

# Understanding the Benefits and Limitations of RUFAL

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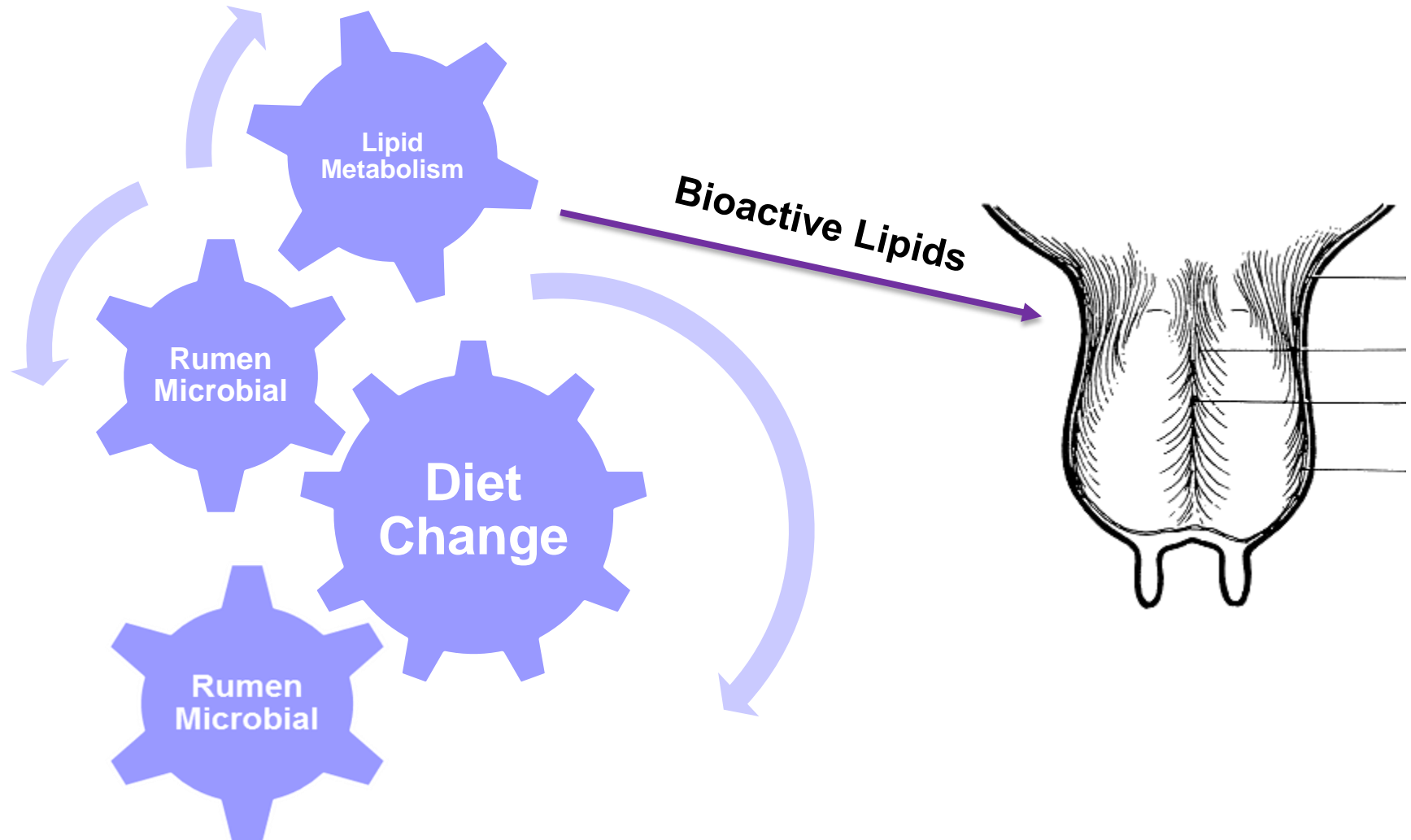
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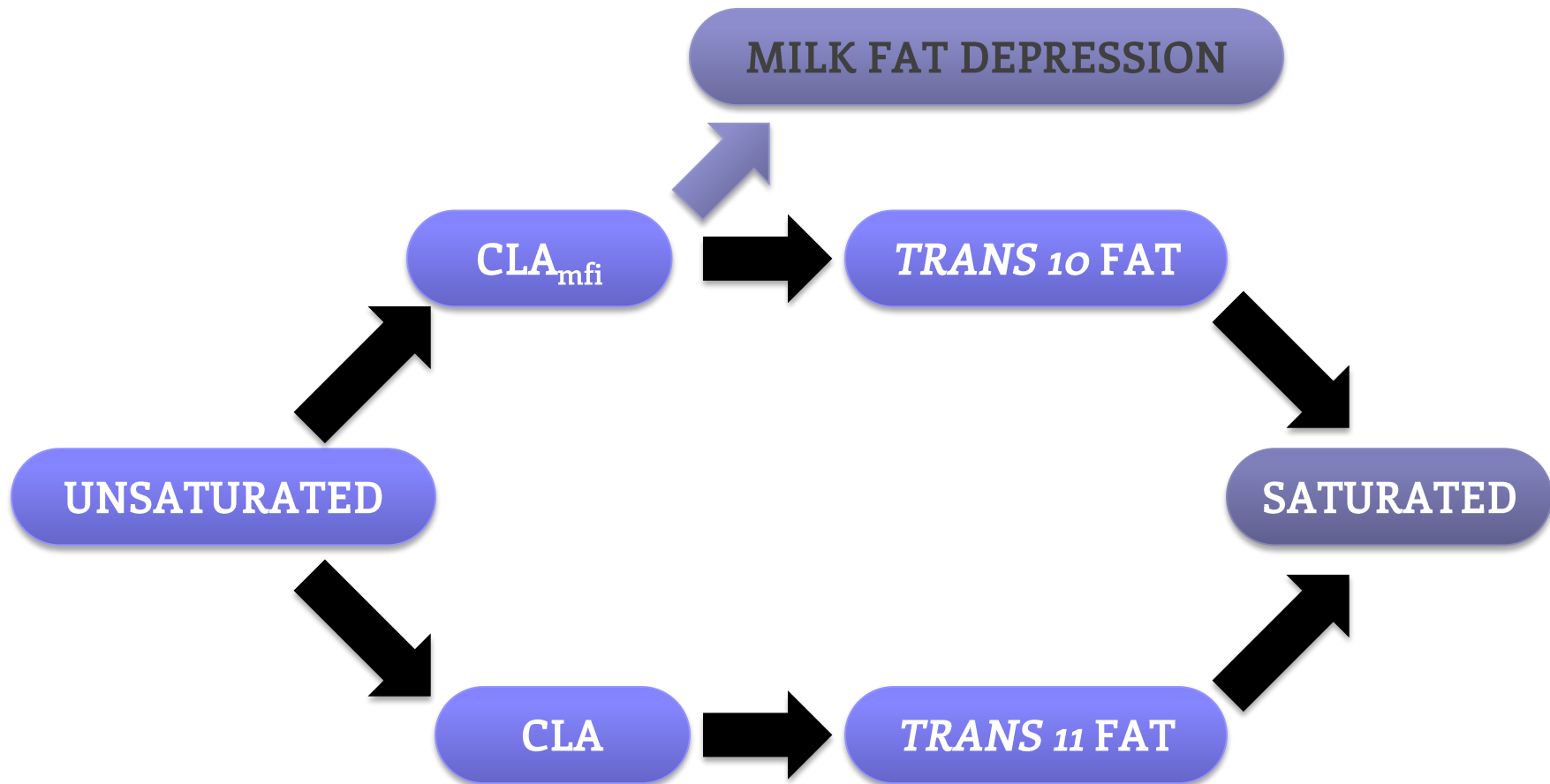
# Machinery of Diet-Induced MFD



# Source of Bioactive Lipids



# CLA Shift



From Jenkins and Harvatine (2014) Vet. Clin. Food Anim. 30:623-642.

# CLA Tested

- *trans*-8, *cis*-10 CLA
- *cis*-9, *trans*-11 CLA
- *trans*-9, *trans*-11 CLA
- *trans*-10, *trans*-12 CLA
- *cis*-11, *trans*-13 CLA
- ***trans*-9, *cis*-11 CLA (Perfield et al. 2007)**
- ***trans*-10, *cis*-12 CLA (Baumgard et al. 2000)**
- ***cis*-10, *trans*-12 CLA (Saebo et al. 2005)**

c9t11 CLA No MFD

t10c12 CLA Causes MFD

# Dietary changes that affect CLA<sub>mfi</sub>

## ■ Main drivers of MFD

- Too much of the wrong type of fat
- Too much starch
- Low rumen pH

## ■ Fine tuning of MFD

- Potassium carbonate (+)
- Palmitate (+)
- Yeast/Molds (-)
- Ionophores (-)



**How much fat is too much?**

# 3.4% Added Soybean Oil

	CON	SBO
Milk fat, lb/d	2.27	2.02*
Milk fat, %	3.76	3.14*

\*CON and FAT diets differed ( $P < 0.05$ ).

