

Radio Frequency Identification Pilot Project



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Overview:

- *Kansas NAIS – RFID Pilot Project*

NAIS & RFID Technology...



What is RFID?

Radio Frequency ID (RFID) uses low frequency radio transmission to send a signal between an ID device and a reader.



RFID transponders are either

'Active' or 'Passive'

'Full Duplex' or 'Half Duplex'



Half Duplex Technology

The Allflex Half Duplex System relies on alternating send and receive signals between devices.

RADIO FREQUENCY SIGNAL

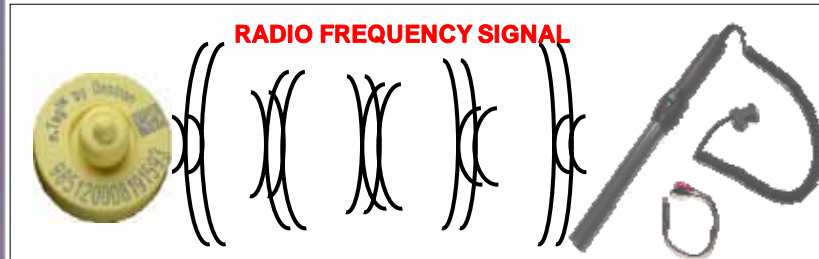
Half Duplex technology functions similarly to a 2-Way Radio conversation

The diagram illustrates the Half Duplex system. On the left is a circular microchip with the number '000 015 546 045' and '286' visible. To its right are four sets of double vertical lines representing a radio frequency signal. On the right is a handheld radio with a microphone and a speaker. The text 'RADIO FREQUENCY SIGNAL' is written above the signal lines.



Full Duplex Technology

A Full Duplex system relies on constant sending and receiving of the RFID signal between devices.



The *Full Duplex* (FDX) technology functions similarly to a telephone conversation.



RFID Standards

134.2 kHz Low Frequency Passive RFID



✦ ISO Standards:

✦ ISO 11784

✦ Radio Frequency ID of Animals, Code Structure—Specifies the RFID code for use with animals.

✦ ISO 11785

✦ Radio Frequency ID of Animals, Technical Concept—Deals with how a transponder is activated and how the information stored in the transponder is transferred to a transceiver.



Why Standardize ?

- **Maintains competition within the market-place, without allowing a stand alone technology to develop.**
- **Enables compatibility among ISO approved readers and ISO approved tags.**
- **Understand that all tags and readers aren't created equally and although they may be ISO approved, there are performance differences.**

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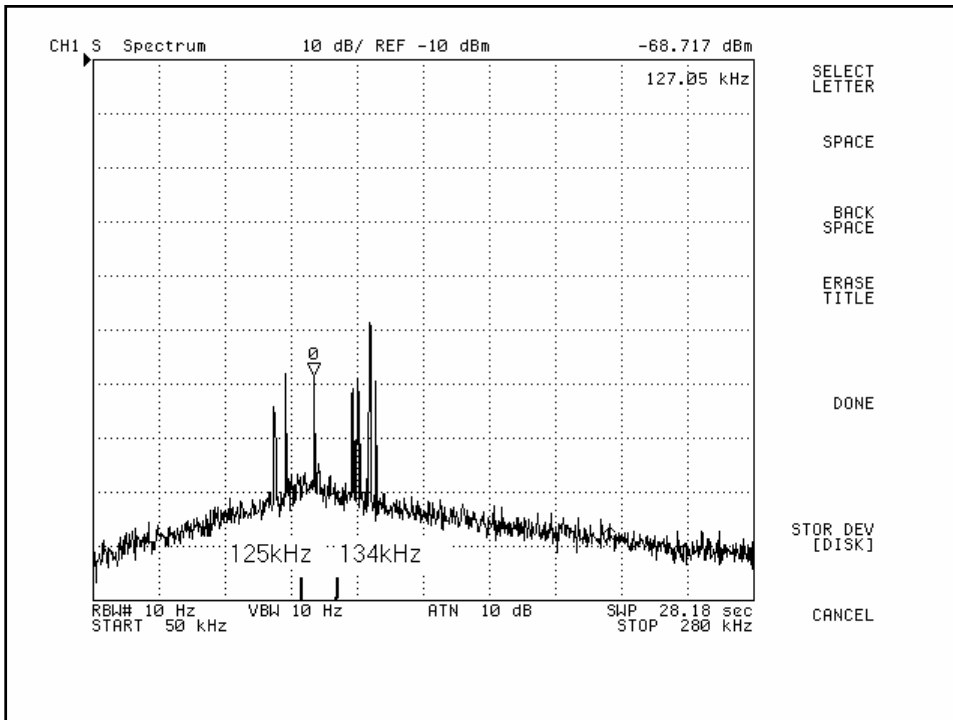
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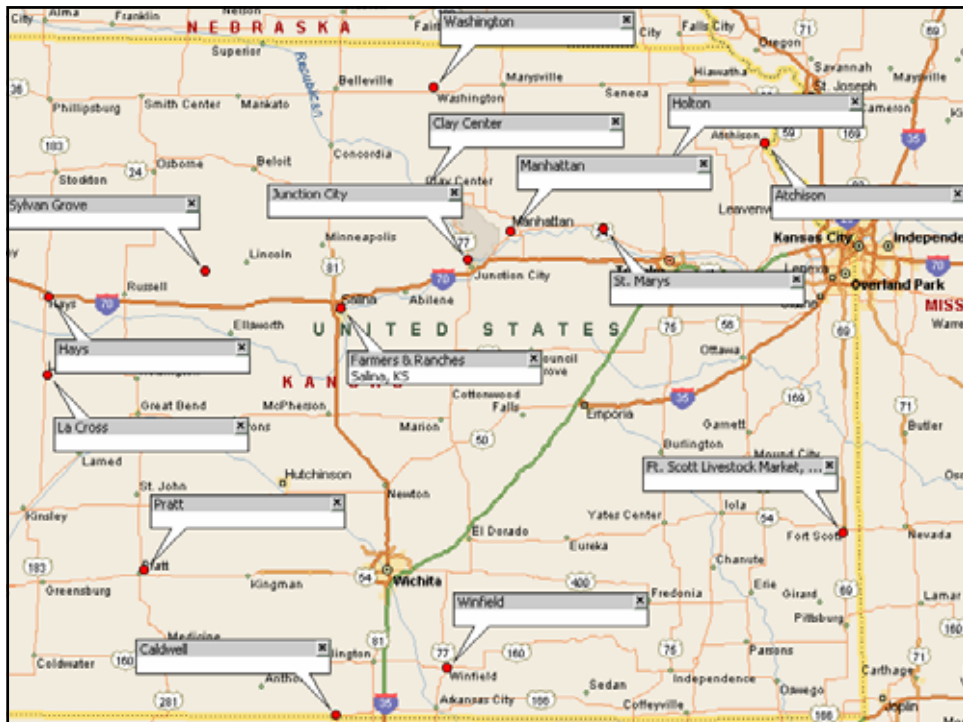
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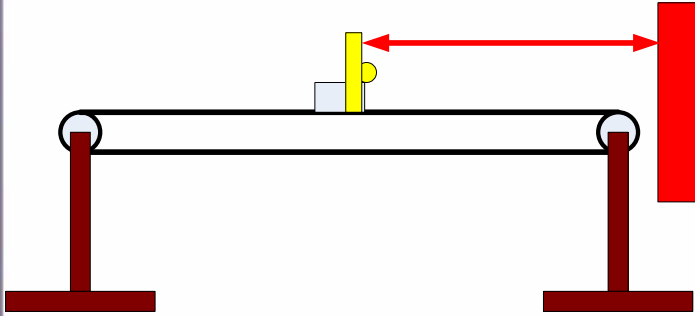


