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# What Next? How to Ensure Milk Recording Services are Prepared for the Challenges to Come

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# Challenges in Modern Herd Recording

Are We  
Listening?



Dairy cattle are ideal  
candidates for  
repeated measures

– **What can I tell you?**



Producers have  
more data on  
farm today than  
ever

– **How are you  
going to use my  
farm/herd data?**



Recording organizations  
are looking for guidance

– **What do we do?**



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## Current RSD-SC Goals & Priorities

Updates to Section 11 & Addition of Sensor Device Guidelines

Delivery of Device Routine Procedures to Members

Standardization/Innovation in Testing of AMS/VMS

Innovation in Testing Sensor Devices/Systems

Separation of Goats & Sheep with New Standards

Revisions & Expansion of Test Centre Software

Universal Coding System for all Recording/Sensor Devices



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# ICAR Certifications and Routine Procedures

New Resources on  
Certification, Routine  
Procedures & User  
Manuals are  
Available on ICAR  
Website

Continuously updated  
by RSD-SC with  
manufacturer support

	DeLaval Milk Sampler	GEA Sampler	<a href="#">Lely A</a>	<a href="#">Lely XY</a>	Lely Nordic Shuttle B	Ori- Collector 20	Ori- Collector 60	Ori- Collector 90	Ori- Collector 132	Prolon Sampler
										
Bumatic MR-D1			Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	
Bumatic MR-S1			Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	Not ICAR tested	
DeLaval VMS	ICAR certified					ICAR certified	ICAR certified	ICAR certified	ICAR certified	

[DeLaval VA 2008](#)

[DeLaval VA 2010](#)

[DeLaval VA 2012](#)

[DeLaval VA V300](#)

[Fullwood Merlin](#)

[Fullwood Merlin 225](#)



## Certified milk meters

- All ICAR certified devices must be tagged with a non-removable label issued by ICAR. The label contains the name of the manufacturer, name of the device, year of approval, species identification, mounting position and ICAR logo.
- The instructions on how to perform the "Periodic checking of certified meters. Hints for the sample taker and farmer" can be downloaded [here](#)

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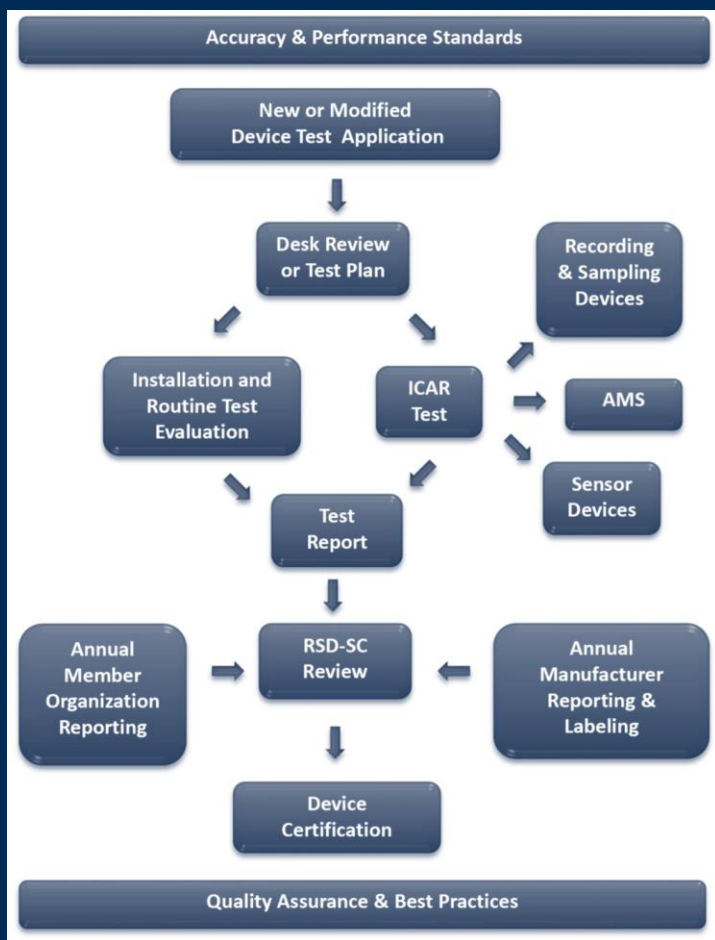