Taken from AlZahal et al., 2008. J. Dairy Sci. 91:1166–1174.



## 3.6% Added CaFA

	CON	CaFA
Fat, lb/d	3.19	3.54*
Fat, %	3.59	3.89*

\*CON and FAT diets differed ( $P < 0.05$ ).

Taken from Weiss et al. 2011. J. Dairy Sci. 94 :931–939

# 3.5% Added Fatty Acids on 24 h Rumen In Vitro

	Control	Stearic	Oleic	Linoleic	Linolenic
Ac/Pr	5.27 <sup>a</sup>	4.87 <sup>a</sup>	4.13 <sup>b</sup>	2.90 <sup>c</sup>	2.08 <sup>d</sup>
<i>F. succinogenes</i>	2.04 <sup>c</sup>	2.69 <sup>a</sup>	2.26 <sup>b</sup>	1.37 <sup>d</sup>	1.13 <sup>e</sup>
Methane, mmol	1.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.99 <sup>ab</sup>	0.94 <sup>b</sup>	0.75 <sup>c</sup>	0.56 <sup>d</sup>
Protozoa	2.99 <sup>a</sup>	2.26 <sup>b</sup>	1.96 <sup>c</sup>	1.80 <sup>c</sup>	1.30 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>abc</sup> Means with different superscripts within a row differ ( $P < 0.05$ ).  
Zhang et al. (2008) Anim. Feed sci. Tech. 146:256-269.



# Rumen Unsaturated FA Load (RUFAL)

- 18:1 (oleic)
- + 18:2 (linoleic)
- + 18:3 (linolenic)

**A Way to Monitor The High Risk  
Fatty Acids**

# Rumen Unsaturated FA Load (RUFAL)

		<u>Relative Basis %</u>	<u>Dry Matter Sample Basis %</u>	
C12:0	Lauric Acid	0.09	0.01	
C14:0	Myristic Acid	0.68	0.04	
C16:0	Palmitic Acid	23.47	1.30	
C16:1	Palmitoleic Acid	0.47	0.03	
C18:0	Stearic Acid	2.84	0.16	
C18:1	Oleic Acid	25.06	1.39	← } 3.9
C18:2	Linoleic Acid	41.90	2.32	
C18:3	Linolenic Acid	4.03	0.22	
C20:0	Arachidic Acid	0.53	0.03	
C20:1	11-Eicosenoic Acid	0.16	0.01	
C20:2	11-14 Eicosadienoic Acid	N/D	N/D	
C22:0	Behenic Acid	0.38	0.02	
C22:1	Erucic Acid	N/D	N/D	
C24:0	Lignoceric Acid	0.42	0.02	
C24:1	Nervonic Acid	N/D	N/D	
Total		100.0	5.54	

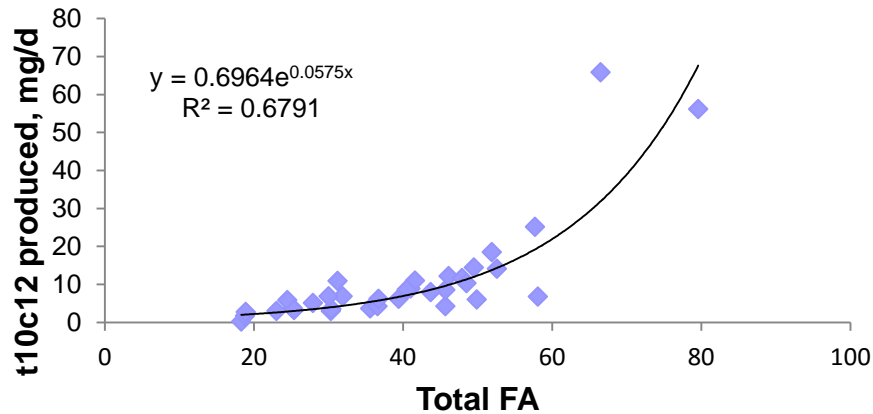
## t10c12 Production in Continuous Cultures

- 6 studies (n=34 means)
- 3 fat sources
  - Canola oil (n=12)
  - Corn oil (n=4)
  - Soybean oil (n=18)
- Range
  - t10c12 0.25 to 65.8 mg/d
  - Total FA 1.83 to 7.96 % DM
  - RUFAL 1.15 to 6.57% DM

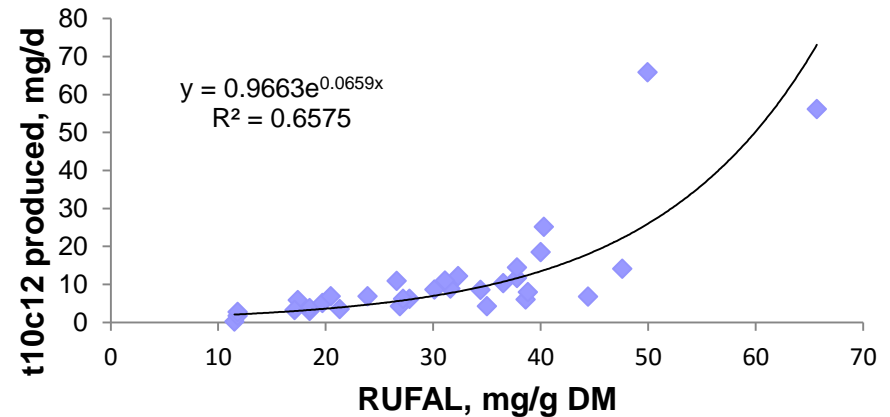
# Predictors of t10c12

<u>Dependent</u>	<u>R<sup>2</sup></u>	
	<u>Exp</u>	<u>Linear</u>
Total FA	0.679	0.577
RUFAL	0.658	0.541
Linoleic	0.643	0.538
RUFAL2	0.604	0.568
Added FA	0.576	0.522

