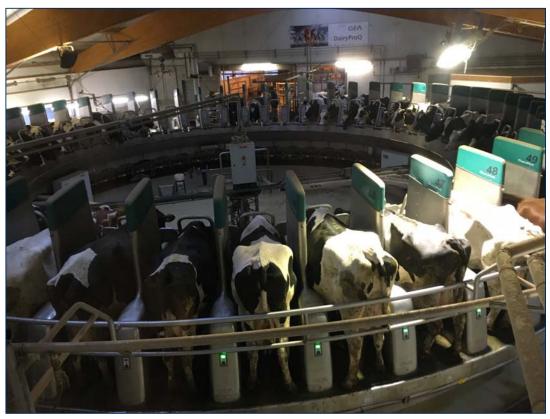
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW UDDER HEALTH MONITORING SERVICE THROUGH REGULAR DHI TESTING



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Key figures:

- •80,000 dairy cows in 400 herds (200 cows/farm)
- •96.3% of dairy farms are using DHI services
- Average annual production:

10,484 kg milk

394 kg fat

345 kg protein

QNETICS, GERMANY





Key figures:

- •94,548 dairy cows in 282 herds (335 cows/farm)
- •98.2% of dairy farms are using DHI services
- Average annual production:

9,978 kg milk

404 kg fat

345 kg protein

COMBINATION OF SCC AND DSCC TEST DAY RESULTS



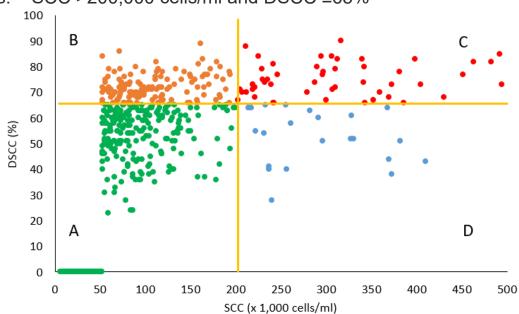
- Regularly available DHI samples
- Udder Health Group concept:

A – healthy: SCC <200,000 cells/ml and DSCC ≤65%,</p>

■ B – onset of mastitis: SCC <200,000 cells/ml and DSCC >65%

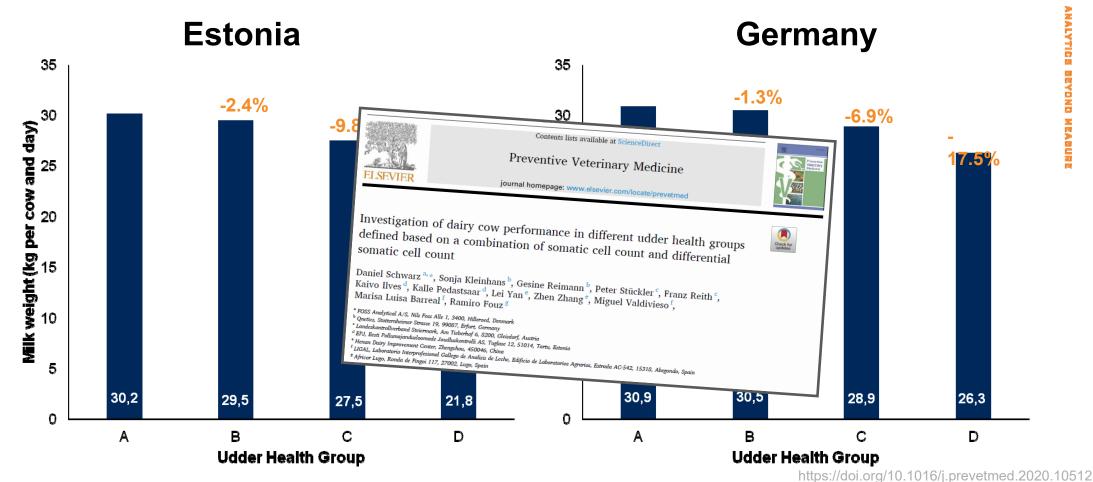
■ C – mastitis SCC >200,000 cells/ml and DSCC >65%

