

Independent laboratory providing extensive testing of Feed, Forage, Soil, Manure and Water.

By the Numbers



1958

Dairyland Laboratories established

>115

Feed, soil , and water parameters analyzed

>100

Trained chemists, technicians and support personnel

>42

States with Dairyland customers

>20

Countries served

5

Dairyland Laboratories Locations

>28

Partner lab locations worldwide

3 Generations of family-owned, serviceoriented enterprise

Lignin, NDFD, uNDF and kd rates of NDF and Starch.

Why are these values important?

- * "Laboratory Inputs" for modern day ration balancing programs and forage quality evaluation systems have taken on a new dimension in the last 3-5 years.
- Today programs use a variety of measurement's for determining important forage characteristic.
 - Potential Digestible NDF (NDF uNDF 240hrs.)
 - Rates of Starch & Fiber digestibility (kd rates).
 - > Fast and slow pools of fiber digestibility.

Definition of "Digestion in the Laboratory and in the Animal"

"in vitro" or "in situ"



Digestibility = $(1 - \exp(-kd \times t))$

kd = rate of starch or Fiber digestion.

kp = *rate of passage out of the rumen*.

Modeling Starch and Fiber (NDF) Digestion

Models (ration programs) use combined digestion and passage rates to calculate digestion:

- Digestion rate determined from in vitro measurements
- Passage rate estimated from inputs:
 - Body weight
 - Milk production
 - DMI



kd = rate of starch or Fiber digestion. **kp** = rate of passage out of the rumen.

What is uNDF and how is it related to NDFD and lignin.

uNDF is the undigested NDF residue after fermentation at a given length of time.

Used to calculate NDF digestibility.(NDFD)

uNDF must be accompanied by length of fermentation time i.e. 24, 30, 48,120 or 240hrs.

uNDF 240- is the portion of fiber that is the functional component of fiber in terms of physical effectiveness, gut fill, digestion, and passage rate of forage .

Lower uNDF is better.

uNDF, dNDF and NDFD

Procedure

Determine aNDF of the original sample.

Run .5g (DMwt,g) IV for 48 hours (or anytime point) in rumen fluid and extract residue with NDF solution. This gives you the NDFres.

uNDF-NDFres/original Dry Matter wt.

dNDF = NDF - uNDF

NDFD = 100*dNDF/NDF

Only NDF method with AOAC approval





Rumen Collection from minimum of 3 donor animals





Triplicate analysis each sample.

Constant CO2 and Temperature

Incubate for 7,12, 24, 30,48, 120 or 240hrs.





Traditional Goering and Van Soest (GVS)



Only NDF method with AOAC approval



uNDF, dNDF and NDFD Equations

Example:

aNDF = 50%

Sample DMwt = .5 g Amount of NDF residue = 0.1 g uNDF = 0.1g/.5g = 20%dNDF = 50 - 20 = 30%

NDFD = 100*(30/50) = 60% NDF

Undigestible NDF 240

uNDF240 : the amount of NDF that no matter how the diet is formulated, nor the milk production of the cow, this portion of NDF will not be digested by rumen microbes.

Potentially Digestible NDF (PDNDF) = NDF – undigestible NDF 240 (uNDF240).

uNDF obtained by two procedures:
1 Measure lignin and multiply by 2.4 = uNDF
2) Measure uNDF directly using Invitro 240 hrs.



Fast/Slow/Indigestible

Corn Silage



Fast/Slow/Indigestible

Haylage



Relationship of Lignin and uNDF (2015 Minn Nutr Conf). Data from Dairyland Laboratories Inc.



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Using uNDF to Improve Dairy Nutrition (2015 Minn Nutr Conf) Data provided by Dairyland Laboratories, Inc.



uNDF is a better indicator of feed quality than NDFD or lignin

uNDFOM₂₄₀ is more consistent among feeds and explains 70% of variation in NDFD₃₀



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Why uNDF240

- Is a uniform fraction across feedstuffs.
- The chemistry procedure has more range.
- The chemistry is more repeatable than lignin.

Analysis	Lignin	uNDF240
Range	1.7-10.2	8.4-34.0
Units of	8.5	25.6
Range		





Corn Silage Lignin and uNDF240 % DM





Haylage Lignin and uNDF240 % DM



Summary

- uNDF, NDFD and Lignin measurements are correlated.
- kd rates of Fiber and Starch are used in some models and ration balancing programs.
- *uNDF 240hr*. is used as a replacement for lignin in ration balancing models.
- > *uNDF 240hr*. is a "very good" NIR calibration.
- uNDF 240hr. is a better measure than lignin for determining the fiber digestibility of 'reduced" lignin alfalfa.

DL In Vitro/Insitu/Gas Production Systems for digestion measurements

2000 – Ankom system

- 2002 Converted to GVS method using Water baths and crucible method 1 water bath - 72 flasks.
- 2006 Moved from commercial dairy to our own facilities.
- 2010 2nd water bath 144 flasks
- **2011** 3rd water bath 216 flasks
- **2012** 4th & 5th water baths 360 flasks
- **2013** warm room total capacity > 1,000 flasks

Warm room.

- Long term incubations
- Gas Productions







- 2 Pens of Fistulated Dairy animals.(8 total).
- 1) High Starch Diet
 2) High Fiber Diet.
- Located next to New Digestion Laboratory

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New 3500 square ft. building. Dedicated for Digestion analysis.

- In vitro
- ➢ In situ,
- Gas Production



NIR Calibration

Minimum of 500 specifically selected samples







International NIR Network



South Africa (2)





Australia



Germany



New Zealand

India

France



Italy (3)





China(2)



1 Reference Chemistry Lab. 28 + NIR Laboratories

Thank you.