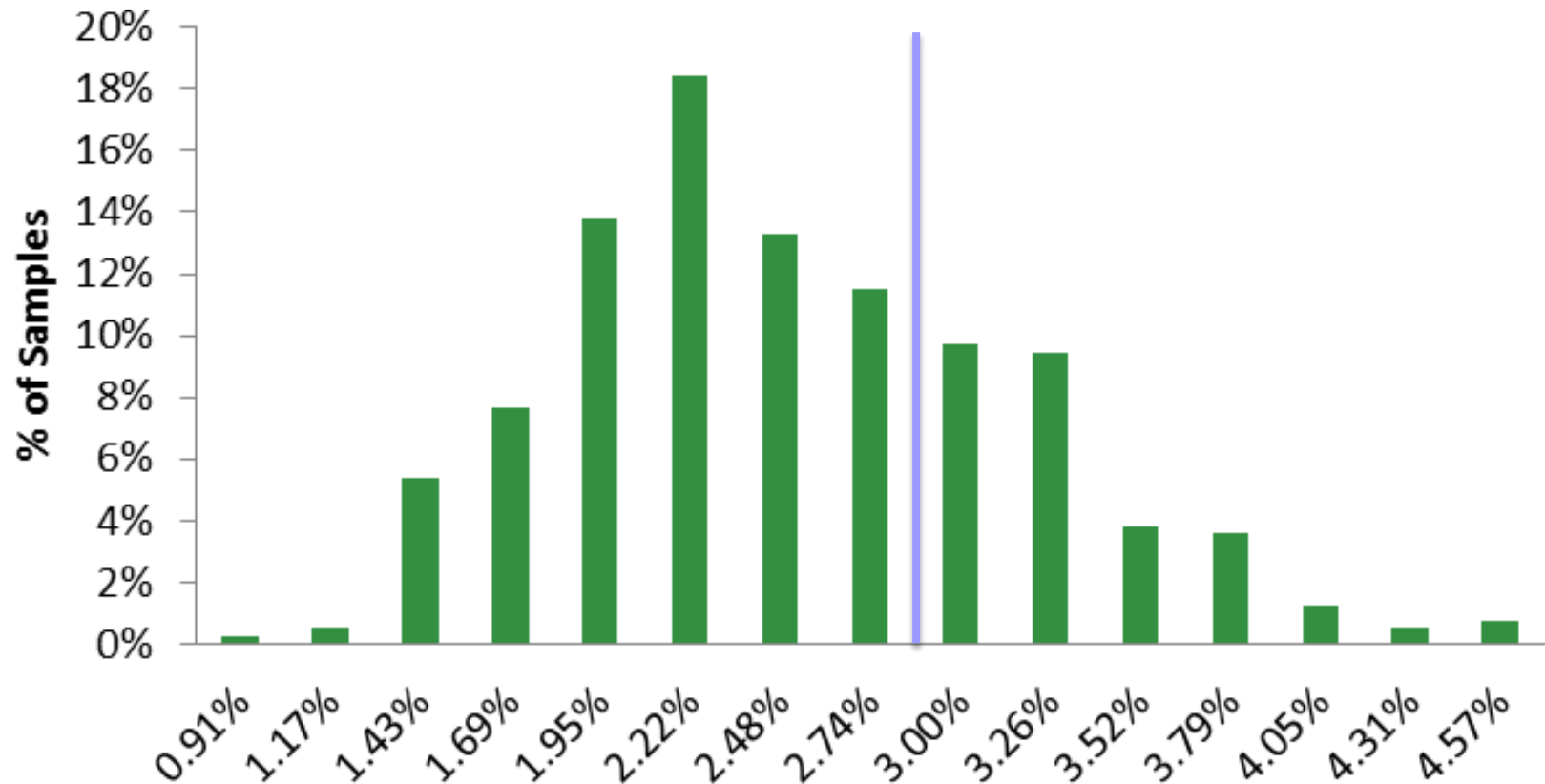
**t10c12 CLA vs Total FA**



**t10c12 CLA vs RUFAL**



## 18:1 + 18:2 + 18:3 Fatty Acid % DM



Courtesy of Kyle Taysom  
Business Development Manager  
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# Fatty Acid Sources

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>DMI, lb/d</b>	<b>RUFAL, g/d</b>
<b>Corn Silage, Med Chppd</b>	<b>21.95</b>	
<b>AlfHay2 20Cp40Ndf17LNDF</b>	<b>5.78</b>	
<b>CrnGrn56DryFine</b>	<b>9.34</b>	
<b>Citrus Pulp Grnd</b>	<b>1.03</b>	
<b>Cottonsd WLint</b>	<b>2.30</b>	
<b>Megalac</b>	<b>0.29</b>	
<b>Soybean ML 47.5 Solv</b>	<b>6.95</b>	
<b>Other (mineral, vitamin, trace supplements)</b>	<b>1.32</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.96</b>	<b>573</b>
<b>RUFAL, % DM</b>		<b>2.57</b>



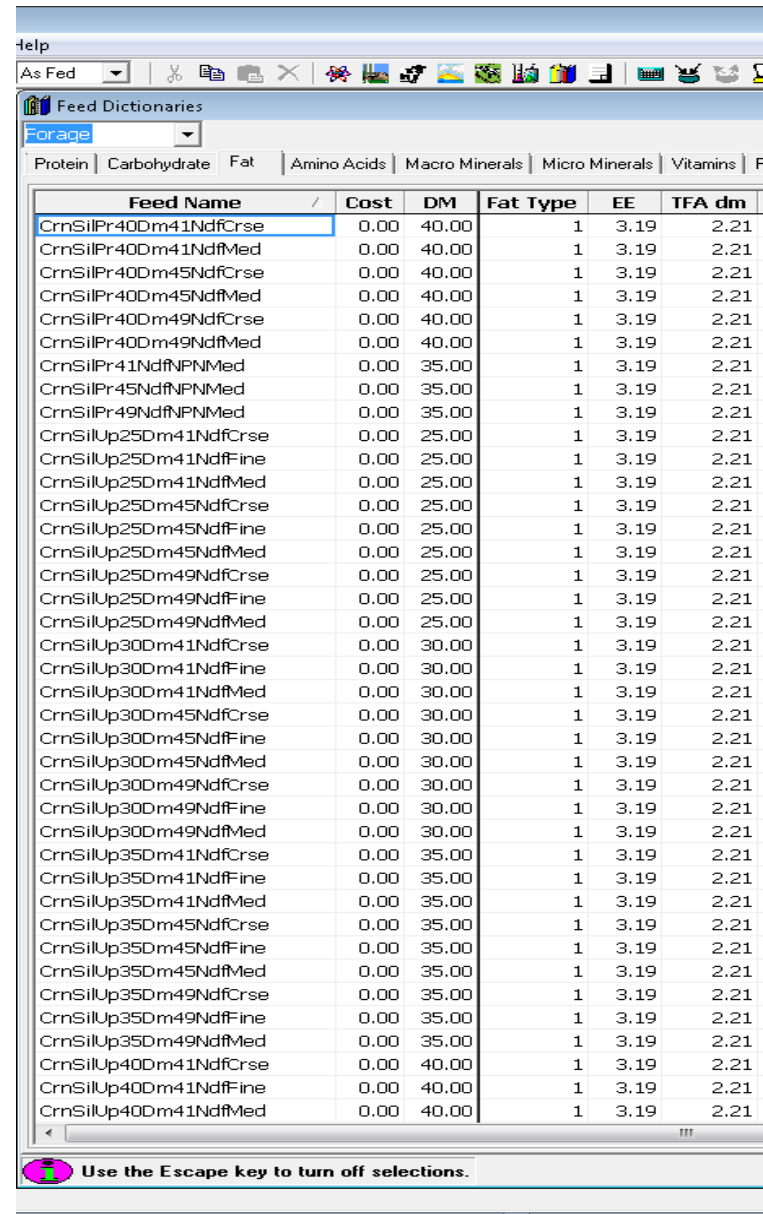
# Fatty Acid Sources

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>DMI, lb/d</b>	<b>RUFAL, g/d</b>
<b>Corn Silage, Med Chppd</b>	<b>21.95</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>AlfHay2 20Cp40Ndf17LNDF</b>	<b>5.78</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>CrnGrn56DryFine</b>	<b>9.34</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Citrus Pulp Grnd</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cottonsd WLint</b>	<b>2.30</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Megalac</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Soybean ML 47.5 Solv</b>	<b>6.95</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Other (mineral, vitamin, trace supplements)</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.96</b>	<b>573</b>
<b>RUFAL, % DM</b>		<b>2.57</b>

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>1.5 % CS</b>	<b>3.5 % CS</b>
<b>Corn Silage, Med Chppd</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>349</b>
<b>AlfHay2 20Cp40Ndf17LNDF</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>CrnGrn56DryFine</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Citrus Pulp Grnd</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cottonsd WLint</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Megalac</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Soybean ML 47.5 Solv</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Other (mineral, vitamin, trace supplements)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>770</b>
<b>RUFAL, % DM</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>3.47</b>

# Feed Libraries

– use the same fat values for all corn silages



help

As Fed

Feed Dictionaries

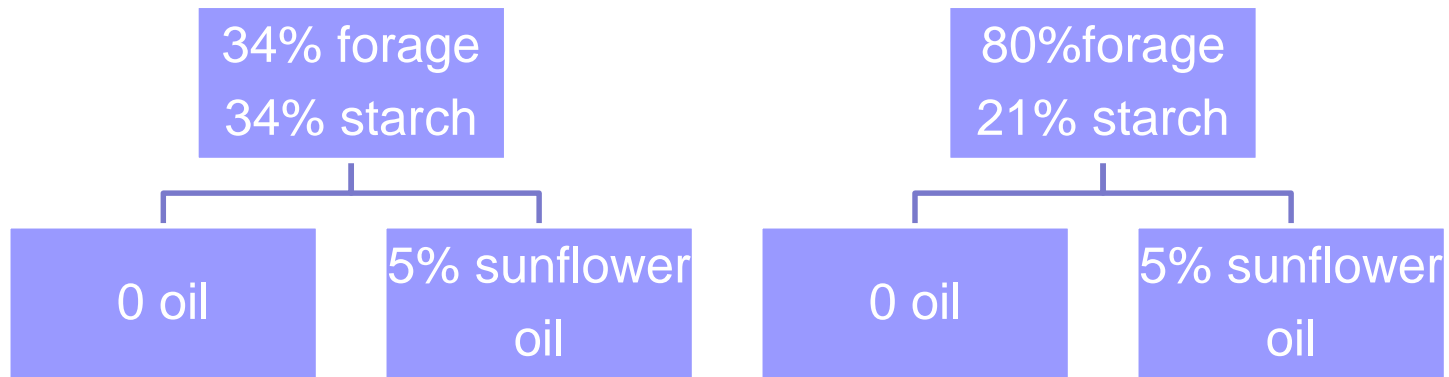
Forage

Protein | Carbohydrate | Fat | Amino Acids | Macro Minerals | Micro Minerals | Vitamins | R

