

HEAT STRESS IN LATE GESTATION: OFFSPRING OUTCOMES AND LONGEVITY

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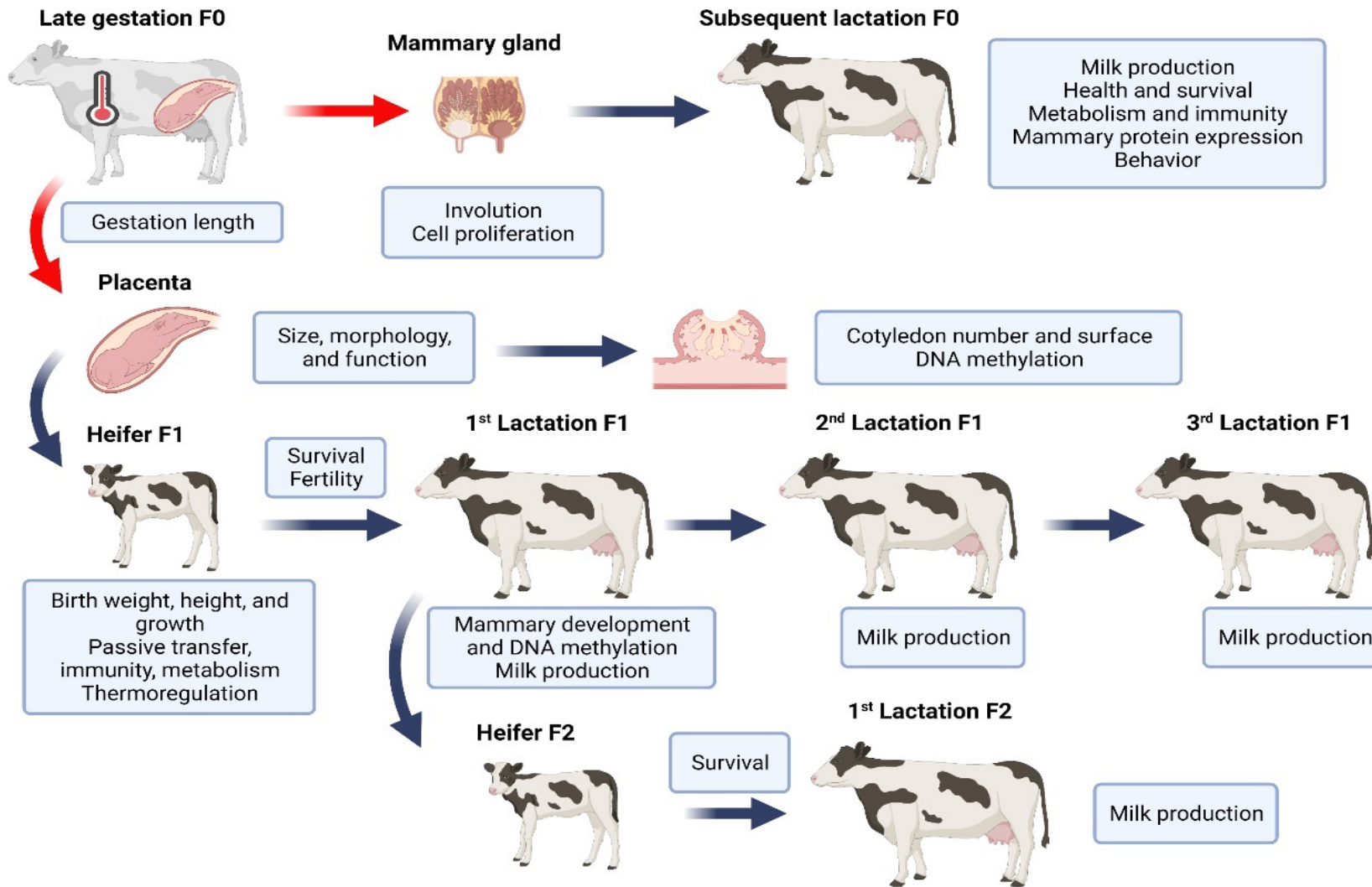
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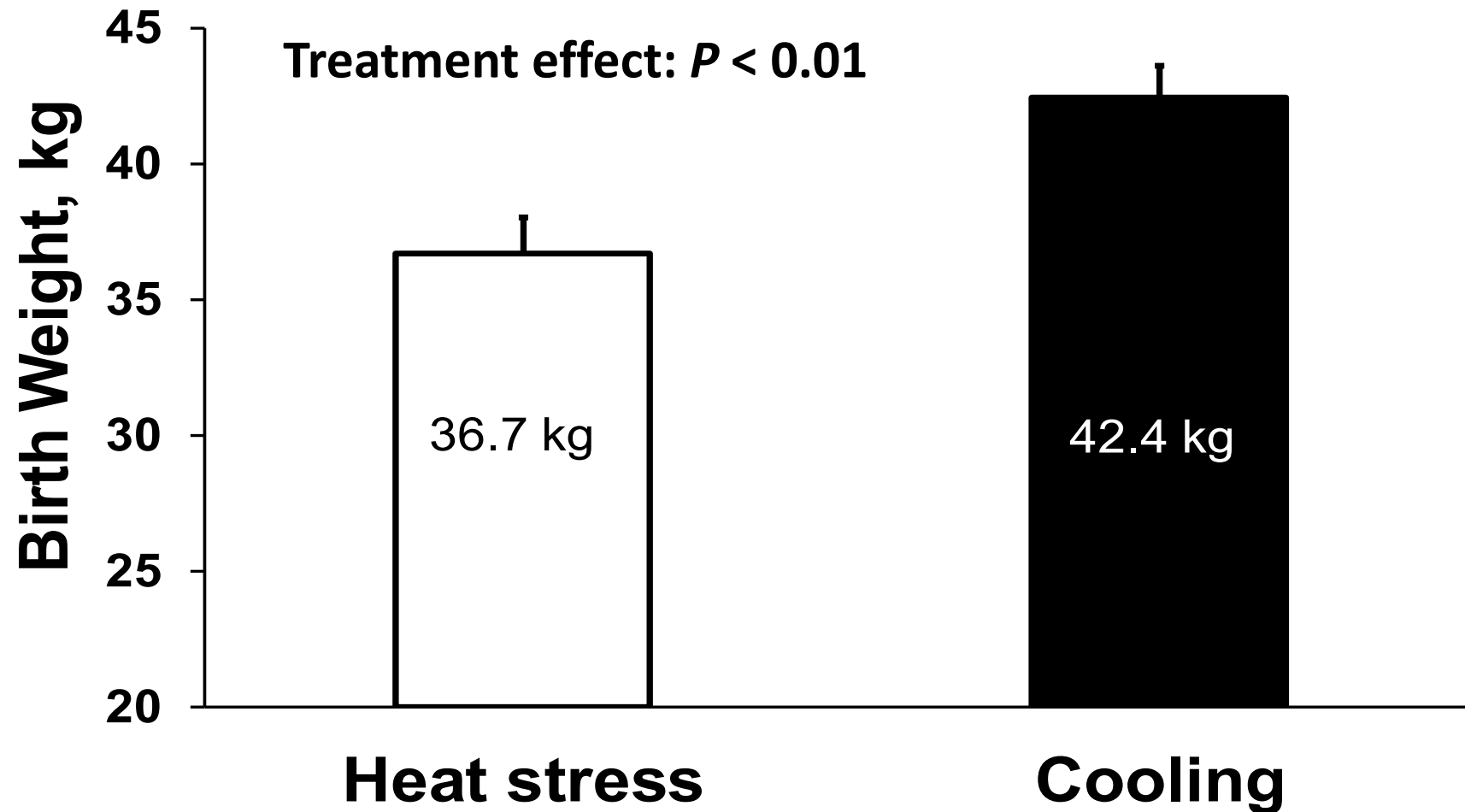
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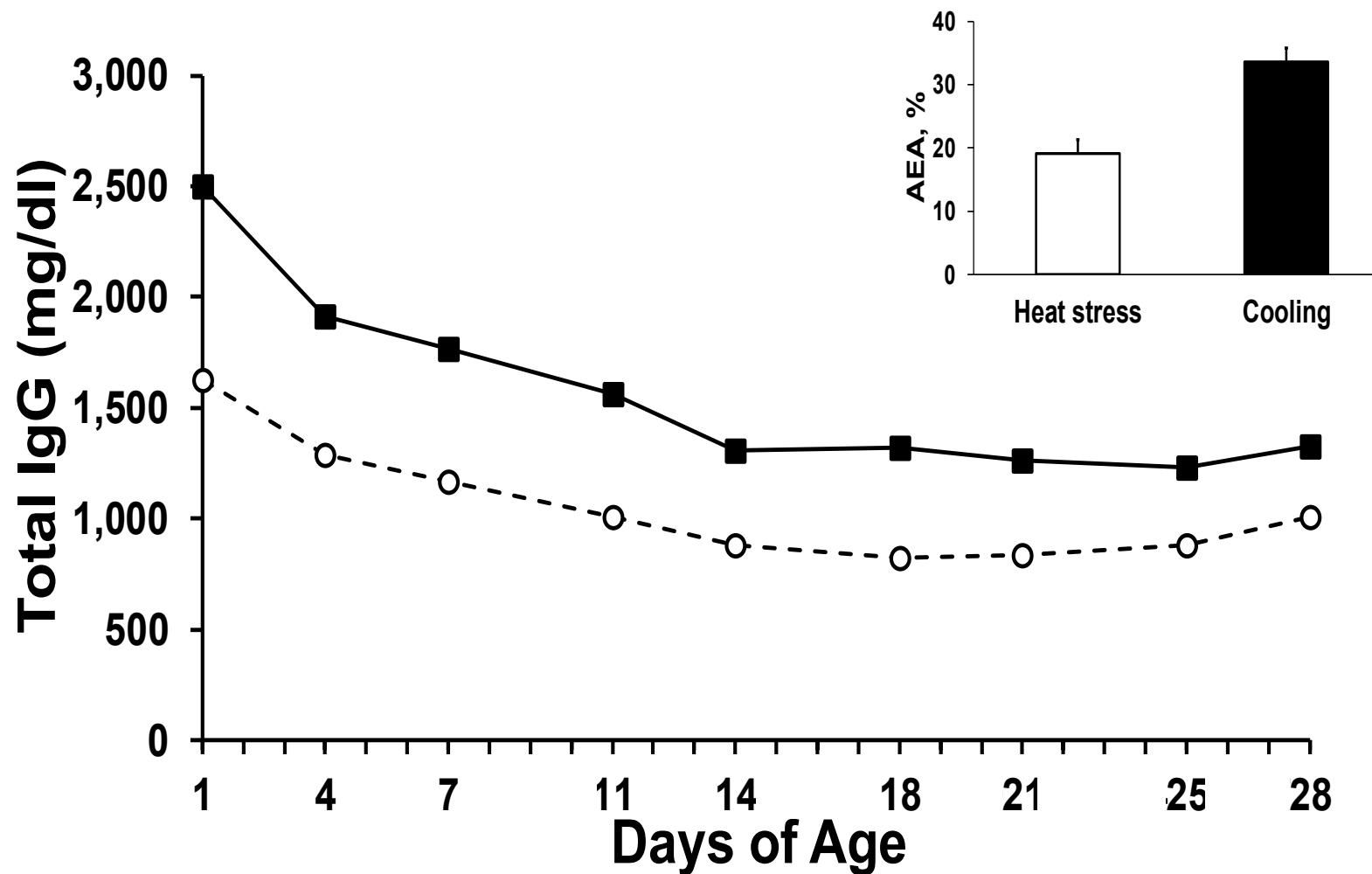
LATE GESTATION HEAT STRESS