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### Section 11 - Guidelines for Testing, Approval and Checking of Recording and Sampling Devices List of Procedures

- [Overview] Guidelines for Testing, Approval and Checking of Recording and Sampling Devices
- [Procedure 1] Procedure for Application for Testing of Recording and Sampling Devices or Sensor Devices and/or Systems
- [Procedure 2] Procedure for Testing of Traditional Milk Recording and Sampling Devices
- [Procedure 3] Procedure for Testing of Automatic Milk Recording and Sampling Systems
- [Procedure 4] Procedure for Testing of Sensor Devices and/or Systems
- [Procedure 5] Procedure for Evaluation of Installation and Routine Calibration Procedures for Recording and Sampling Devices
- [Procedure 6] Procedure for Evaluation of Installation and Routine Calibration Procedures for Sensor Devices and/or Systems
- [Procedure 7] Procedure for Computerized Solutions for Periodic Checking of Recording and Sampling Devices
- [Procedure 8] Procedure for Computerized Solutions for Periodic Checking of Sensor Devices and/or Systems
- [Procedure 9] Procedure for Test-Day Practices Using Recording or Sensor Devices and Electronic Identification Simultaneously
- [Procedure 10] Procedure for Test-Day Practices for Obtaining Milk Samples on Individual Animals from Sampling Devices
- [Procedure 11] Procedure for Labeling of ICAR-Certified Devices
- [Procedure 12] Procedure for Annual Reporting of ICAR-Certified Devices in the Marketplace by Manufacturers
- [Procedure 13] Procedure for Annual Reporting of ICAR-Certified Device Usage and Satisfaction by Member Organizations
- [Procedure 14] Procedure for ICAR Certification of Devices

## Revisions to Section 11 in Progress





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# ICAR Universal Coding Systems for Devices

Development and delivery by Interbull (tentative) on behalf of ICAR

Will include traditional recording devices and sensor devices/systems

Allow for data source characterization by member organizations, data handlers and data users

In addition to device code, system would include:

- Manufacturer
- Software Name
- Data measured

- Device Name
- Software Version
- ICAR Status

- Other Marketplace Names
- Firmware (if applicable)
- ICAR Status Date



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# Challenges with the Next Generation of Devices