Feed Name	Cost	DM	Fat Type	EE	TFA dm
CrnSilPr40Dm41NdfCrse	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr40Dm41NdfMed	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr40Dm45NdfCrse	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr40Dm45NdfMed	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr40Dm49NdfCrse	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr40Dm49NdfMed	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr41NdfNPNMed	0.00	35.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilPr45NdfNPNMed	0.00	35.00	1	3.19	2.21
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CrnSilUp25Dm45NdfCrse	0.00	25.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilUp25Dm45NdfFine	0.00	25.00	1	3.19	2.21
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CrnSilUp25Dm49NdfCrse	0.00	25.00	1	3.19	2.21
CrnSilUp25Dm49NdfFine	0.00	25.00	1	3.19	2.21
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CrnSilUp30Dm41NdfFine	0.00	30.00	1	3.19	2.21
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CrnSilUp40Dm41NdfCrse	0.00	40.00	1	3.19	2.21
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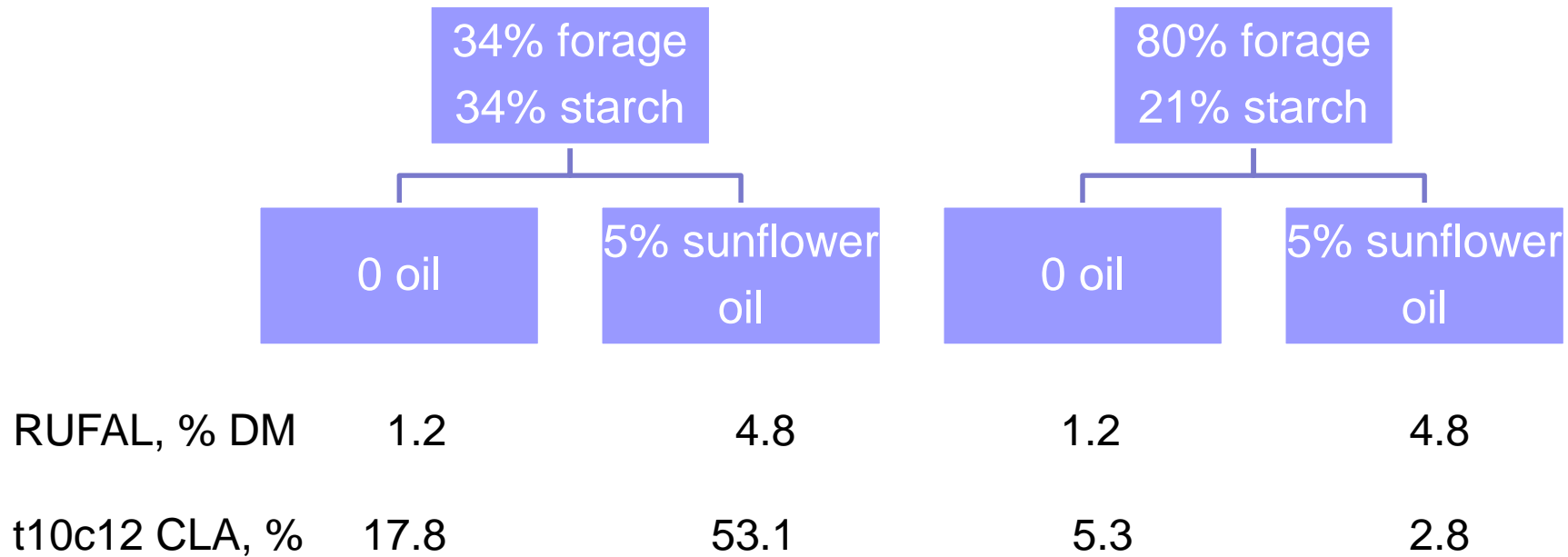
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# Forage/Concentrate Interactions



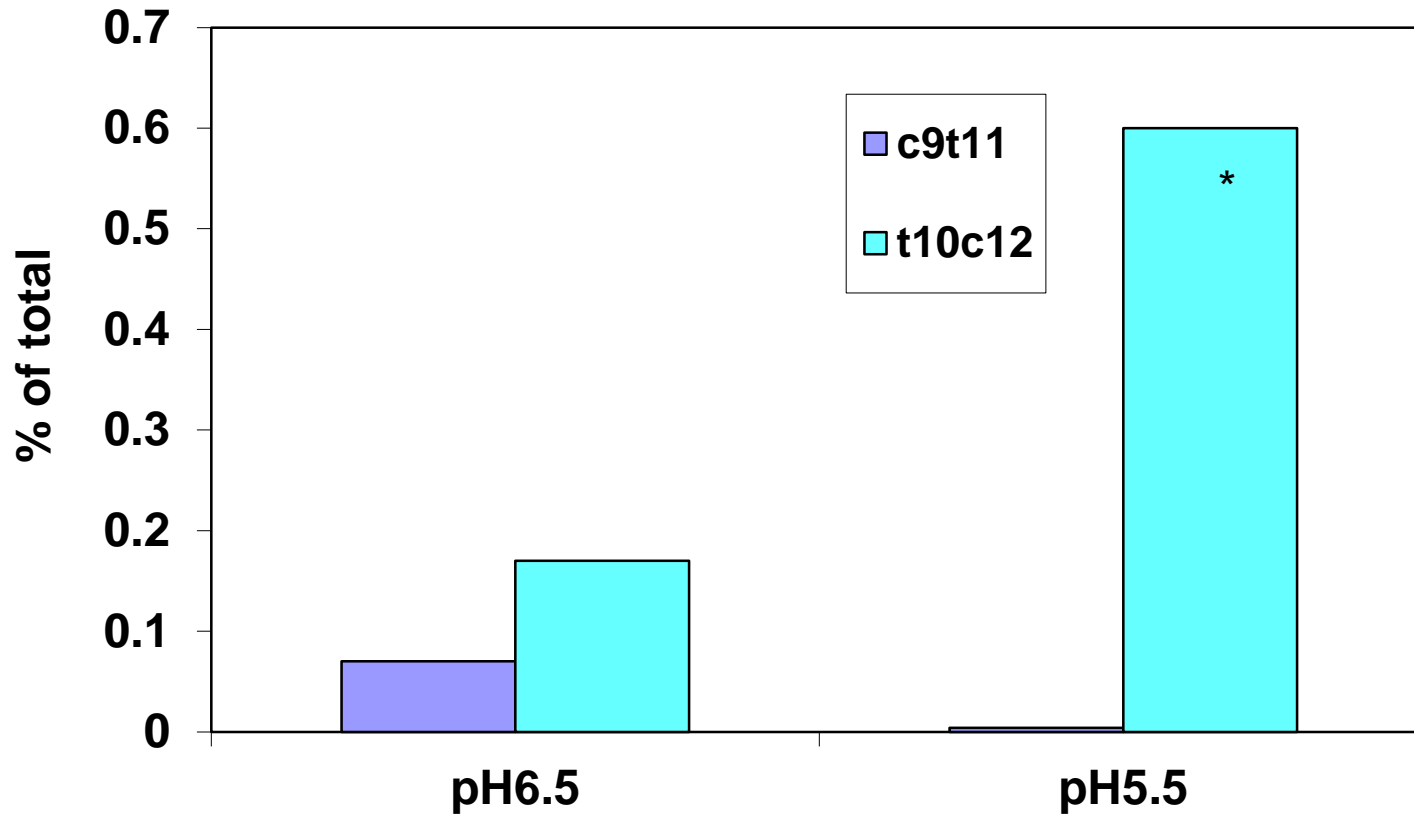
RUFAL, % DM	1.2	4.8
t10c12 CLA, %	17.8	53.1