D – chronic mastitis: SCC >200,000 cells/ml and DSCC ≤65%



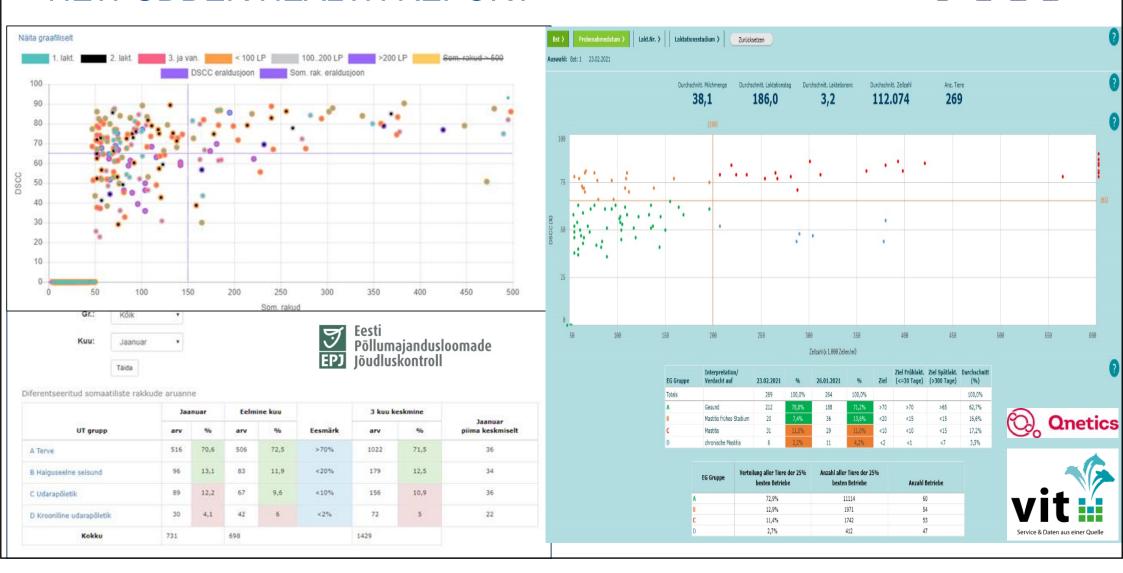
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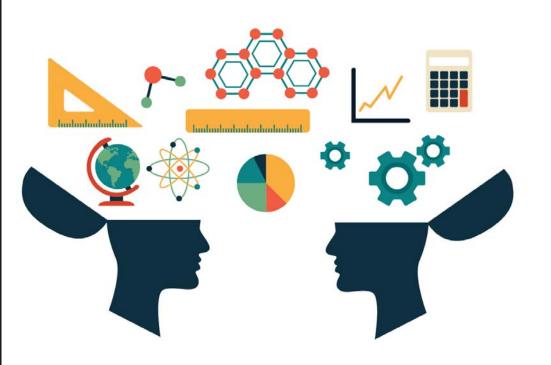
NEW UDDER HEALTH REPORT

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KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER





- Pilot phase
- Promotion of tool at seminars, annual meetings, exhibitions, agricultural magazines
- Presentation of examples

REAL-LIFE EXAMPLE (HERD WITH 400 LACTATING COWS)

February

UHG	% of herd			
А	61.7			
В	19.6			
С	15.5			
D	3.2			

March

UHG	% of herd
Α	68.3
В	16.8
С	12.1
D	2.8

	Item	% of herd
d	Milk weight (kg/d)	29.96
	Fat (%)	4.34
	Protein (%)	3.59
	ECM	31.51

	Item	% of herd
	Milk weight (kg/d)	30.97
	Fat (%)	4.39
1	Protein (%)	3.67
A CONTRACTOR	ECM	32.99

Revenue	€
Per cow and day	0.63
Per herd and day	252
Per herd and month	7,560

CHECKLIST – FOCUS AREAS





(C) Qnetics

Herd level:

Cubicle management Milking hygiene Feeding hygiene

Individual cow level

Better monitoring of udder health in fresh lactating cows Earlier detection of mastitis Selective dry cow therapy

PERSPECTIVE OF VETERINARIANS



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REGULATION (EU) 2019/6 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 11 December 2018

on veterinary medicinal products and repealing Directive 2001/82/EC

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

(48) The prudent use of antimicrobials is a cornerstone concerned should together promote prudent use of antimicrobials. It is therefore important that guidance on the prudent use of antimicrobials in veterinary medicine be taken into account and further elaborated. The identification of risk factors and the development of criteria for the initiation of administration of antimicrobials, as well as the identification of alternative measures, could help in avoiding the unnecessary use of antimicrobial medicinal

→ Prevention of diseases is key – proactive vs. reactive

REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 9 March 2016

on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law')

(Text with EEA relevance)

FARM COMPARISON BASED ON NEW UDDER HEALTH REPORT



	Percentage of cows in UHG A				
	>65 (n = 13)	55-65 (n = 14)	<55 (n = 14)	All herds	p-value
Herd size	252ª	367a	263a	295	0.64
Geometric bulk tank SCC					
over last 3 months, × 1,000					
cells/ml	11 <u>4</u> a	157b	196c	157	0.05
Daily production (kg per day)	31.7ª	28.8b	27.5°	29.3	0.05
Number of antibiotic mastitis					
treatments per month and					
100 cows	1.7ª	2.3a	3.2b	2.4	0.01

Publication in preparation

SUMMARY

Mastitis is still a huge challenge on dairy farms

New SCC and DSCC-based udder health report helps dairy farms to better manage udder health

Improvements in terms of dairy cow health, welfare, performance, reduced number of antibiotic mastitis treatments already seen – longevity and milk quality expected to improve in long run

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