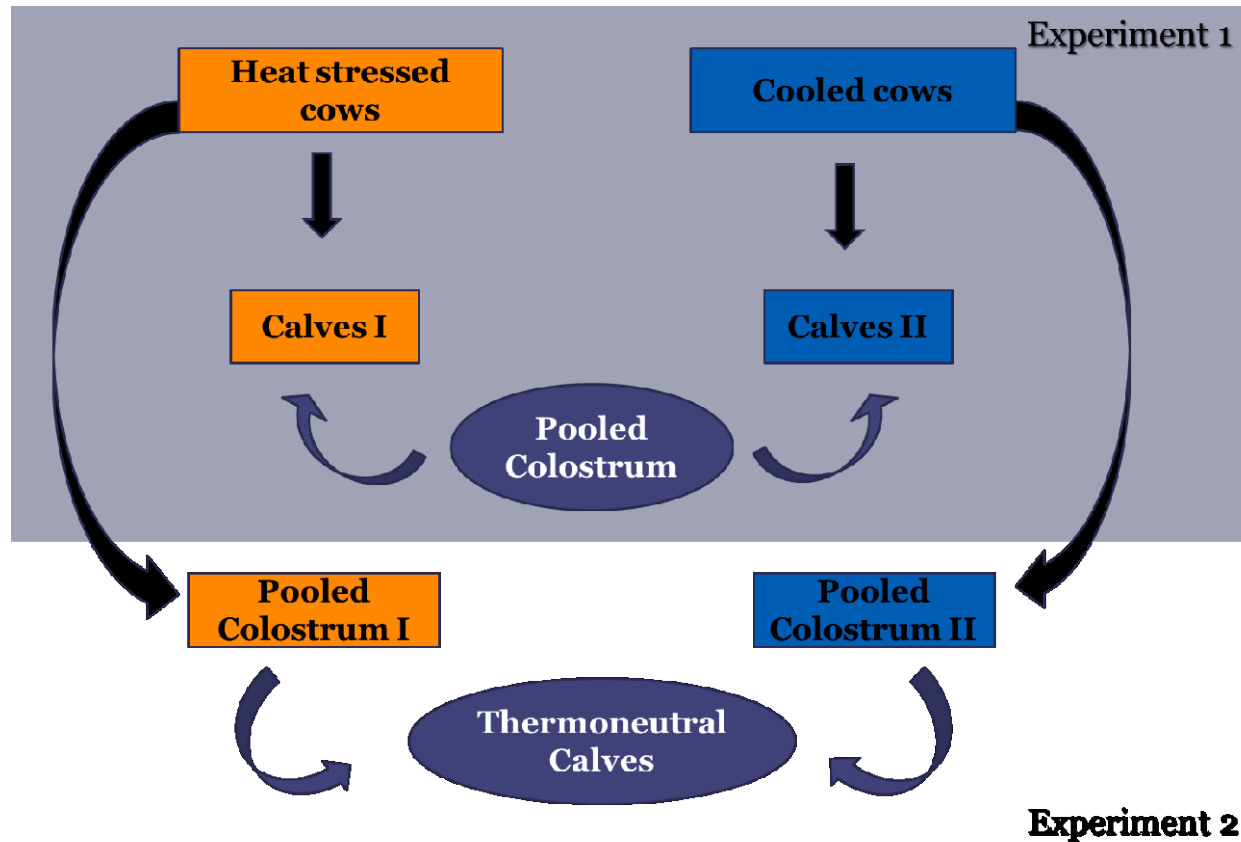
COOLING INCREASES CALF BIRTH WEIGHT



COOLING IMPROVES TOTAL IgG AND AEA

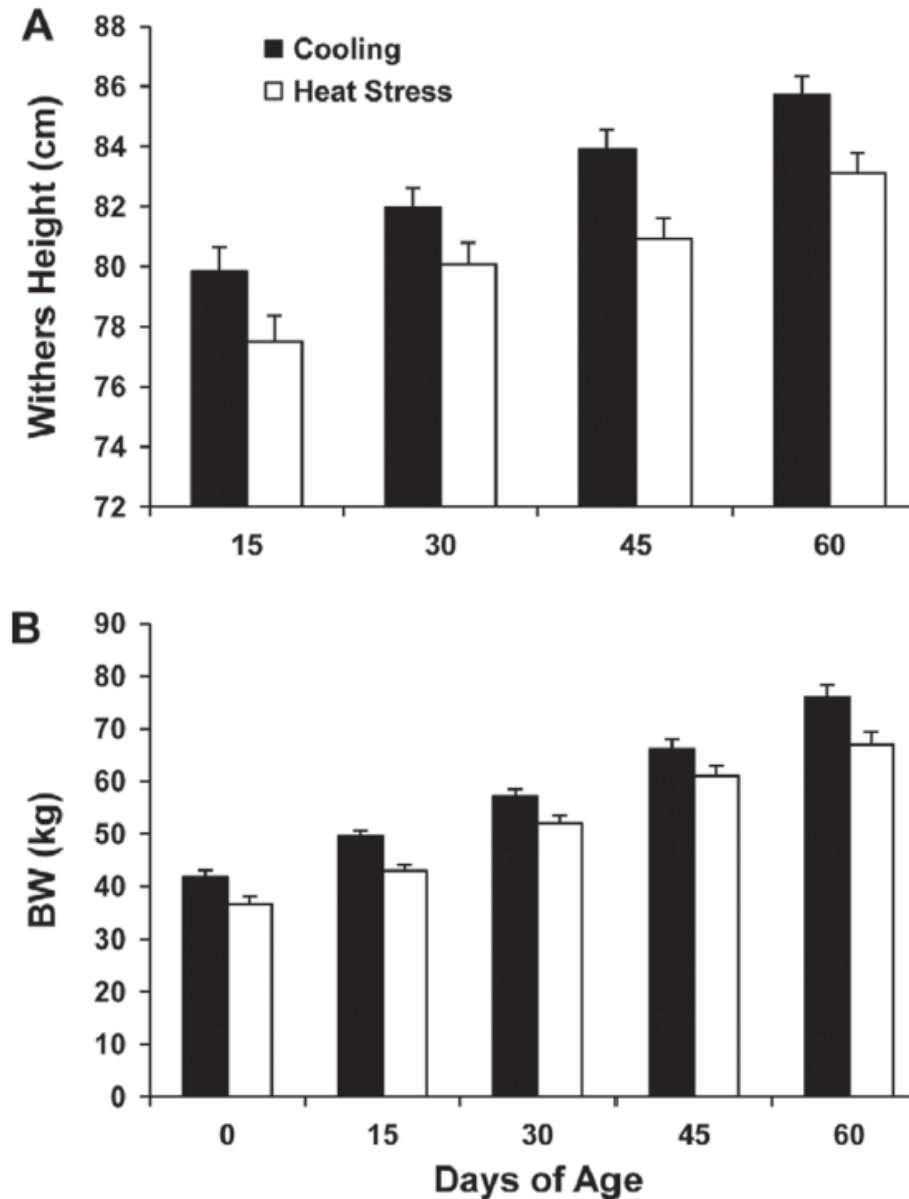


Why Does Cooling Affect AEA? Calf or Colostrum Effect?

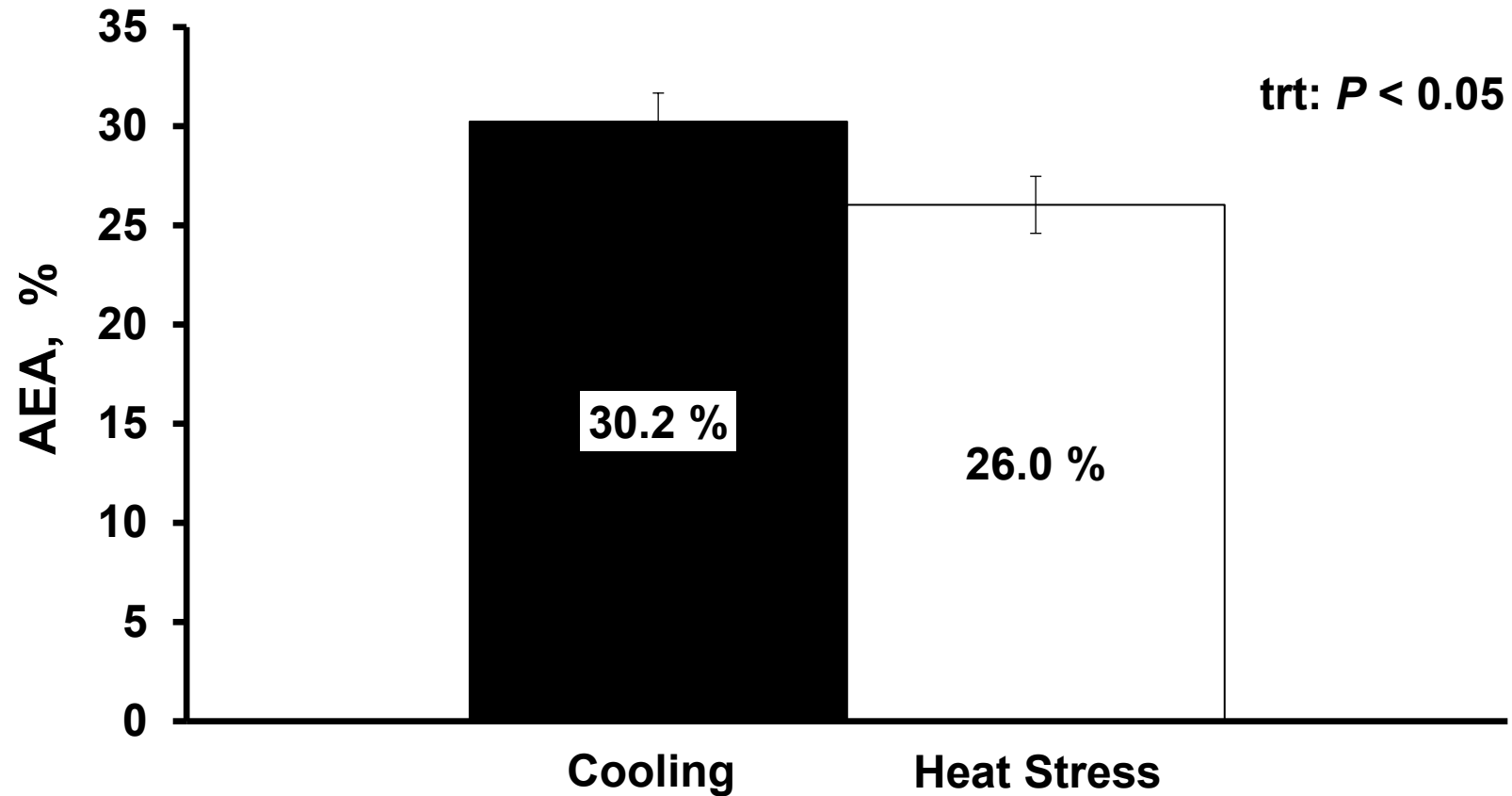


Experiment 1

In utero heat stress for ~6 weeks reduces body weight and height to weaning



COOLING INCREASED APPARENT EFFICIENCY OF IGG ABSORPTION (AEA*)



* $AEA = [\text{Serum [IgG] (g/L)} * \text{birth weight (kg)} * 0.091 / \text{IgG fed (g)}] * 100$

Experiment 2 – No Effect of Colostrum from Cooled or Heat Stressed Cows on Calf Performance

Growth performance of calves born to cows under thermoneutral conditions during the dry period and fed frozen colostrum from cows exposed to either heat stress or cooling during the dry period

Parameter	Heat Stress LSM ± SE	Cooling LSM ± SE	<i>P</i> -value
Birth Weight (kg)	38.8 ± 1.4	39.2 ± 1.5	0.8
Weaning Weight (kg) ¹	68.4 ± 2.5	64.8 ± 2.6	0.4
Prewaning BW Gain (kg) ²	29.6 ± 2.3	25.6 ± 2.4	0.3
Avg. Daily Gain (kg/d)	0.49 ± 0.7	0.43 ± 0.8	0.2
Weaning Withers Height (cm) ¹	84.3 ± 0.8	83.0 ± 0.9	0.4
Prewaning Height Increase (cm) ²	7.8 ± 1.1	6.2 ± 1.0	0.3