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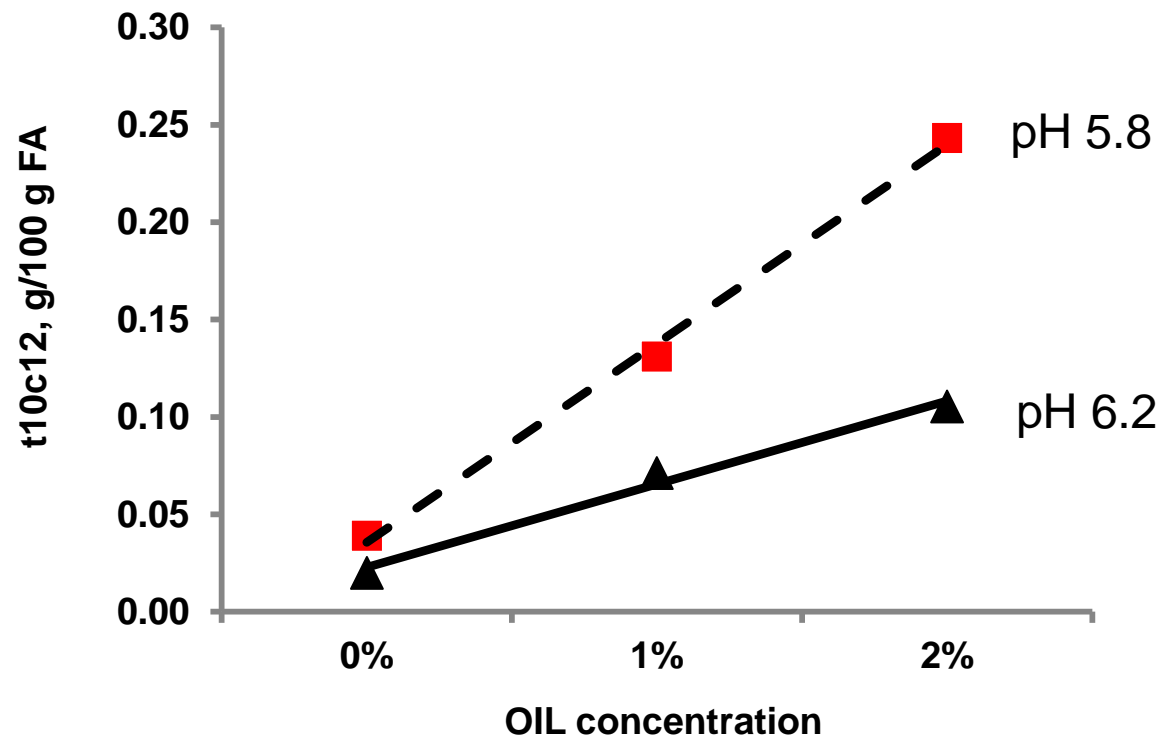
From Zened et al. 2013. JDS 96:451-459.

# CLA Production vs pH

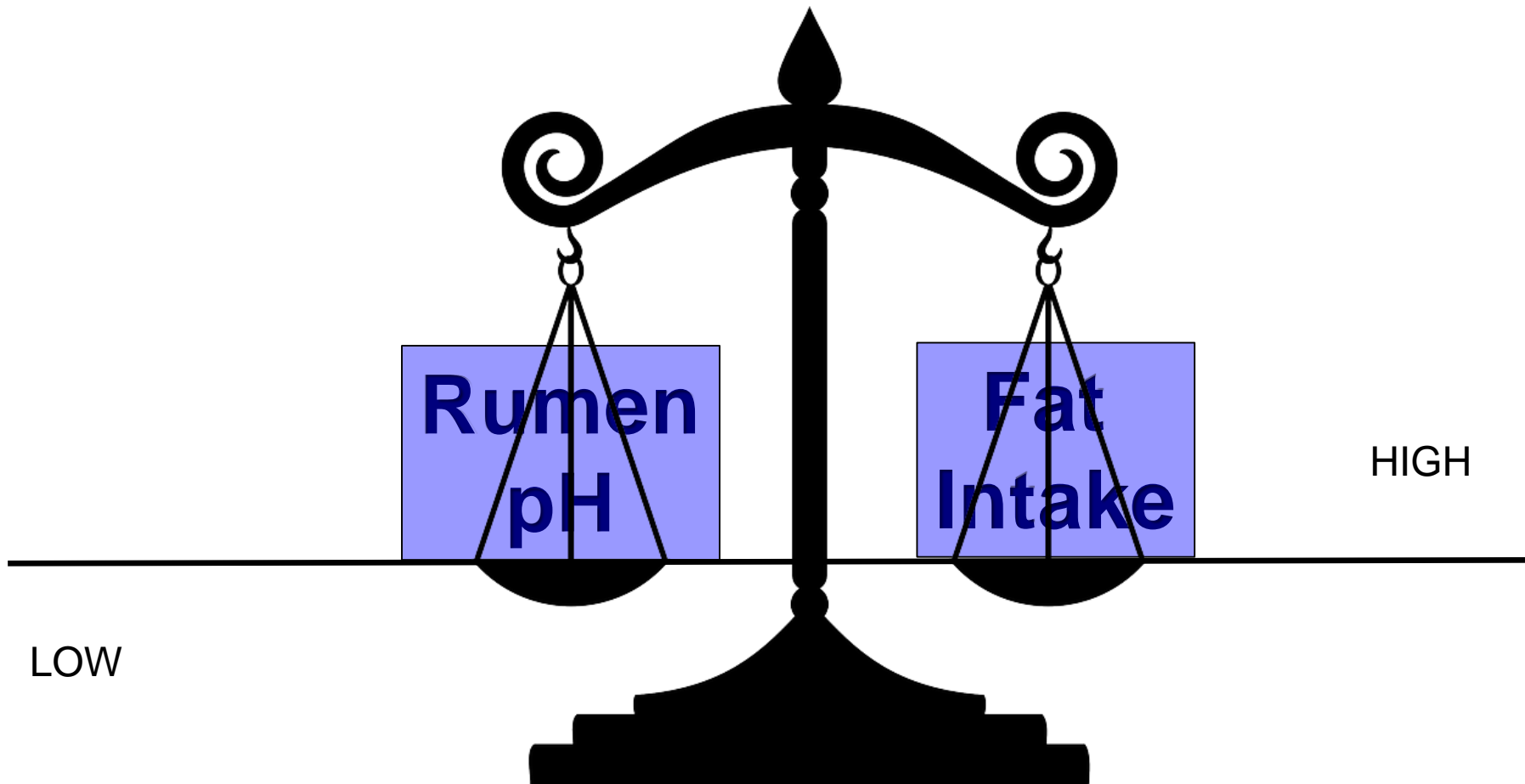


Continuous culture data taken from Fuentes et al, 2009.