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Trolley Reader

- Side View:



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 - ***5 Different RFID Panel Reader Manufactures***
 - ***5 Panel Readers per Manufacture***



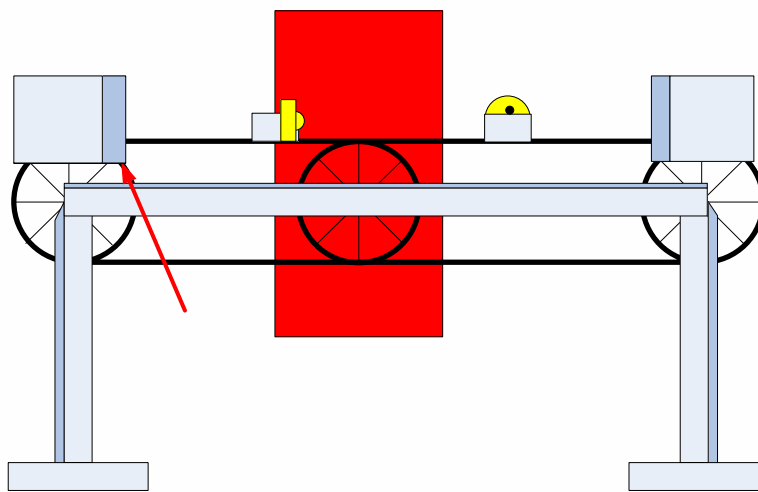
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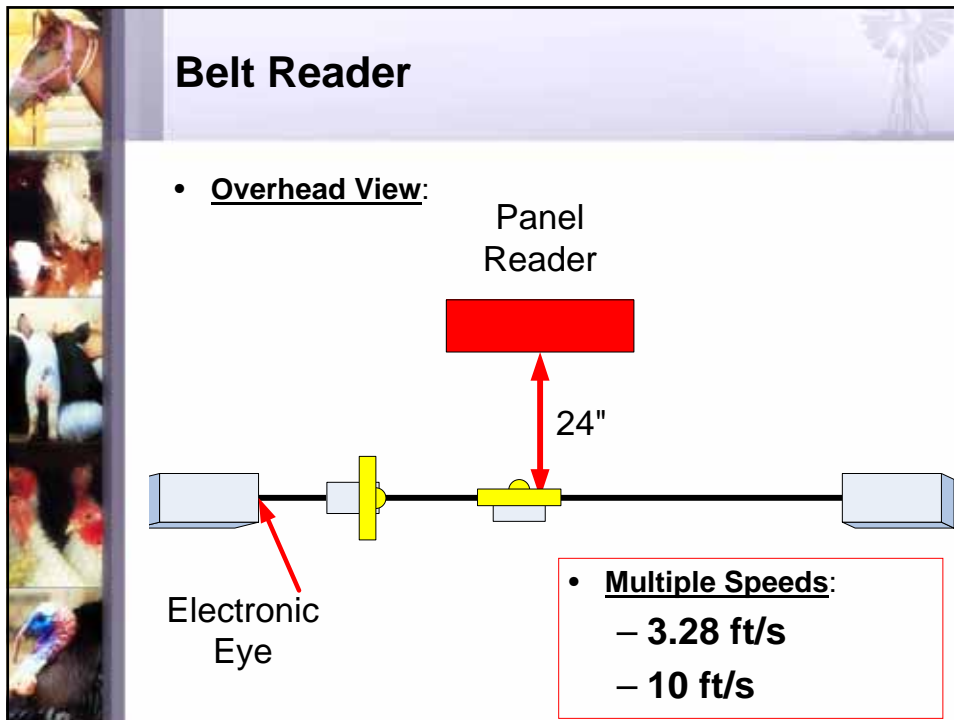
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 - *Variable Speed Belt Reader*

Belt Reader

- **Side View:**





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Transponders consisted of six different types (n=500/type) including:

