# Large Dairy Herd Management Third edition

# Section 5: Genetic Selection Programs and Breeding Strategies



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# **Abbreviations**

The following abbreviations may be used without definition in the book.

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AA	amino acid	ME	metabolizable energy
ACTH	adrenocorticotropin	MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
ADF	acid detergent fiber	MP	metabolizable protein
ADG	average daily gain	mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
ADL	acid detergent lignin	MUFA	monounsaturated fatty acids
ADIN	acid detergent insoluble nitrogen	MUN	milk urea nitrogen
AI	artificial insemination	NAN	nonammonia nitrogen
BCS	body condition score	NDF	neutral detergent fiber
BHB	β-hydroxybutyrate	NDIN	neutral detergent insoluble N
BLUP	best linear unbiased predictor	NEAA	nonessential amino acid
BSA	bovine serum albumin	$NE_{G}$	net energy for gain
bST	bovine somatotropin	$\rm NE_L$	net energy for lactation
BTA	Bos taurus autosome	$NE_{M}^{-}$	net energy for maintenance
BUN	blood urea nitrogen	NFC	nonfiber carbohydrates
BW	body weight	NPN	nonprotein nitrogen
CI	confidence interval	NRC	National Research Council
CLA	conjugated linoleic acid	NSC	nonstructural carbohydrates
CN	casein	OM	organic matter
CNS	coagulase-negative staphylococci	PCR	polymerase chain reaction
CoA	coenzyme A	$\mathrm{PGF}_{2lpha}$	prostaglandin $F_{2\alpha}$
CP	crude protein	PMNL	polymorphonuclear leukocyte
CV	coefficient(s) of variation	PTA	predicted transmitting ability
DCAD	dietary cation-anion difference	PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acids
DHI(A)	Dairy Herd Improvement (Association)	QTL	quantitative trait loci
DIM	days in milk	r	correlation coefficient
DM	dry matter	$\mathrm{R}^2$	coefficient of determination
DMI	dry matter intake	RDP	rumen-degradable protein
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	REML	restricted maximum likelihood
EAA	essential amino acid	RIA	radioimmunoassay
EBV	estimated breeding value	RNA	ribonucleic acid
ECM	energy-corrected milk	RUP	rumen-undegradable protein
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	SARA	subacute ruminal acidosis
ETA	estimated transmitting ability	SCC	somatic cell count
FAME	fatty acid methyl esters	SCS	somatic cell score
FCM	fat-corrected milk	SD	standard deviation
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone	SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
GnRH	gonadotropin-releasing hormone	SE	standard error
$h^2$	heritability	SEM	standard error of the mean
HTST	high temperature, short time	SFA	saturated fatty acids
IFN	interferon	SNP	single nucleotide polymorphism
	immunoglobulin	SPC	
Ig IGF		TDN	standard plate count
	insulin-like growth factor		total digestible nutrients
IL	interleukin	TMR	total mixed ration
IMI	intramammary infection	TS	total solids
LA	α-lactalbumin	UF	ultrafiltration, ultrafiltered
LG	β-lactoglobulin	UFA	unsaturated fatty acids
LH	luteinizing hormone	UHT	ultra-high temperature
LPS	lipopolysaccharide	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
LSD	least significant difference	UV	ultraviolet
LSM	least squares means	VFA	volatile fatty acids
mAb	monoclonal antibody		

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Top left: *Example of immunofluorescent staining in prepubertal bovine mammary tissue. The cross section of the developing duct shows the expression of p63 (red), which indicates myoepithelial nuclei, estrogen receptor (green), about 50% of the epithelial cells, and Ki67 (yellow), a marker for cell proliferation; DAPI staining (blue) is a general DNA stain that labels all cell nuclei.* [Chapter 9-59: Mammary development in calves and heifers; Figure 4D]

Top center: *The daily trail to (and from) milking.* [Chapter 10-67: Mastitis control in pasture and seasonal systems; Figure 3]

Top right: Cow brushes are clearly a valued resource as they are used voluntarily by cows and are required by some voluntary assurance programs. Photo credit: DeLaval, Tumba, Sweden. [Chapter 11-71: Assuring and verifying dairy cattle welfare; Figure 2]

Bottom left: *The bedding material commonly recommended for controlling environmental mastitis is washed sand*. [Chapter 10-65: Practical approaches to environmental mastitis control; Figure 3]

Bottom center: *Life cycle of a liver fluke*. [Chapter 12-81: Parasite control in large dairy herds; Figure 2]

Bottom right: Studies have shown that positive handling is correlated with cows having low fear responses to people and higher milk production. Some animal welfare standards now include a standardized test of avoidance distance to people as a way of screening for appropriate handling and good human–animal relationships on farms. Photo credit: University of British Columbia (UBC) Animal Welfare Program.

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