# pH & Corn Oil Interactions

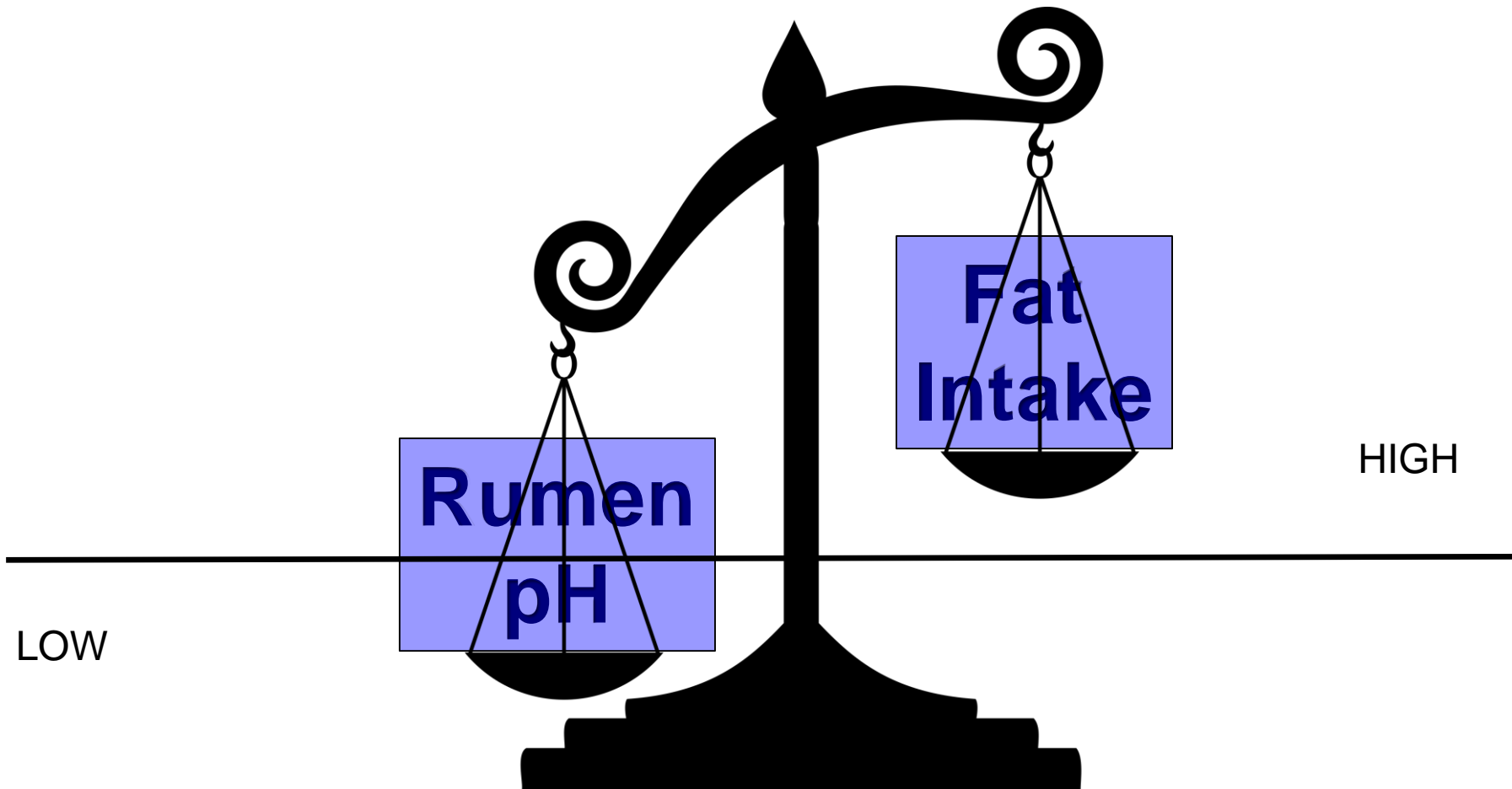


# How Do You Manage MFD?





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Milk fat % 3.14 to 2.86

1.13 lb  
CaFA

HIGH

Ave pH = 5.86  
6.34 h < pH 5.6

LOW

# Manage Rumen pH

## ■ Effective fiber

### □ Particle Length (Cornell Epi)

- Bottom Pan of Penn State Shaker Box <54%
- > 49% on middle screen
- Top screen didn't matter

## ■ Starch (7h $K_d$ < 85%)

## ■ Buffers

## ■ Management

### □ TMR mixing

### □ Feeding frequency

### □ Crowding

# K Carbonate<sup>1</sup> Effects on Milk Fat

$\Delta$ TMR K	Milk Fat, %		P <	Reference
	- K	+ K		
1.2 to 2.0%	4.01	4.38	0.05	Harrison et al. 2012
1.2 to 2.2 % (LF)	2.74	2.99	0.05	Kamar and Weiss, 2013
1.2 to 2.2 % (HF)	2.39	2.64	0.05	Kamar and Weiss, 2013
1.8 to 2.3%	4.06	4.28	0.05	Ma et al., 2013

<sup>1</sup>Added as K carbonate sesquihydrate (DCAD Plus, C&D, Inc.)

# CLA production from continuous culture.

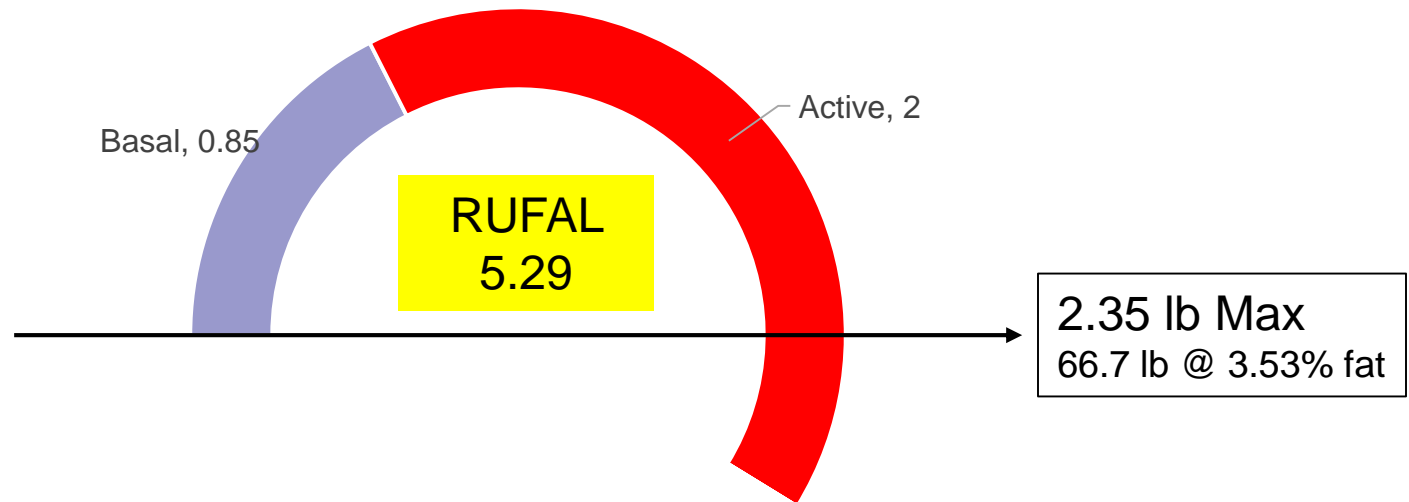
mg/d	Treatment			
	CON	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	SE
Total CLA	28.1	23.7	26.5	4.1
c9t11 <sup>a</sup>	8.4	11.4	12.6	1.2
t10c12 <sup>b</sup>	19.7	12.4	14.0	3.6

<sup>a</sup> CON differed from others (P < 0.05)

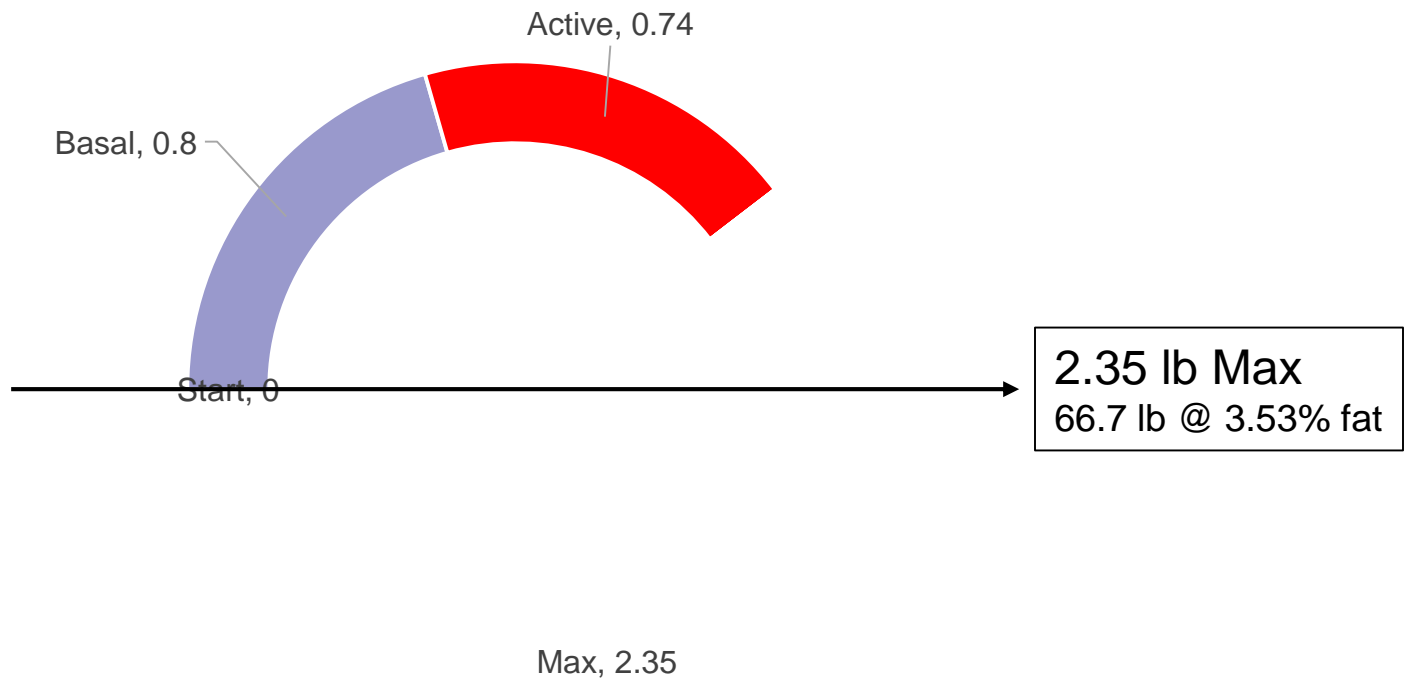
<sup>b</sup> CON differed from others (P < 0.10)

47.5 lb basal @ 1.8% FA = 0.85 lb  
+ 2.2 lb soybean oil (2 lb FA)