- Allflex HDX High Performance Ultra EID Tag
- Allflex FDX Lightweight Ultra Bovine EID Tag
- Destron FDX-B E. Tag®
- Farnam New Z® Tag (FDX)
- Temple FDX Tamper Evident EID Tag
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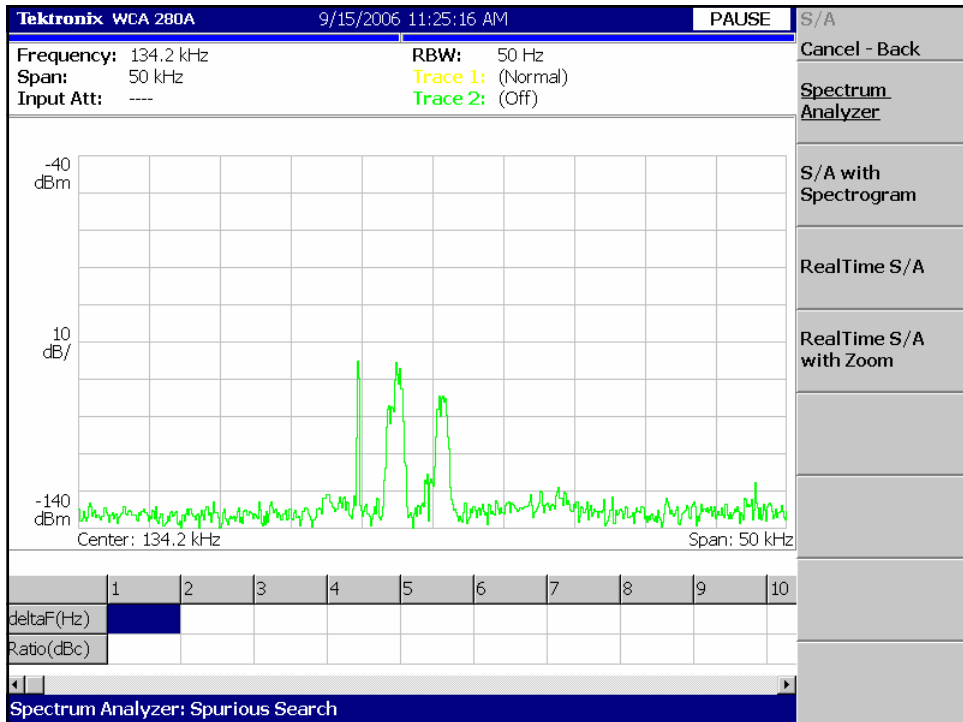
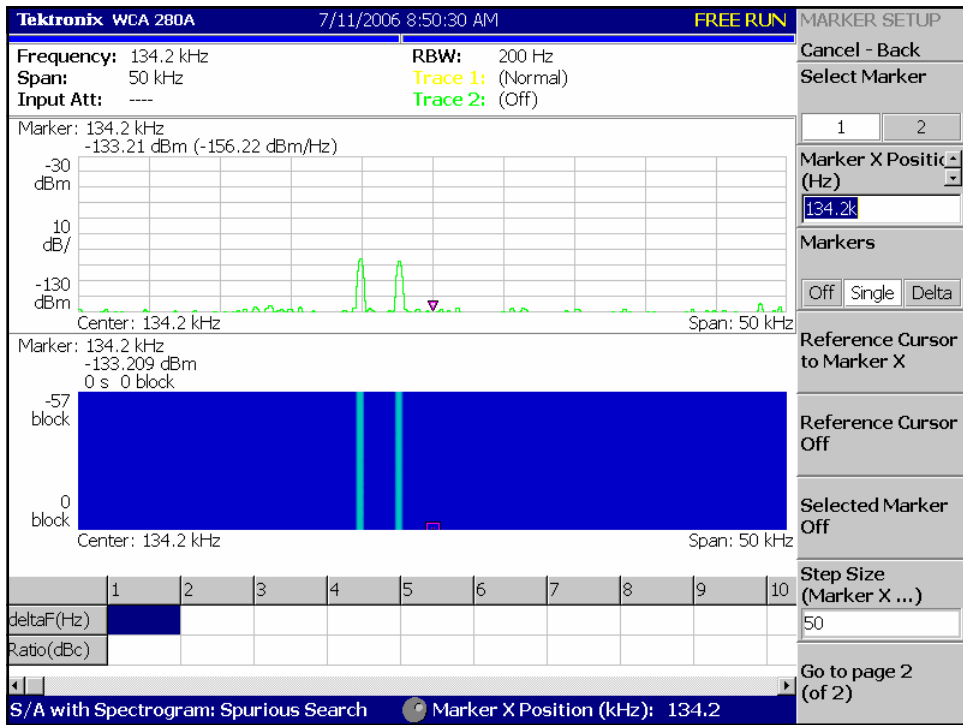
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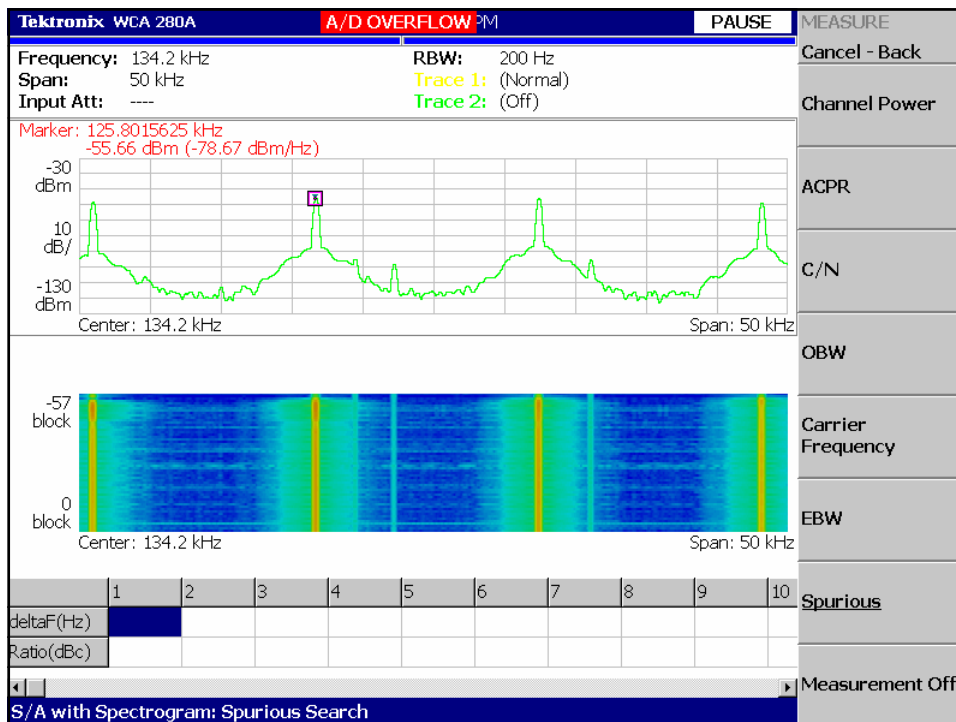
- **Summation of the 5 Experiments:**
 - From the 3000 tags tested (*from the five different RFID manufacturers*), a set of “*pedigree tags*” was created (tested during experiments 1-6)
 - *Of the 3000 RFID tags, we will statistically sort the tags into a ranking (by performance of the experiment results) in to a group of the Bottom 25% Performers (poorest performance)/ Middle 50% / Top 25% (best performers)*
 - The middle 50% of the “Pedigree Tags” will be placed in animals and tracked, (RFID tag reads captured), through the animal’s production cycle.
 - Livestock Market / Feed Yard / Harvest Facility
 - Results of the RFID read rates will be reported as such.



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- **5 Different Experiments:**
 1. Characterize the incidence and extent of electromagnetic interference affecting RFID function in Livestock Markets, Feed Yards, and Harvest Facilities.
 - *Spectrum Analyzer*
 - *Livestock market*
 - *Unload Facilities*
 - *Sale Ring Exit*
 - *Load-out Facilities*