**We are  
Looking at  
Systems  
Instead of  
Devices**

**New  
Systems  
Measure  
More than a  
Single  
Parameter**

**System  
Measures  
One  
Variable and  
Reports  
Data as a  
Different  
Trait**

**Reliance on  
Automatic  
ID Systems  
and  
Association  
with the  
Correct Cow**

**Speed of  
Commerce  
is Faster  
than ICAR  
Testing**

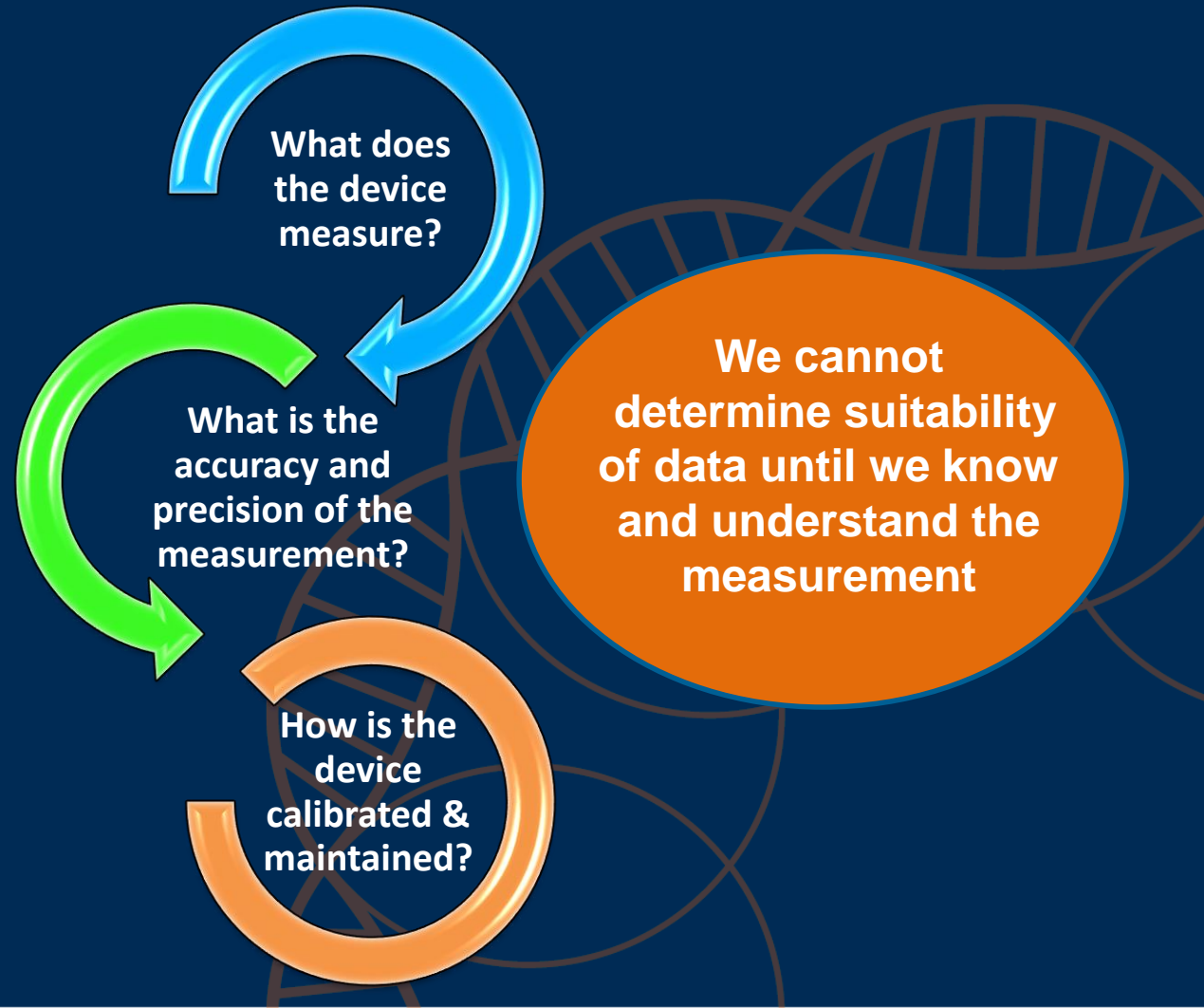




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# Reviewing Recording & Sampling Devices or Systems







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# Multiple Ways to Classify On- Farm Data