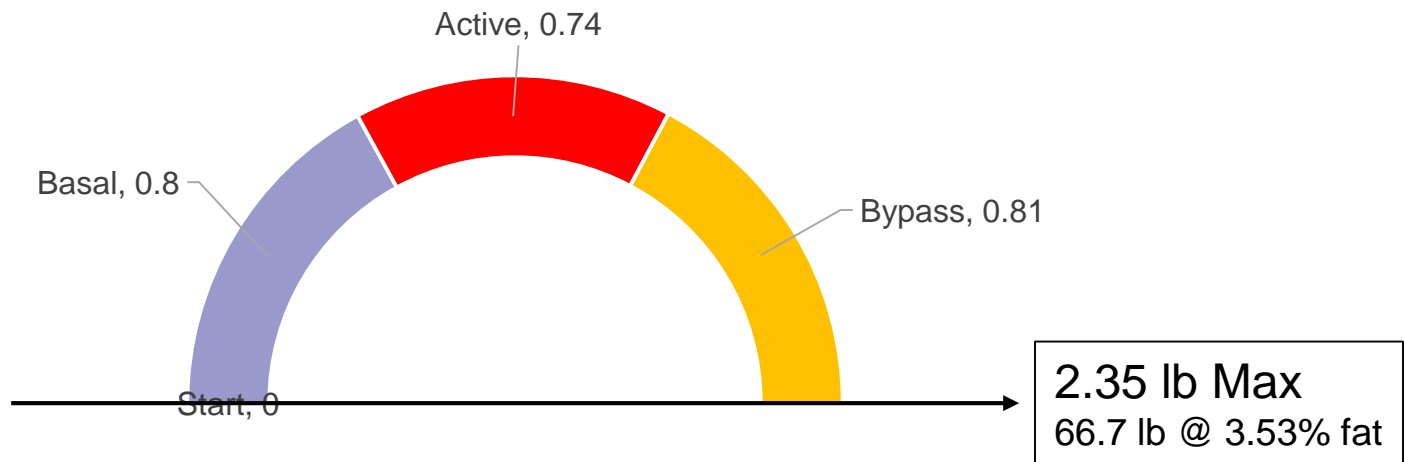
Max lbs =  $\frac{4 \cdot \text{NDF} \cdot \text{DMI}}{(\text{UFA} \cdot \text{FA})_{\text{fat}}}$   
0.8 lb Soybean oil  
0.74 lb FA



Milk fat % 3.59 to 2.62



0.81 lb bypass  
0.81 lb (100 % FA)  
0.95 lb (85% FA)



Max, 2.35

Milk fat % 3.59?

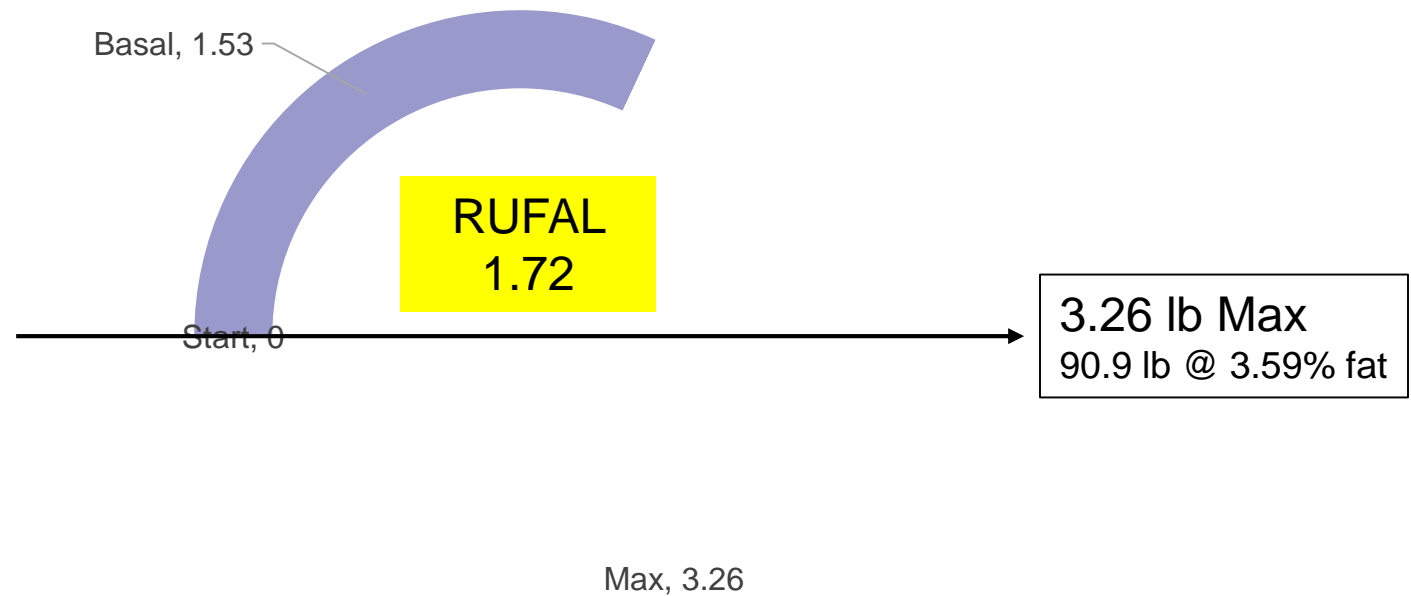


51.9 lb basal @ 2.94% FA = 1.53 lb

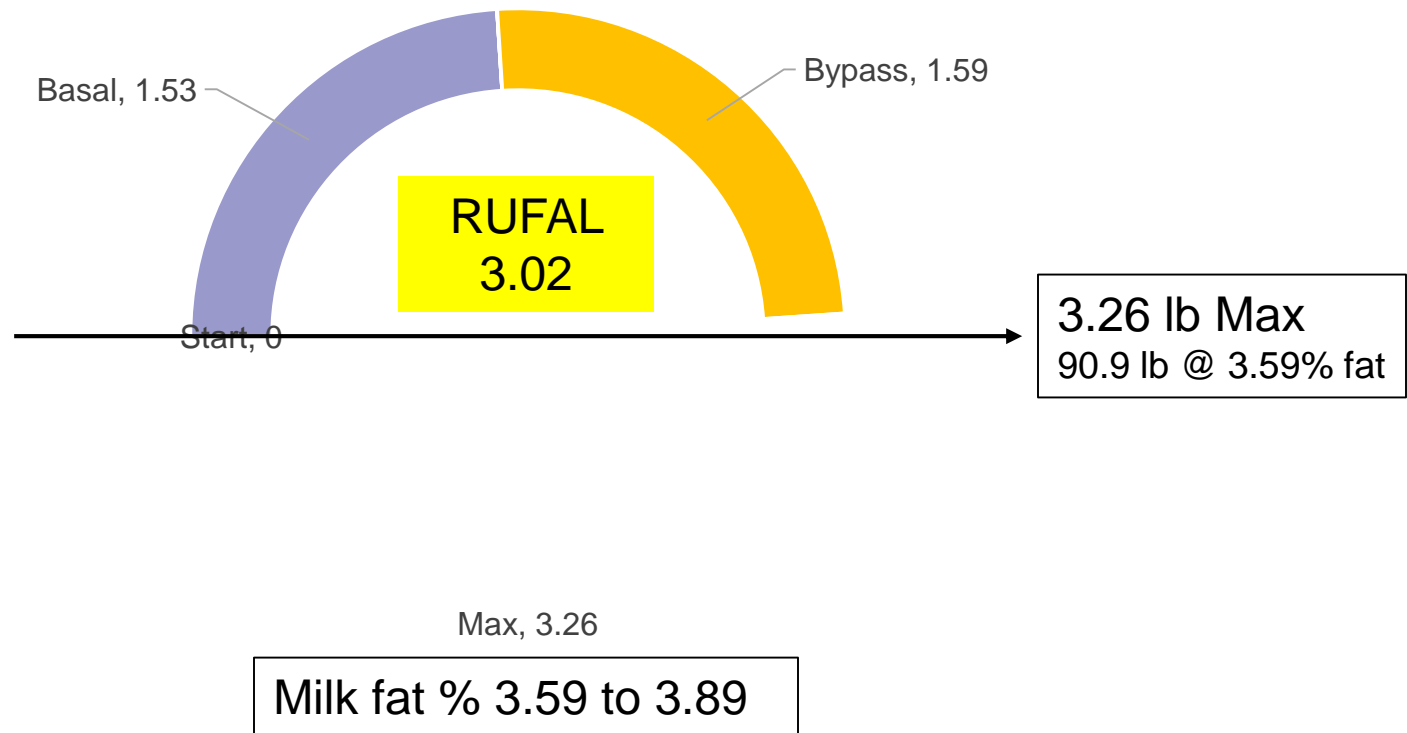
$$\text{Max lbs} = \frac{4 \cdot \text{NDF} \cdot \text{DMI}}{(\text{UFA} \cdot \text{FA})_{\text{fat}}}$$