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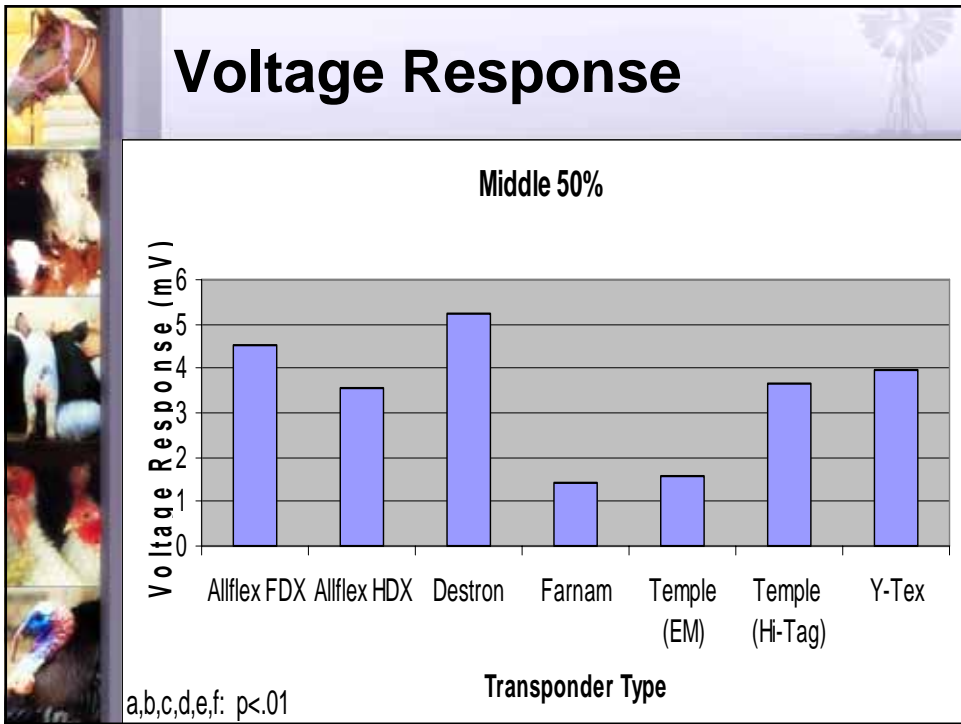
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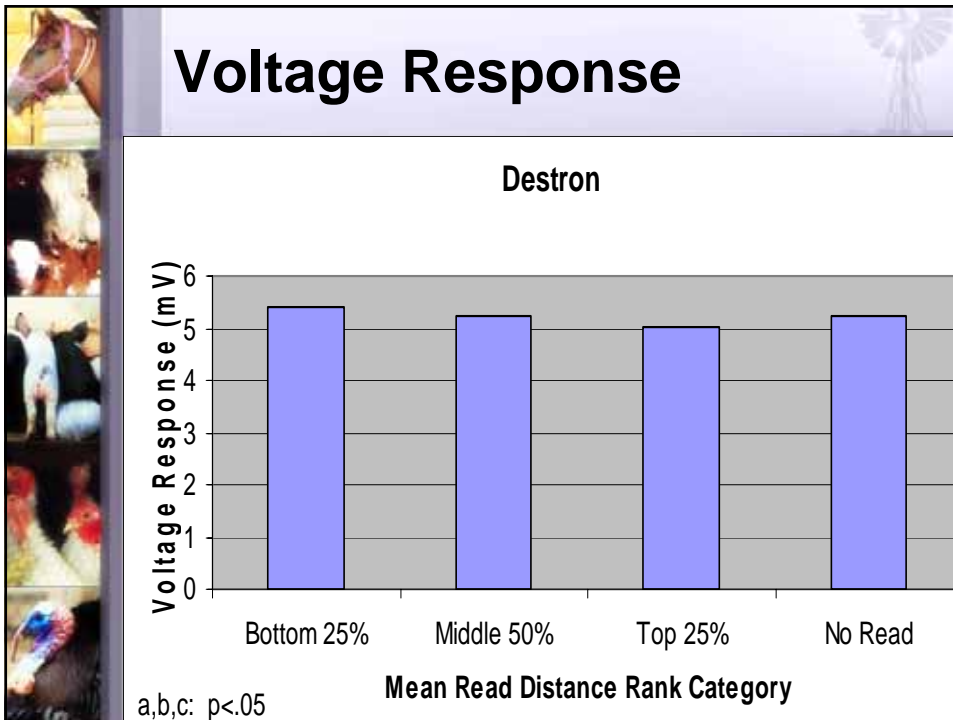
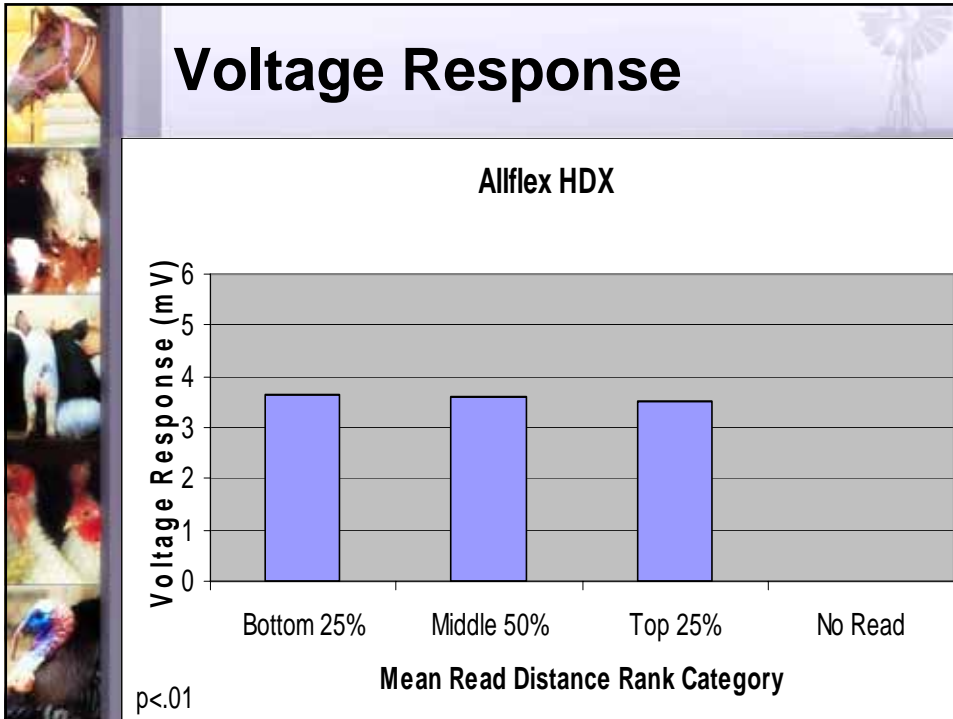
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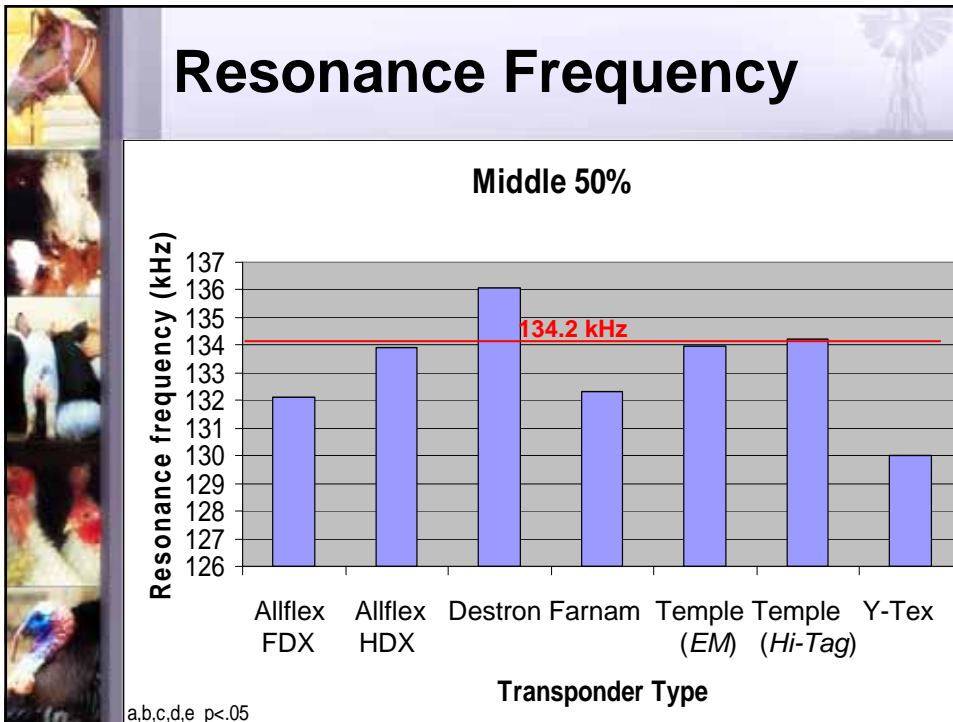
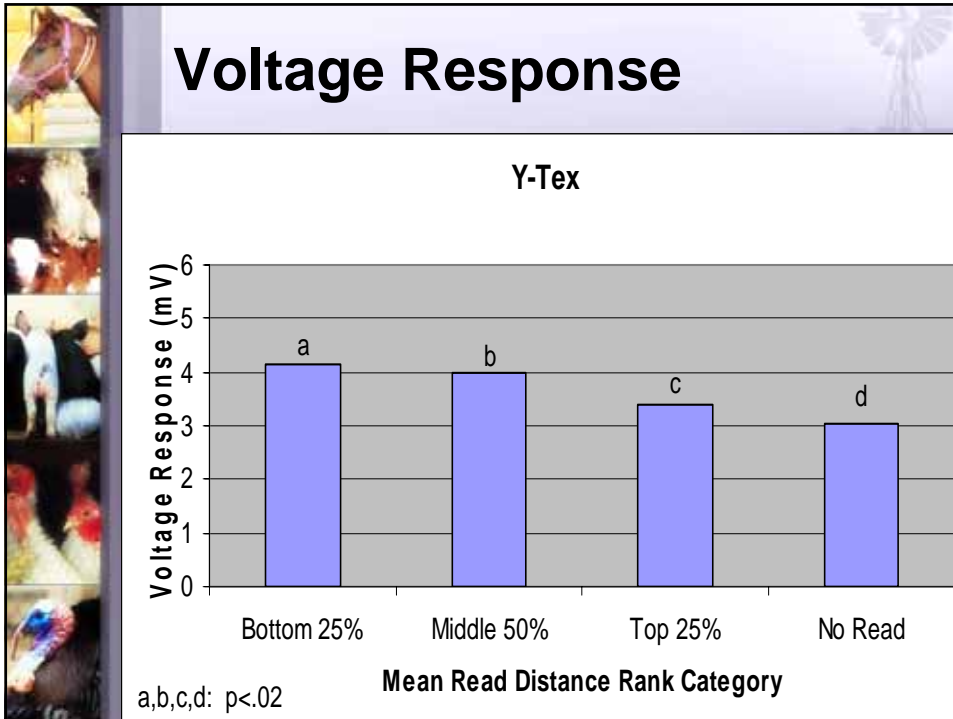