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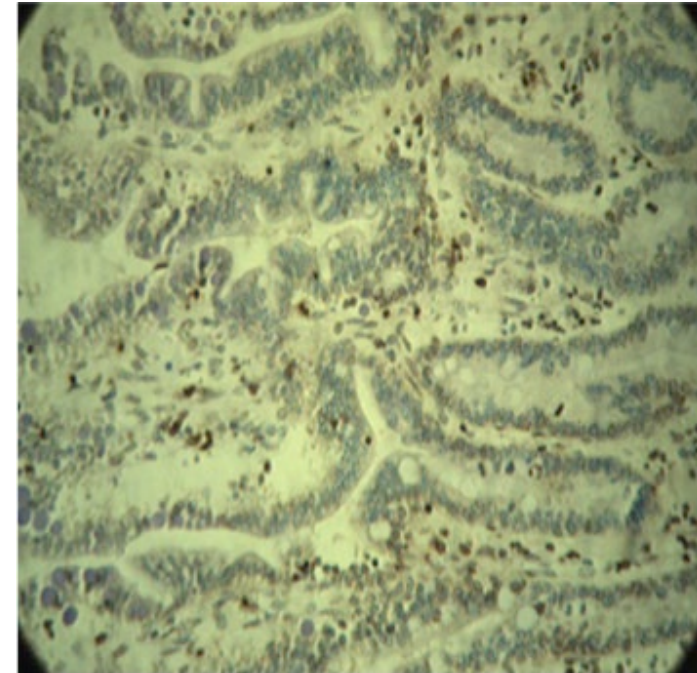
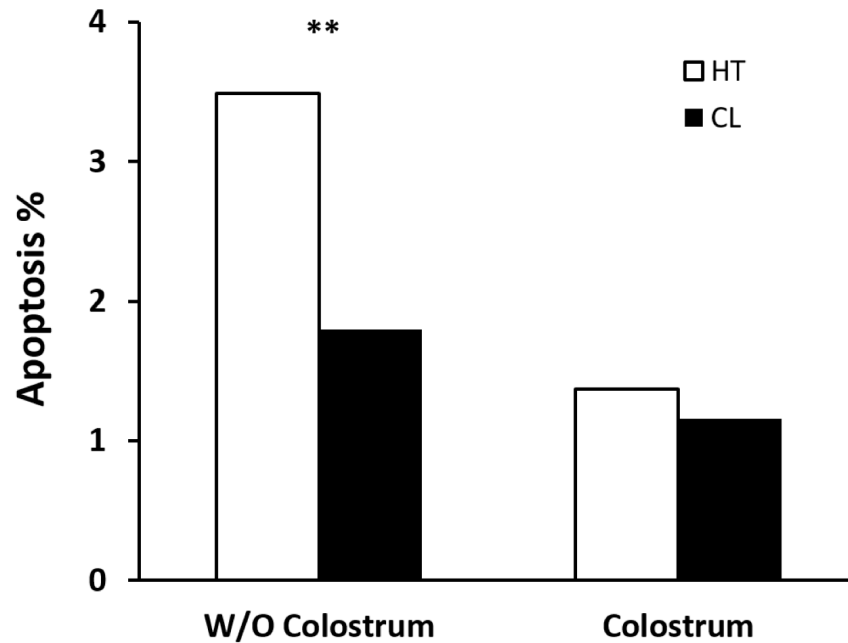
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Experiment 2 – AEA Identical regardless of source

***IN UTERO* HT ACCELERATES GUT CLOSURE**



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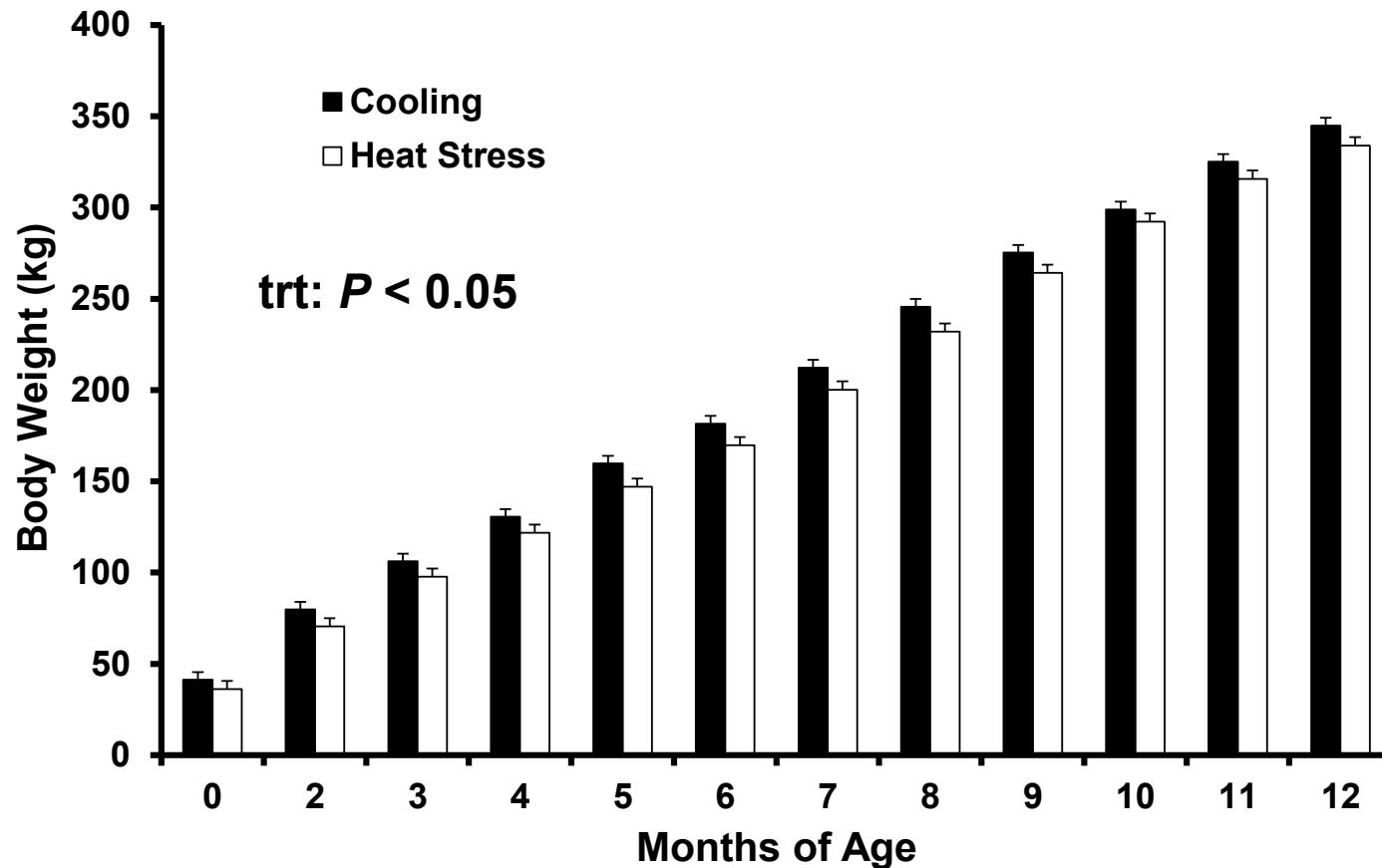
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	Bulls	Heifers	Total
Cooling	31	41	72
Heat Stress	30	44	74
Total	61	85	147

IN UTERO HEAT STRESS DECREASES CALF BODYWEIGHT TO PUBERTY



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IN UTERO HS DECREASES CALF SURVIVAL

Table 1. Effect of maternal heat stress (HT) or cooling (CL) during late gestation on calf survival

Parameter	CL				HT				<i>P</i> Trt ³
	AI	IVF ¹	Total	% ²	AI	IVF	Total	%	
Bull calves, n	30	1	31	---	28	2	30	---	---
Heifer calves, n	29	12	41	---	29	15	44	---	---
DOA ⁴	0	0	0	0.0	2	1	3	4.1	0.25
Males mortality by 4 mo of age	1	0	1	3.2	3	0	3	10.0	0.35
Heifers leaving herd before puberty	1	4	5	12.2	3	7	10	22.7	0.26
Due to sickness, malformation or growth retardation	1	0	1	2.4	3	5	8	18.2	0.03
Heifers leaving herd after puberty, before first lactation	1	0	1	2.4	3	0	3	6.8	0.62
Heifers completing first lactation	27	8	35	85.4	22	7	29	65.9	0.05