7.8 lb DDG

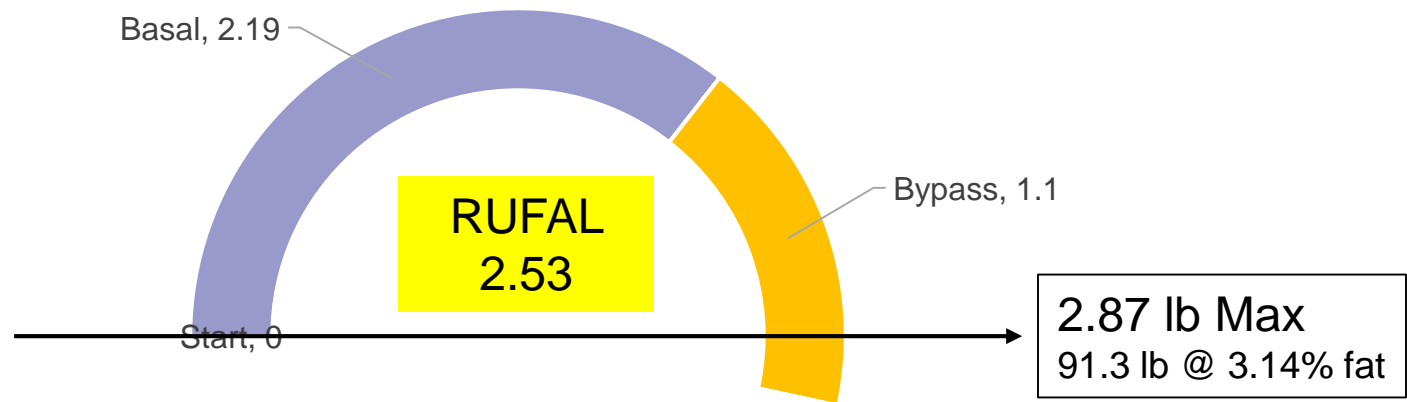
0.78 lb FA



51.9 lb basal @ 2.94% FA = 1.53 lb  
+ 1.87 lb CaFA (1.59 lb FA)



57.6 lb basal @ 3.8% FA = 2.19 lb  
+ 1.1 lb PA (1.1 lb FA)



Max, 2.87

Milk fat % 3.14 to 3.22

# Bakery Waste Example

I can get a GREAT deal on bakery waste from a local cookie plant that makes chocolate chip cookies and I want to use as much as I can.

I presently feed about 1/3 lb commercial calcium salt product and 5 lbs whole cottonseed. I need to leave these in the ration because of previous commitments but we can adjust their amounts to use up inventory.

The supplier states that the waste product contains 24.7% total fat of which 12.5% is saturated.

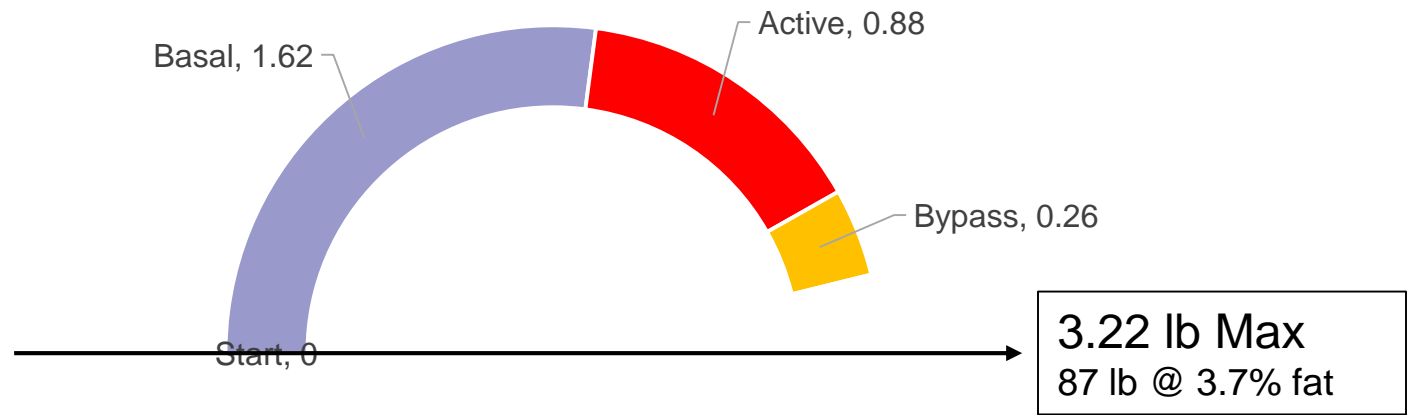
## How Much ?

56 lb basal @ 2.9% FA = 1.62 lb

**CURRENT**

5 lb WCS \* 17.5% FA = 0.88 lb

.3 lb Bypass \* 85% FA = 0.26 lb

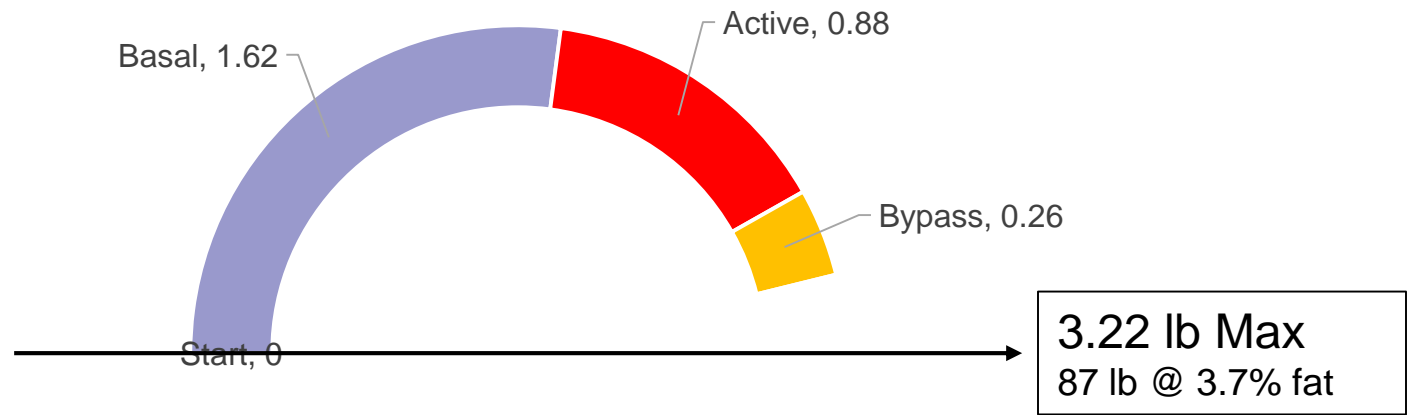


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$$\text{Max lbs} = \frac{4 \cdot \text{NDF} \cdot \text{DMI}}{(\text{UFA} \cdot \text{FA})_{\text{fat}}}$$

5.9 lb WCS = 1.03 lb WCS FA

3.42 lb Bakery = 0.84 lb Bakery FA



5 lb WCS = 0.88 lb FA

Max FA = 1 lb

0.12 lb FA = 0.5 lb Bakery

# RUFAL > 3 % Always Shows TMR High in Fat .....But Might Not Predict MFD Well!

Reasons	Why CLA <sub>mfi</sub> not increased?
Reduced release from glycerol	Only FFA are antimicrobial
Reduced release from intact plant	Fatty acid not in contact with microorganism
Lipid is rumen-inert	Ca salts have little to no antimicrobial effects
TMR is high in fiber	RUFAL binds to fiber instead of microbial cell
Rumen pH high low	Intensifies CLA shift

# Points to Remember

- Lipid is unique among feed nutrients because of its potential insult on the rumen microbial population.
- RUFAL is useful for a quick look at the FA fraction that potentially disrupts rumen function.
- RUFAL > 3% of TMR DM is higher risk because of **potential** to increase CLA that causes milk fat depression.
- RUFAL is in balance with rumen pH to determine effects on rumen function.
- Learn how to limit fats and oils that can negatively affect animal performance.





**Thank You!!!**