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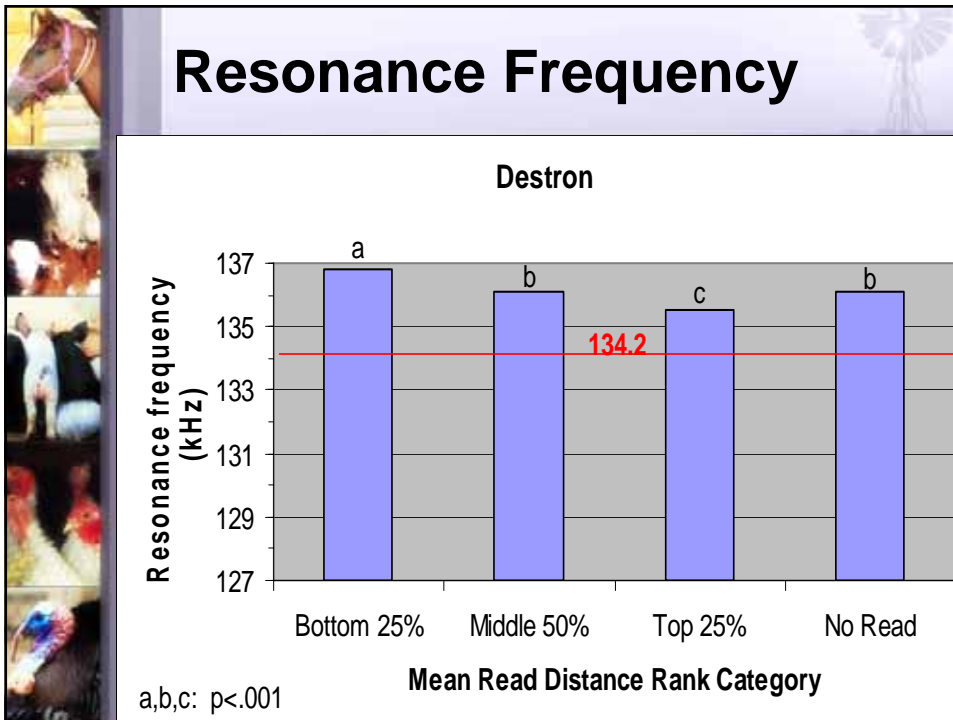
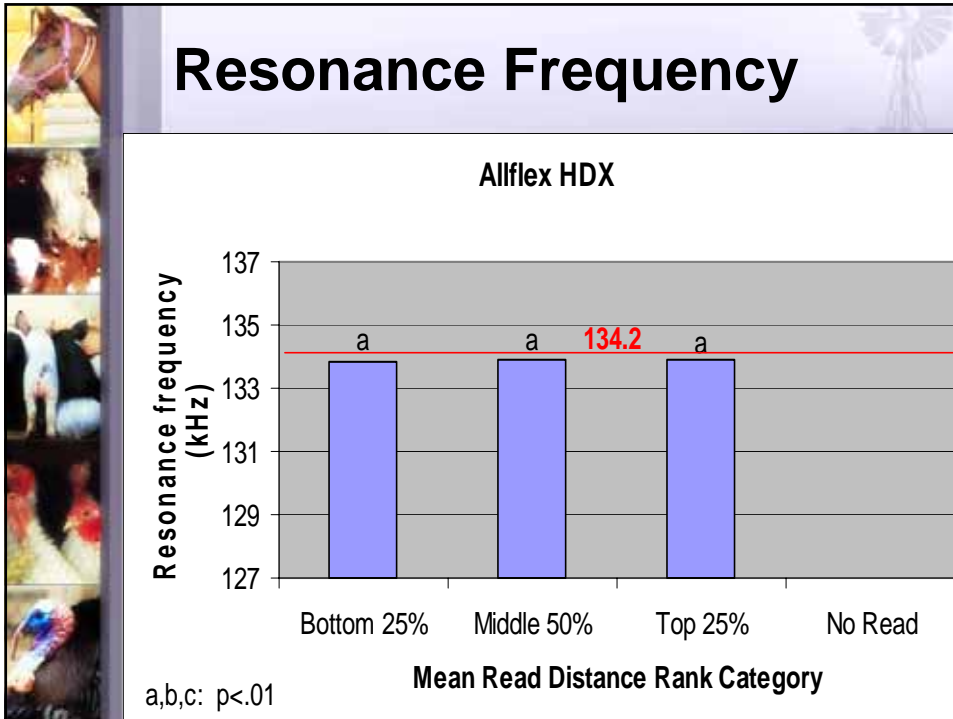
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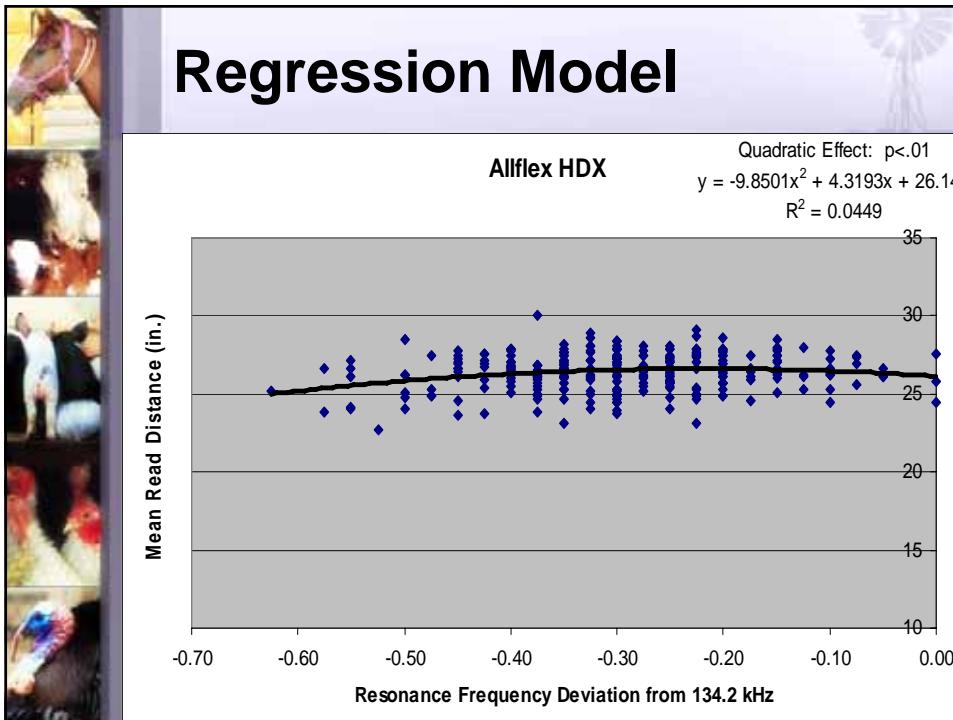
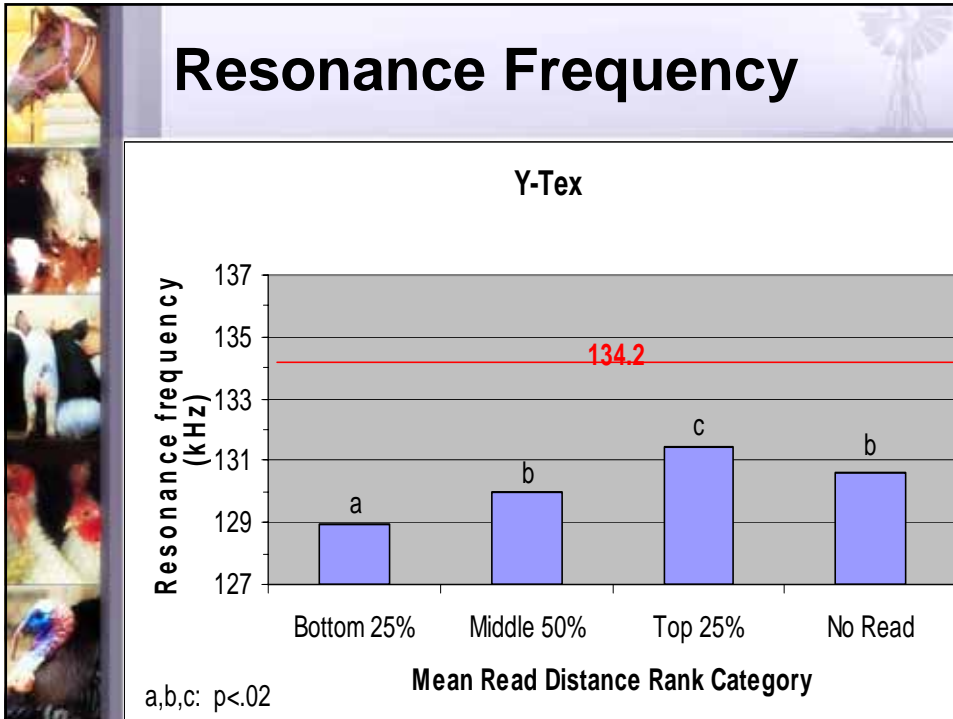
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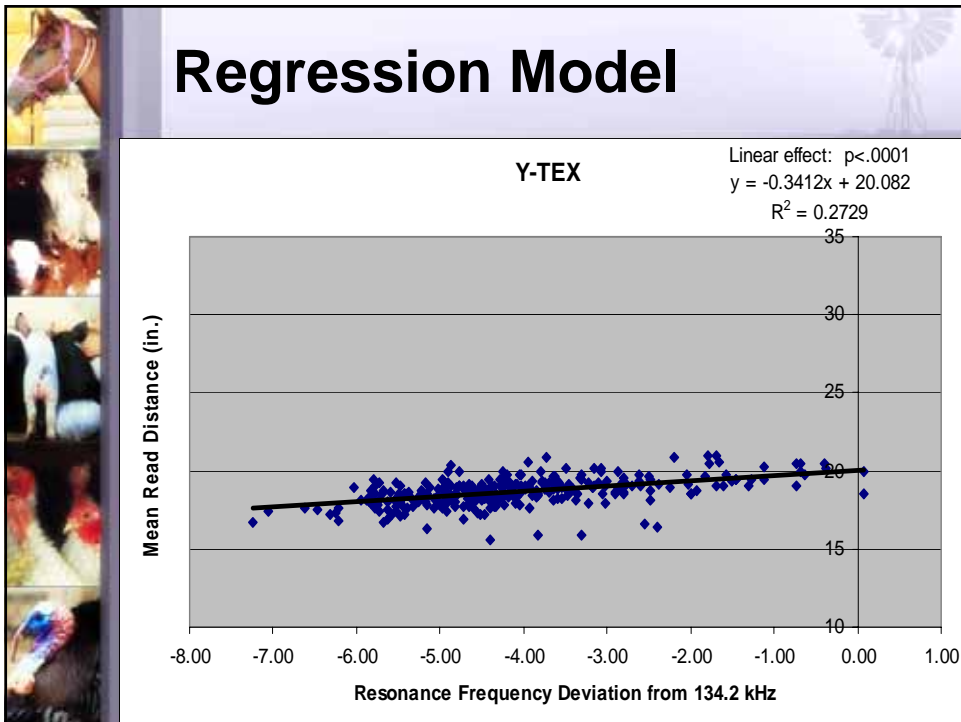
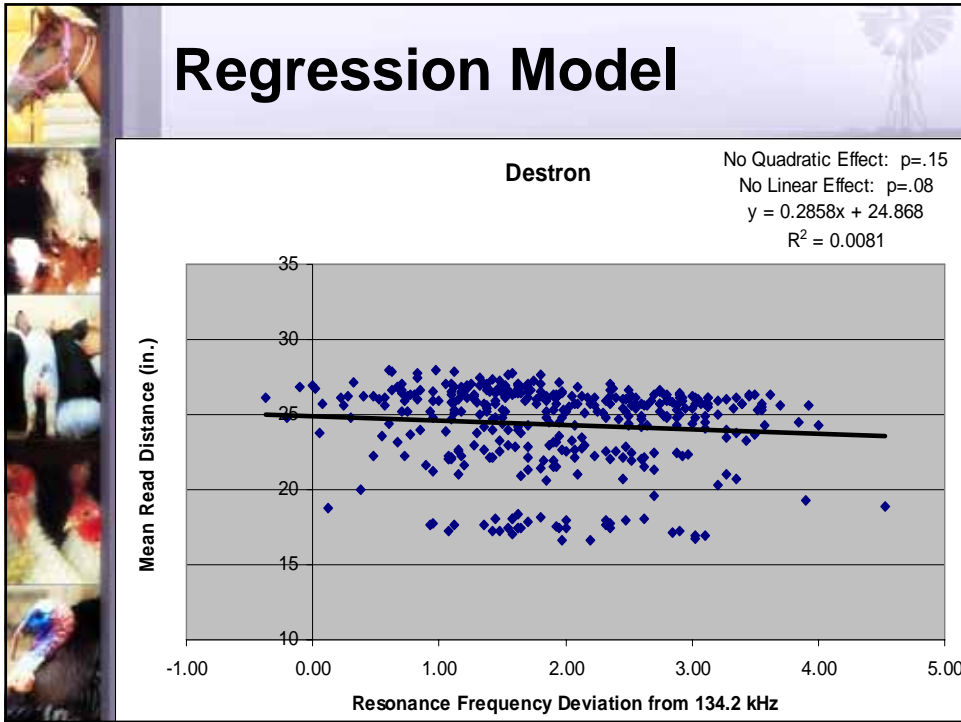