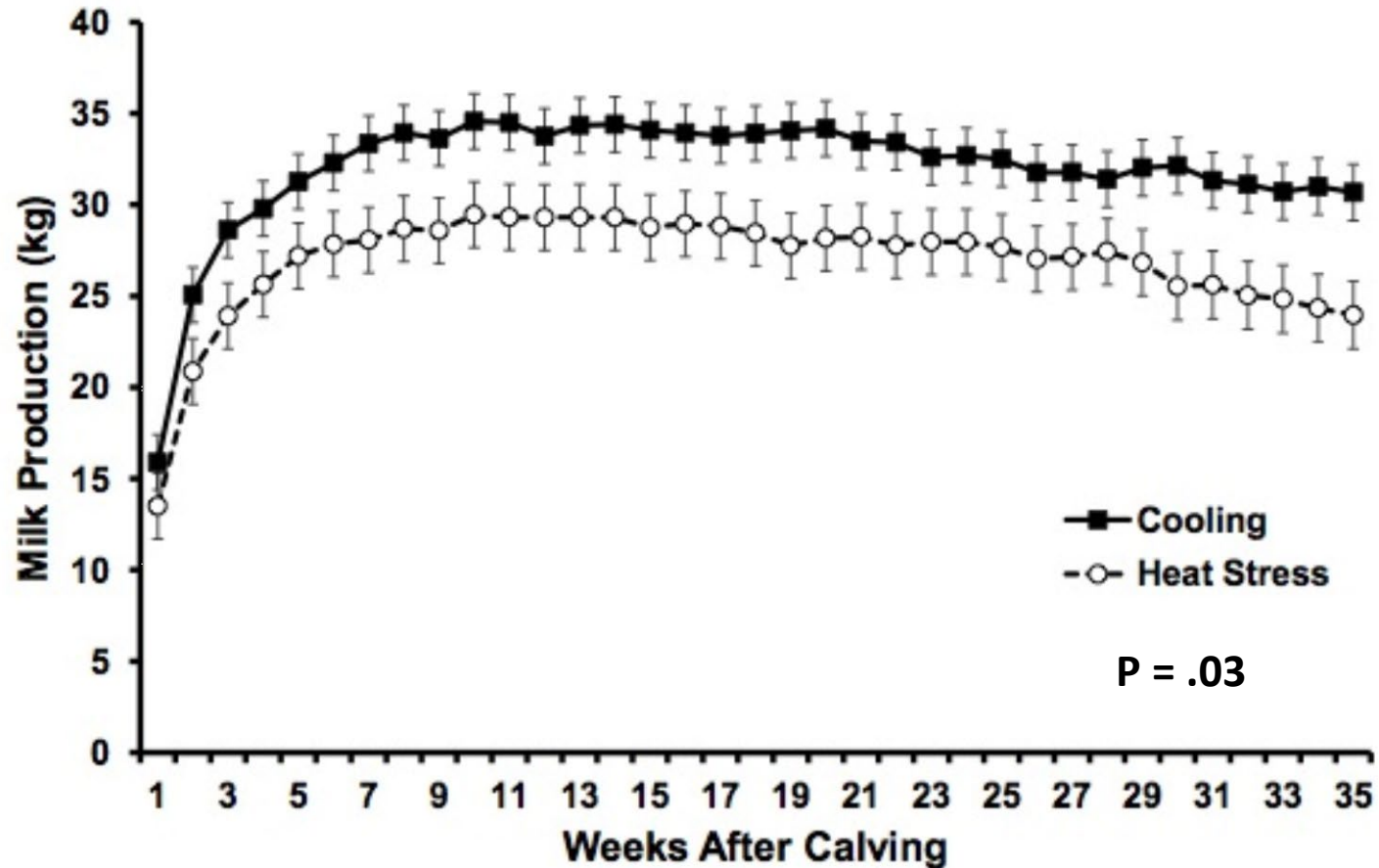
¹ IVF = in vitro fertilization.

² Percentage of animals (AI + IVF) affected out of total animals (males or females) in the respective treatment.

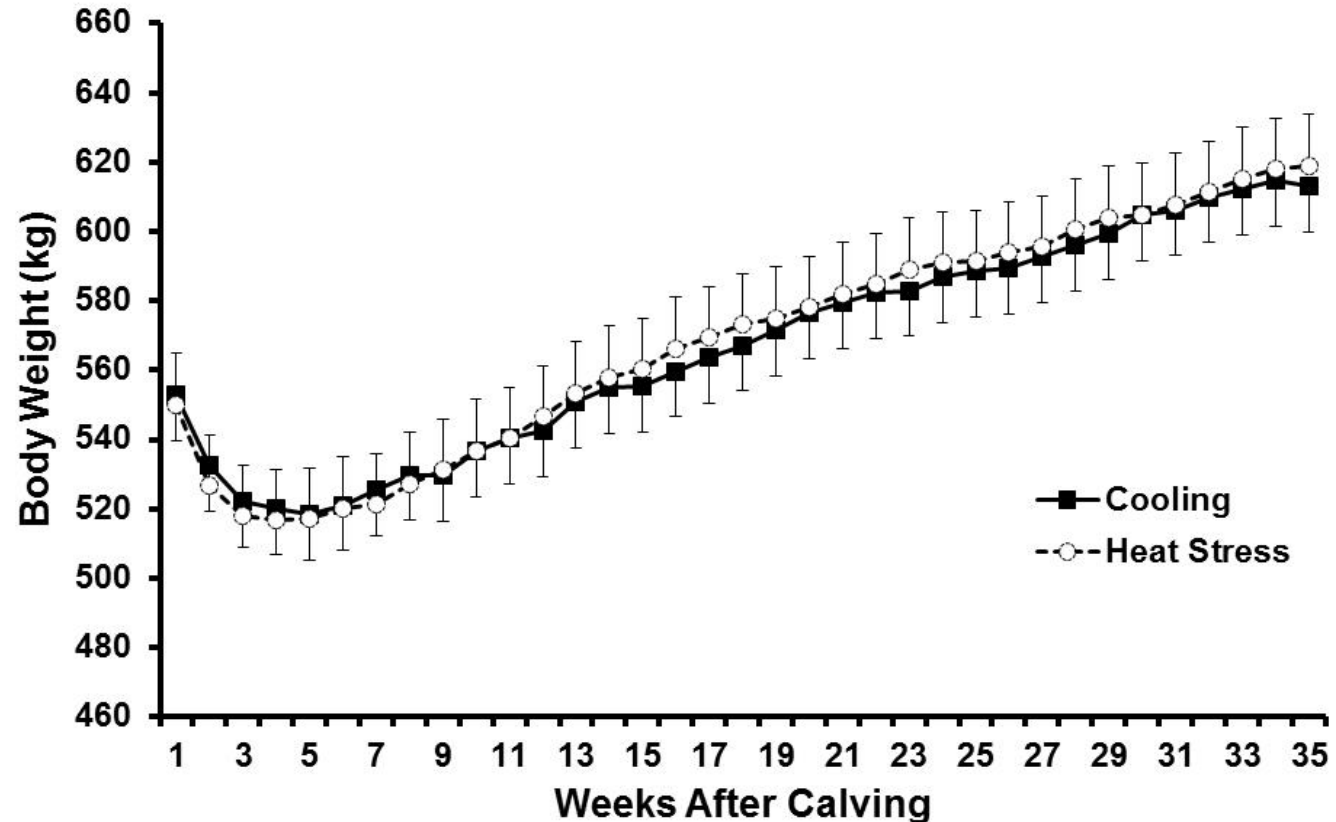
³ Treatment.

⁴ Dead on arrival. Includes male and female calves.