## Do We Know What We Want or Need?

### Management Data

- Yield
- SCC
- Milking Speed
- Feed Efficiency

### Animal Health Data

- Locomotion
- Reproduction
- Disease
- BCS/Weight

### Animal Welfare Data

- Activity
- Mobility
- Eating, Resting
- Heat Stress

### Data for Genetic Evaluations & Official Programs

### Data Linked to Direct Farm Payments

- Yield
- Fat, Protein
- SCC

### Alarm Data

- Heat Detection
- SCC
- Locomotion
- Location

### Yes/No Data

- Pregnancy
- Disease

### Trend Data

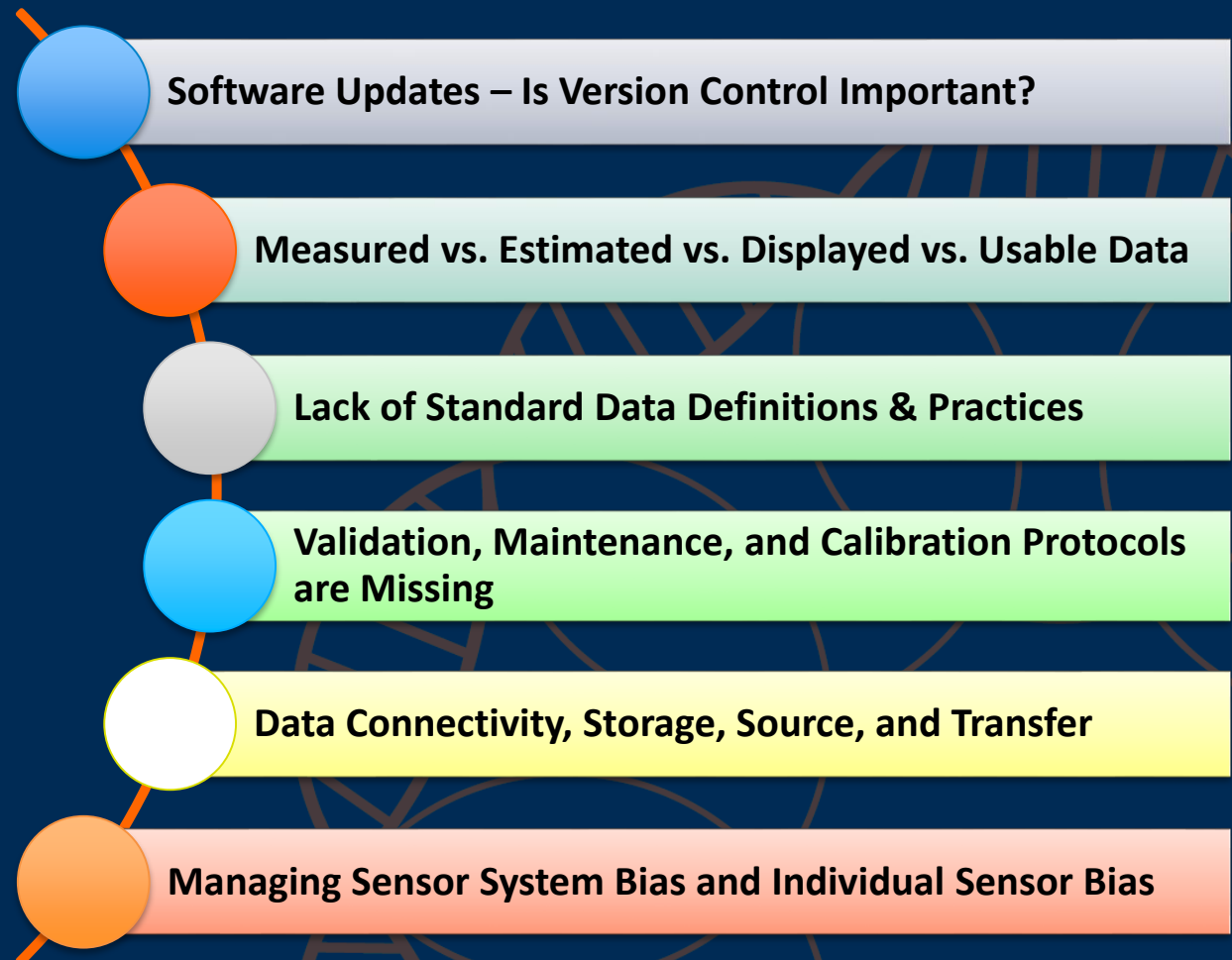
- BCS/Weight
- Milk Flow/Speed
- Feed Efficiency
- Eating, Resting



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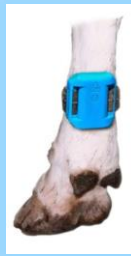
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# Sensor Devices Bring More Challenges





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# Animal ID is More Important Than Ever