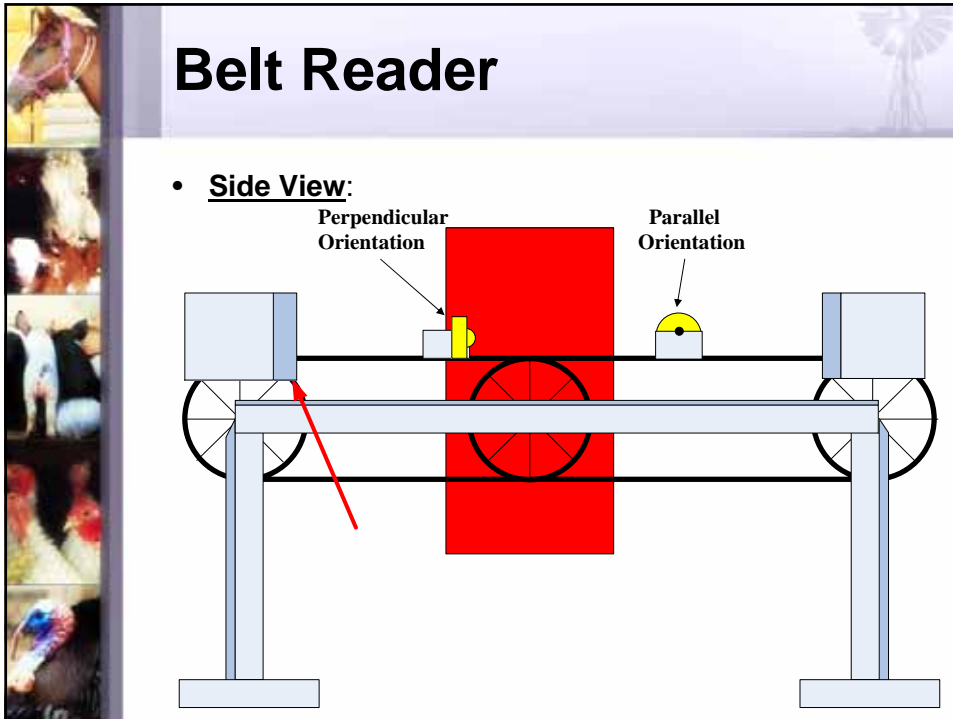
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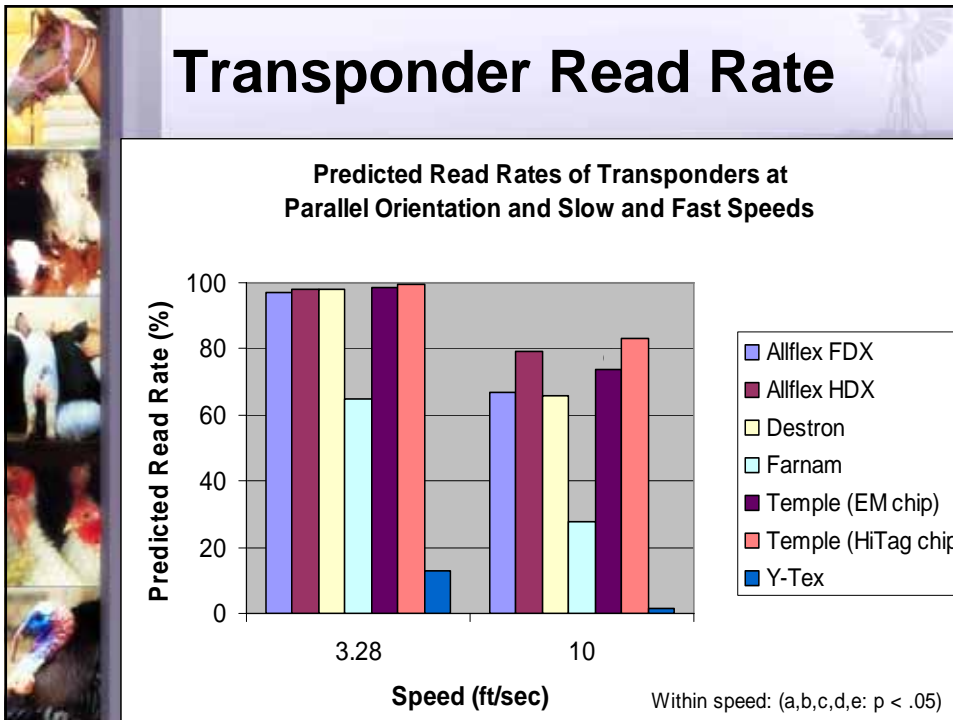
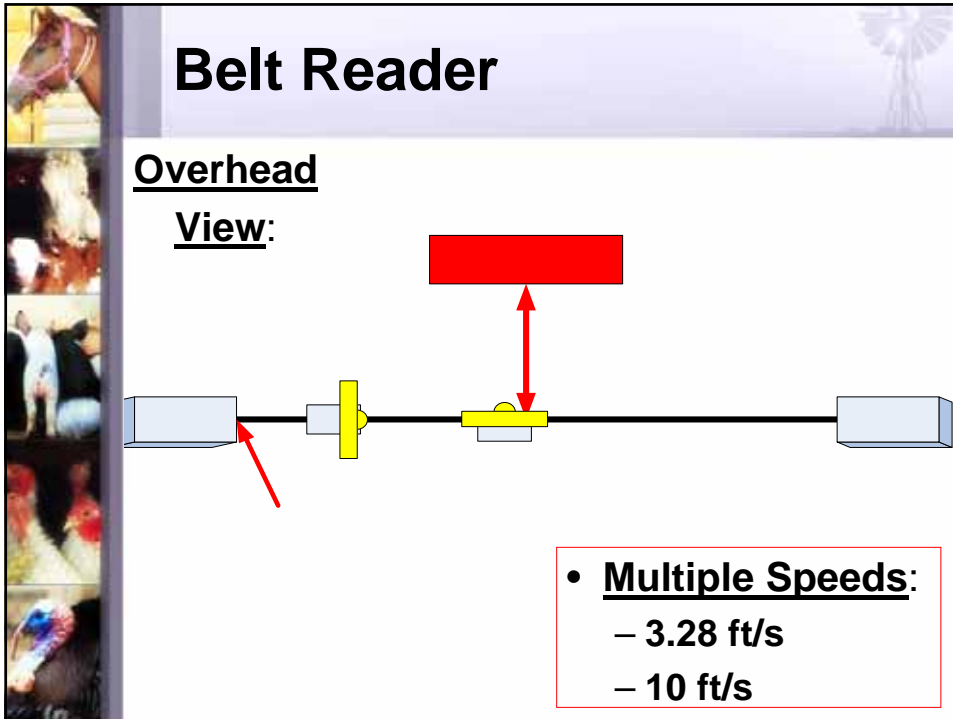