IN UTERO HEAT STRESS REDUCES MILK PRODUCTION

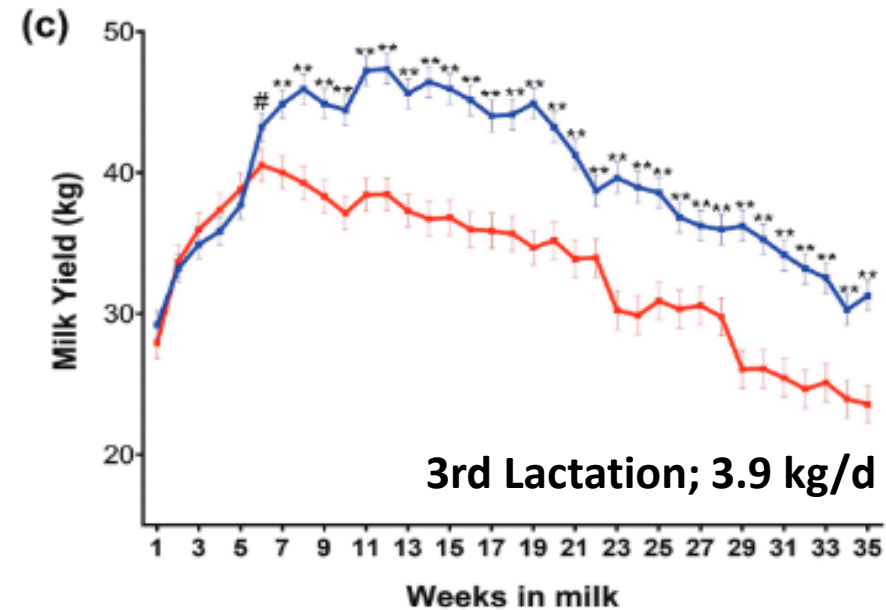
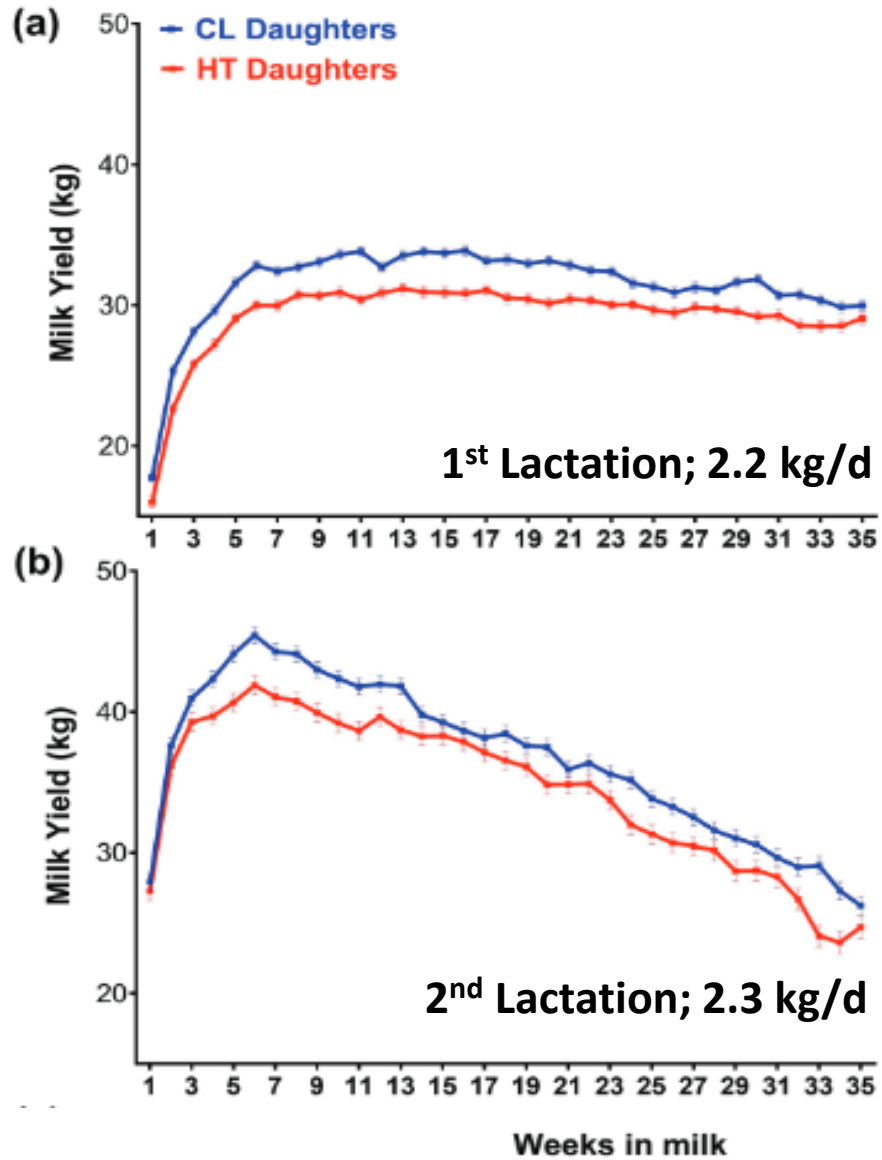


IN UTERO HEAT STRESS **DOES NOT** AFFECT MATURE BODYWEIGHT

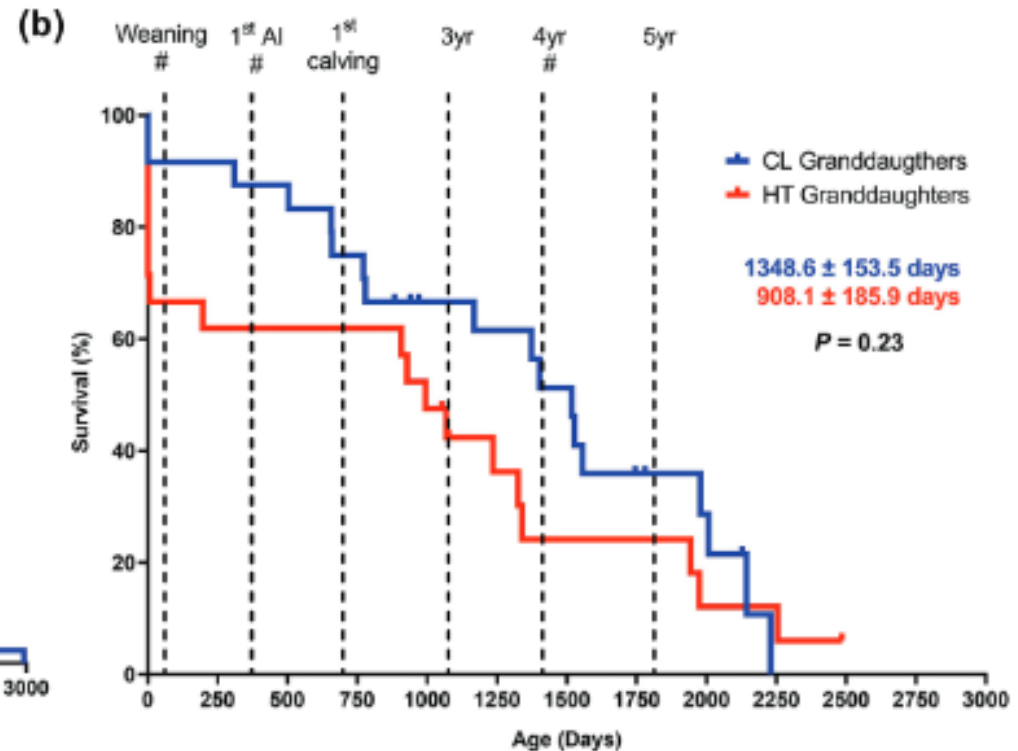
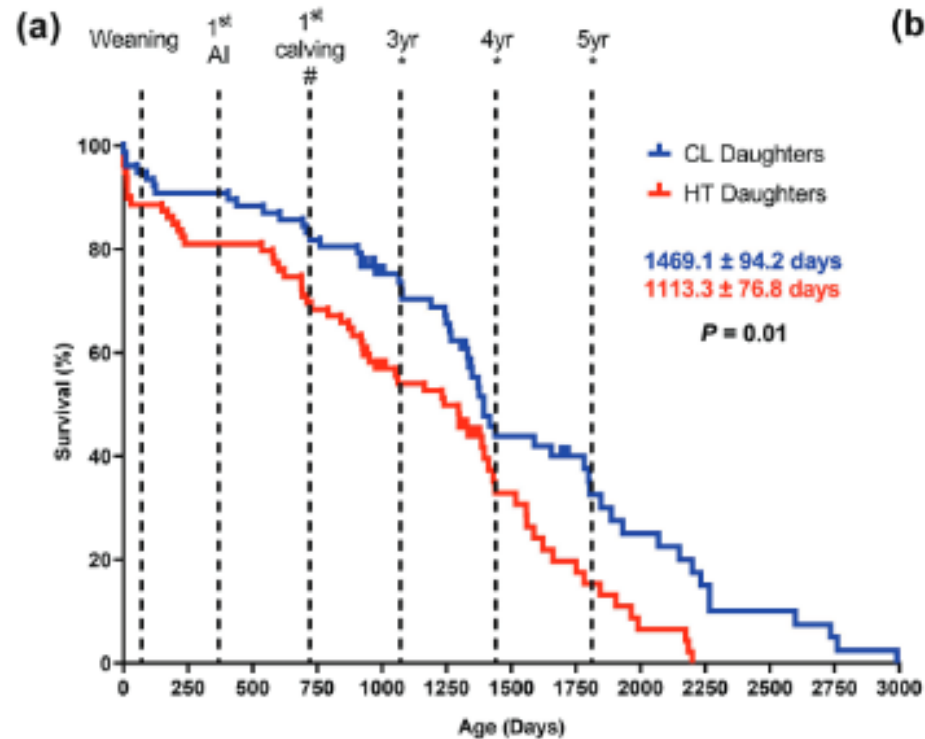