- The 'official ID' of an animal most likely will not be the same as ID associated with sensor measures
- Animals may have multiple IDs over their lifetime
- Animals may have multiple IDs on their body at once
- Databases will need to have protocols for ID cross-referencing and validation
- Need ICAR & MRO protocols for on-farm validation of the automatic ID system and for data transfer/custody



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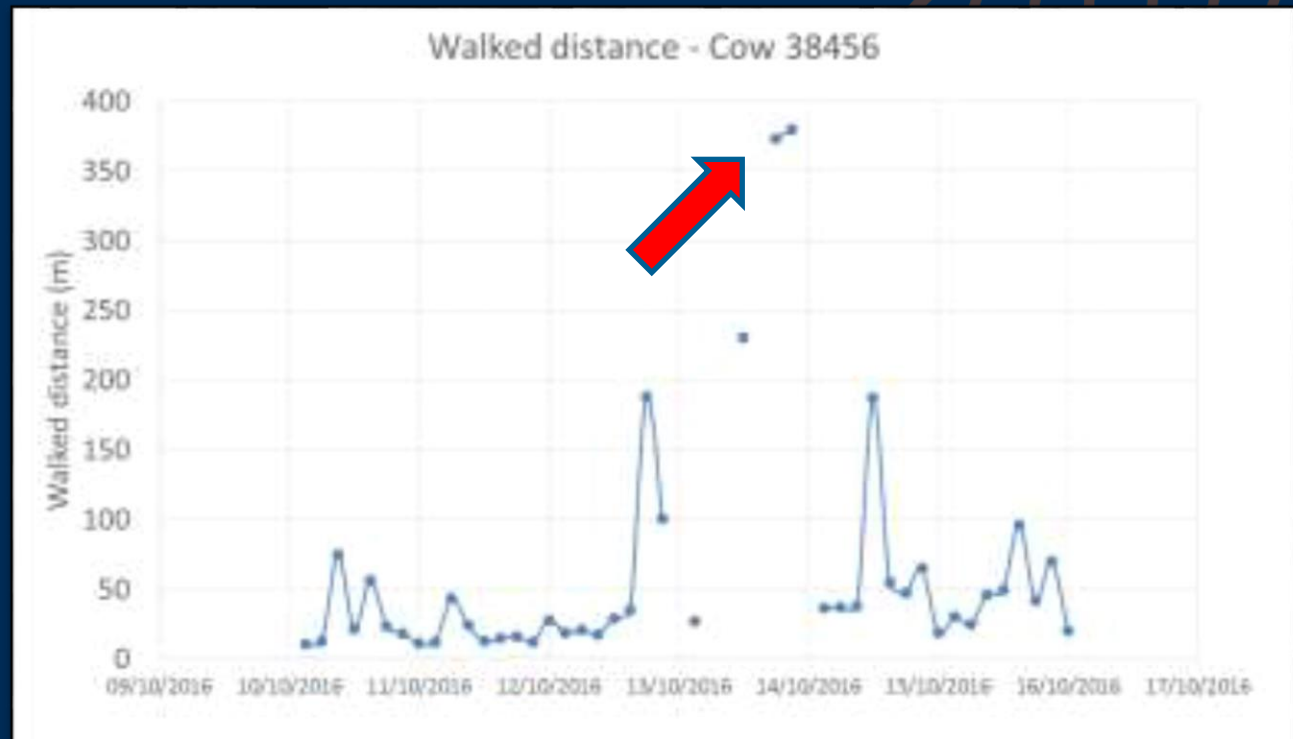
# System Connectivity & Data Capture is a Concern

How are values  
computed for missing  
data points?

Estimations?

Mean values without  
missing data?

Component of the  
quality of data  
entering the system





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## What is the Difference?

**Raw Data**  
vs.  
**Estimated Data**  
vs.  
**Displayed Data**  
vs.  
**Usable Data**

**Measuring one variable & reporting another**

**Handling of missing data points**

**Outlier handling and exclusion**

**Data smoothing**

**Range of accurate measurement**

**Precision of data recording**

**Data transfer, custody, accessibility**



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# The Future of Milk Recording

## What is Needed?