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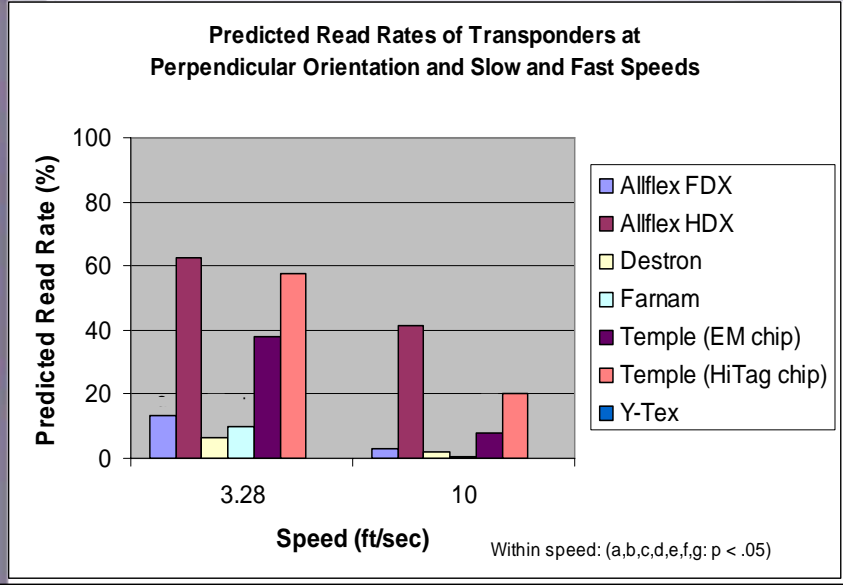


