

Practical Methodological Aspects of Milk Recording and Management in South America (South American Project)

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Abstract

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Practical Aspects of Milk Recording and Management in South America is an official project between the Dairy Cattle Milk Recording Working Group, invited organisations from South America and selected external experts. It analyses methodology and management in South American countries (Argentina, Uruguay, Colombia, Brazil and Chile) that are key players in milk recording in South America. Monitoring the situation in different parts of the world is one of the key areas for the group's work.

The project covers general statistics and the scope of milk recording in South America, selected aspects of methodology and technical approaches used. It deals with specific managerial and organisational issues, as well as questions and problems in relation to solving milk recording issues. The promotion of milk recording in South America is a priority along with possible future collaboration between the group and South American countries. Most of the indicators will cover the situation in particular countries and offer useful benchmarks.

One of the main goals is to analyse specific problems affecting milk recording methodology in South America and to identify relevant points to be resolved within the group. Where necessary these will be in line with the ICAR Guidelines Section 2 as a way of drafting acceptable proposals and solution.

Current trends will be evaluated, and recommendations and practical advice offered. Specific recommendations based on this research will facilitate day-to-day work and strategies for the future. It is evident that there is a need to analyse specific situations affecting milk recording in areas outside Europe and to propose forward solutions in relation to methodology and management. New measures need to be implemented which correspond with the ICAR Guidelines. Practical solutions feasible for the relevant territories must be offered while respecting the various different historical and cultural developments.

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