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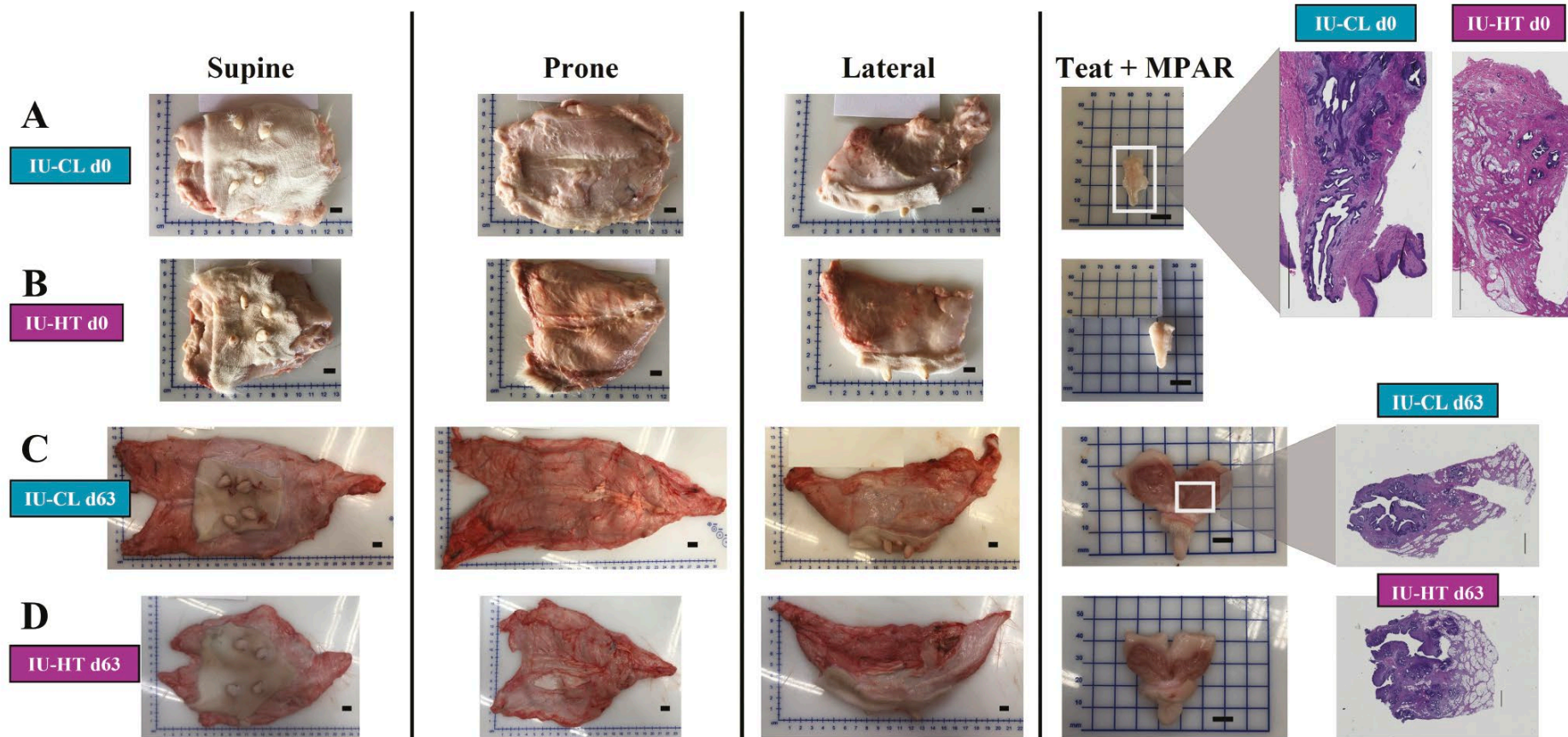
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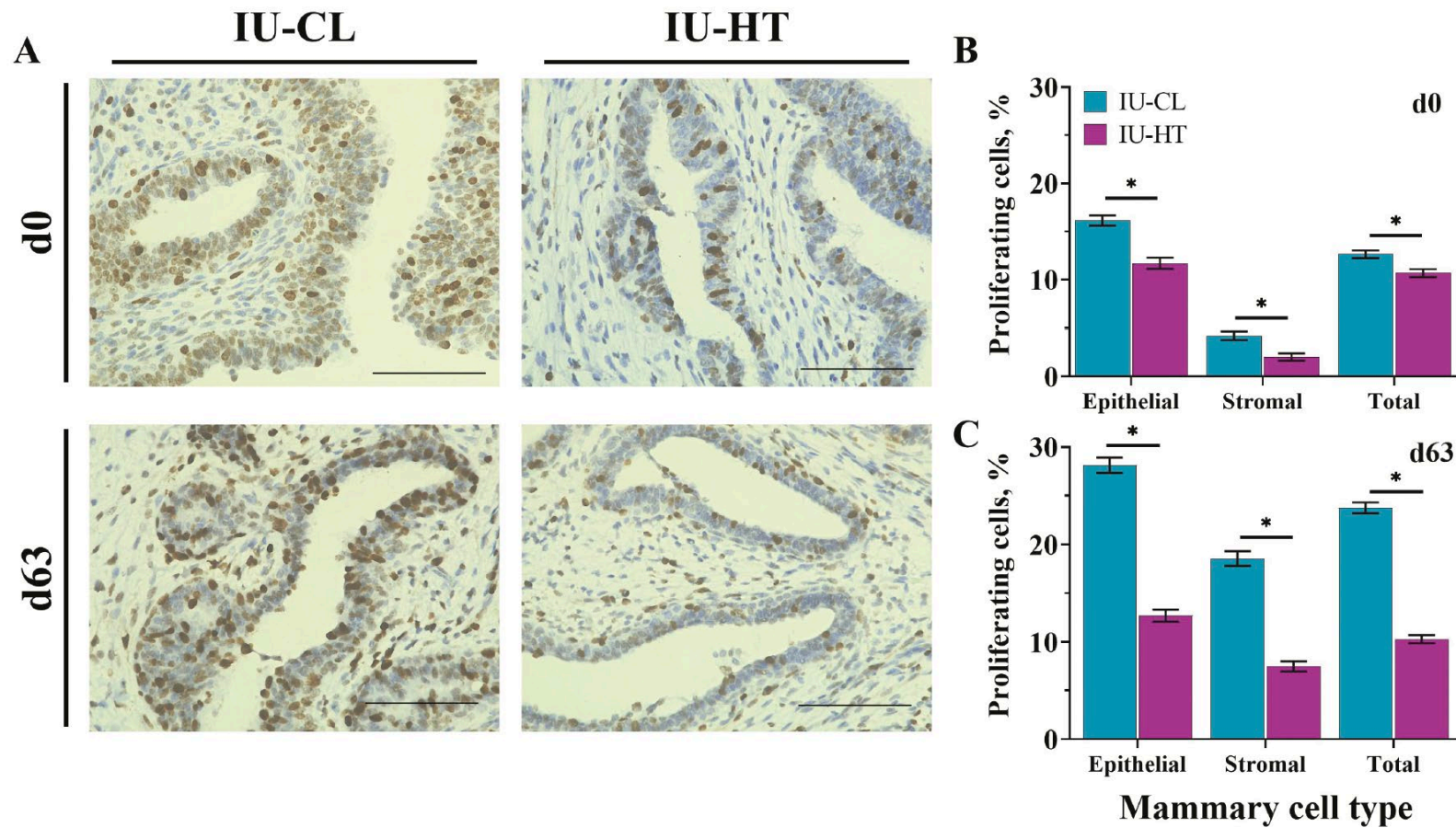
IN UTERO HEAT STRESS REDUCES SURVIVAL IN HERD