Electronic Eye





Transponder Read Rate



Tag Location (i.e. Orientation)

Transponder Type	Location of Transponder in Ear				P-value comparing ear location within a transponder type
	n	Primary	n	Top	
Allflex FDX	97	99.06 ^{ab}	103	98.86 ^a	Non-significant
Allflex HDX	96	100.00 ^a	103	100.00 ^a	Non-significant
Destron FDX	100	92.90 ^{cd}	98	80.61 ^c	< .05
Farnam FDX	83	97.06 ^{bd}	79	99.37 ^a	Non-significant
Temple FDX (EM chip)	97	98.72 ^{ab}	92	98.95 ^a	Non-significant
Temple FDX ² (HiTag chip)	6	100.00 ^{abc}	5	100.00 ^{ab}	Non-significant
Y-Tex FDX	102	98.49 ^{ab}	98	92.76 ^b	< .05
Without common superscripts: P-value (a,b,c,d) comparing transponder type within an ear location	581		588		< .05
Transponder type x ear location interaction: p < .0001					



Tag Functionality

Transponder Type	Broken at Application	Lost Between Application and Harvest	Non-functional at Conclusion of Study
Allflex FDX	0% (0/200)	0% (0/200)	0% (0/193)
Allflex HDX	0% (0/200)	0.5% (1/200)	0% (0/193)
Destron FDX	1% (2/200)	0.5% (1/198)	4.6% (9/194)
Farnam FDX	19% (38/200)	4.9% (8/162)	0.7% (1/143)
Temple FDX (EM chip)	0% (0/189)	0% (0/189)	0% (0/183)
Temple FDX (HiTag chip)	0% (0/11)	0% (0/11)	0% (0/11)
Y-TEX FDX	0% (0/200)	0% (0/200)	0% (0/193)



THANK YOU!!!

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