

Abstract by Marion Beecher - Do different breeds of dairy cow differ in terms of their ability to digest grass dry matter?

There has been increased interest in crossbreeding with Jerseys (J) in Ireland, driven primarily by a quest to combat declining fertility and improve milk solids production on dairy farms. The objective of this study was to identify if Holstein Friesian (HF), J and crossbred (JxHF) cows differ in terms of their ability to digest grass dry matter.