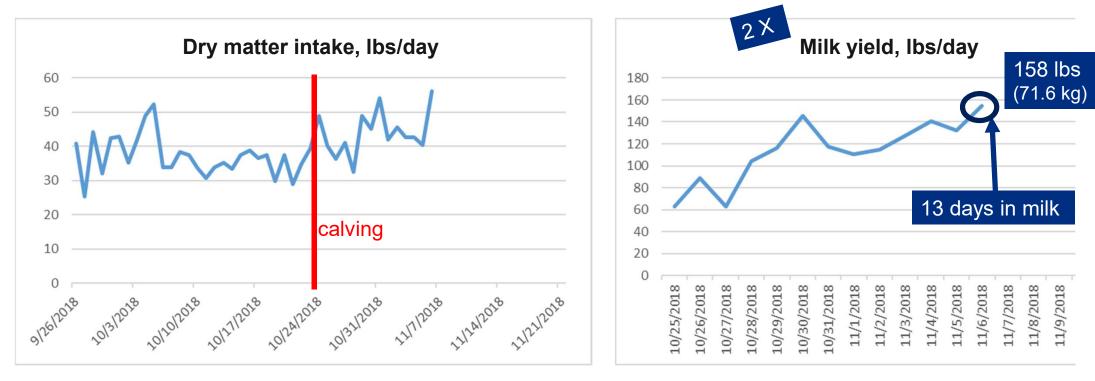












Cow	Colostrum Weight, Ibs	Colostrum Brix, 9	% Fat, %	Total Protein, %	Total Solids, %
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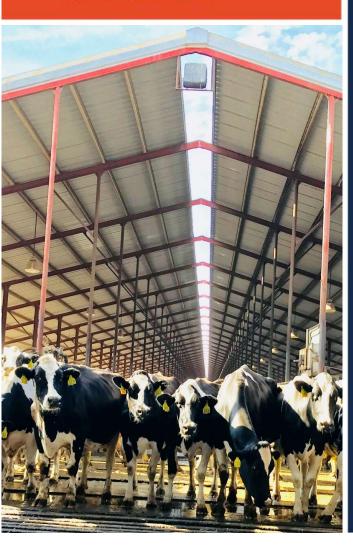
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Summary

- Manage dietary ingredients for
 - Manage for adequate CP (~13% Dry & 16% Lactation)
 - Metabolizable methionine in TMR (30 g/d Dry & 46 g/d Lactation)
 - ~ 15 g/d Dry & 20 g/d Lactation of rumen-protected methionine
 - Metabolizable lysine in TMR (84 g/d Dry & 129 g/d Lactation)
 - ~ 26 g/d Dry & 36 g/d Lactation rumen-protected lysine
 - Balanced for the ratios: Met 2.6% MP; Lys, 7.0% MP (LYS:MET ratio of 2.7:1)
 - Methionine supply relative to energy is ~ 0.97-1.14 g/Mcal ME
 - Lysine supply relative to energy is ~ 2.72-3.03 g/Mcal ME
 - Pregnancy rate > 20% (go for > 25%; conception rate at first AI > 40%)
 - Embryonic death < 15% (go for < 10%)

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