IN UTERO HEAT STRESS REDUCES MAMMARY DEVELOPMENT

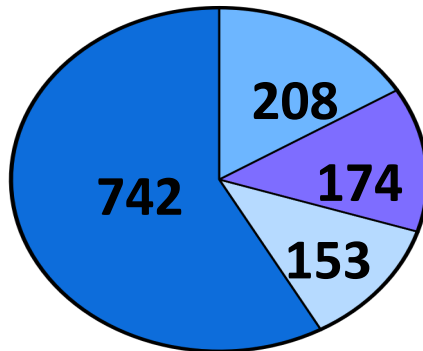
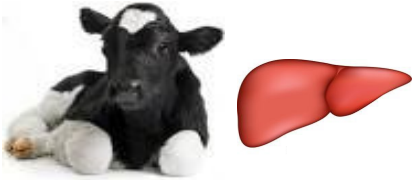


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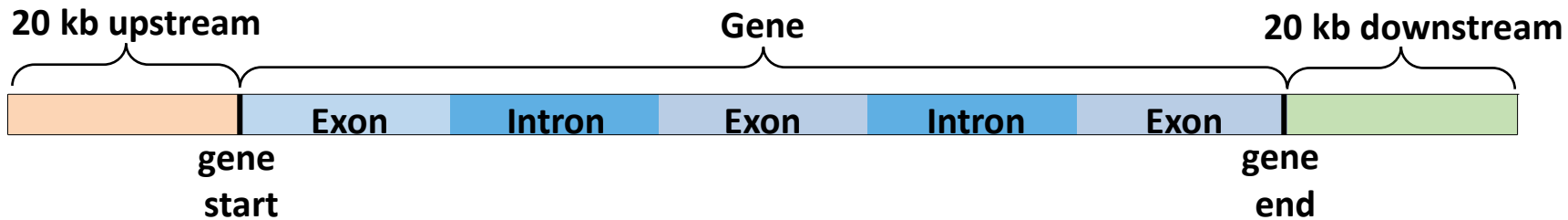
DIFFERENTIALLY METHYLATED CYTOSINES (DMC'S)

Bull calves

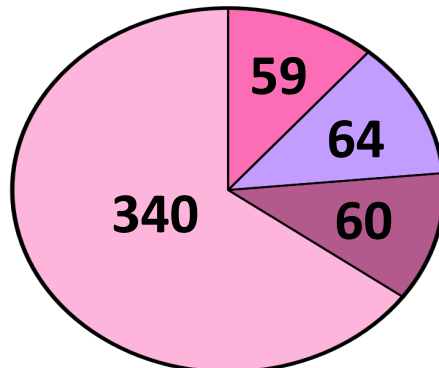
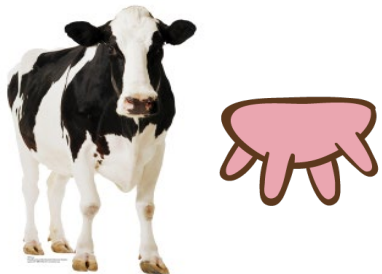


- Within 20 kb downstream
- Within gene
- Within 20 kb upstream
- Outside genic region

1277 DMC's



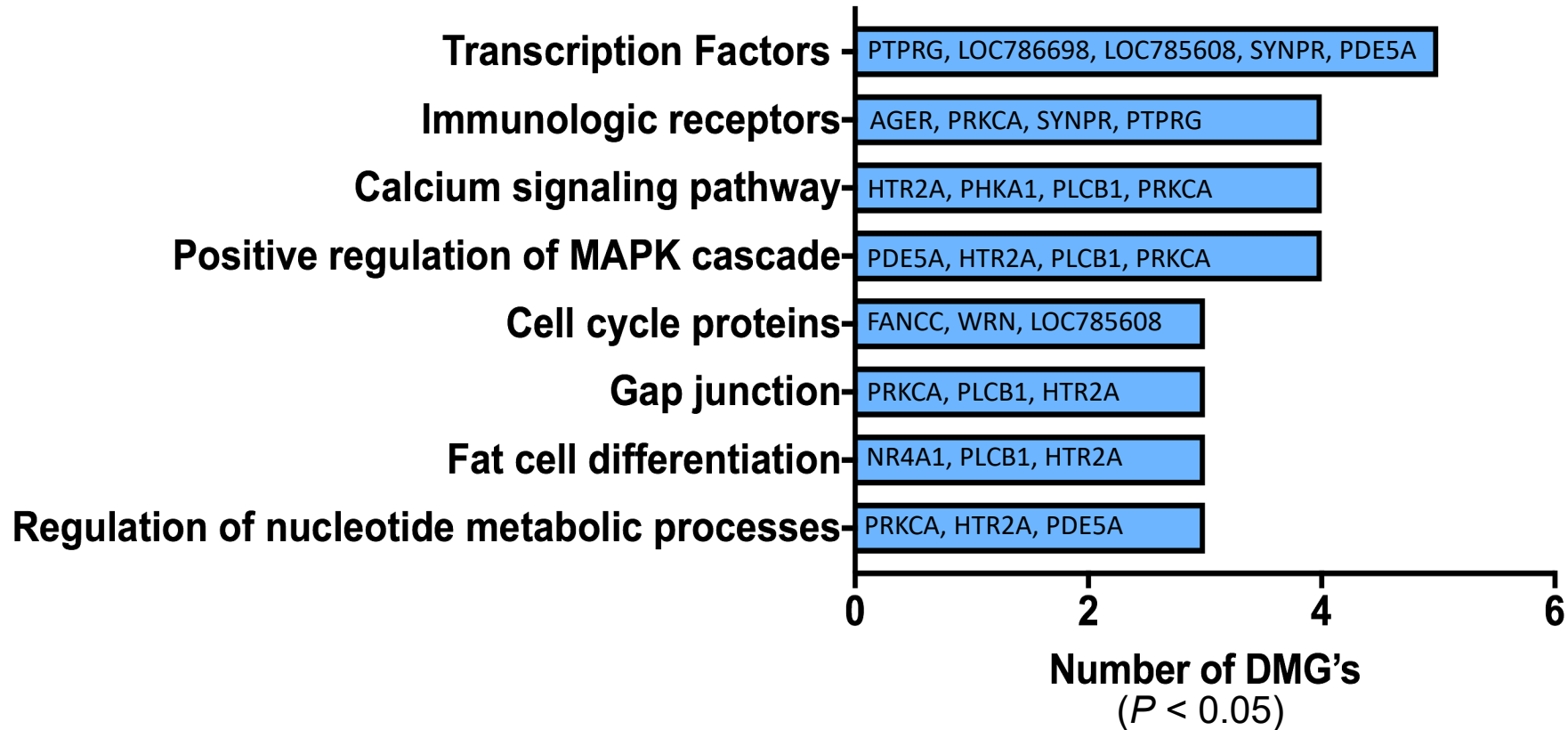
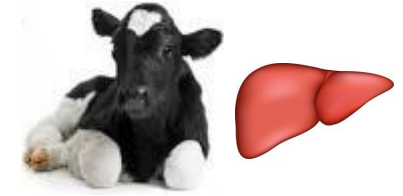
Cows



- Within 20 kb downstream
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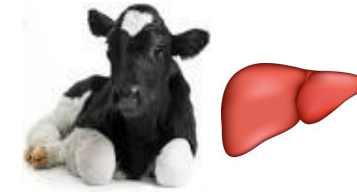
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BIOLOGICAL PATHWAYS AND FUNCTIONS



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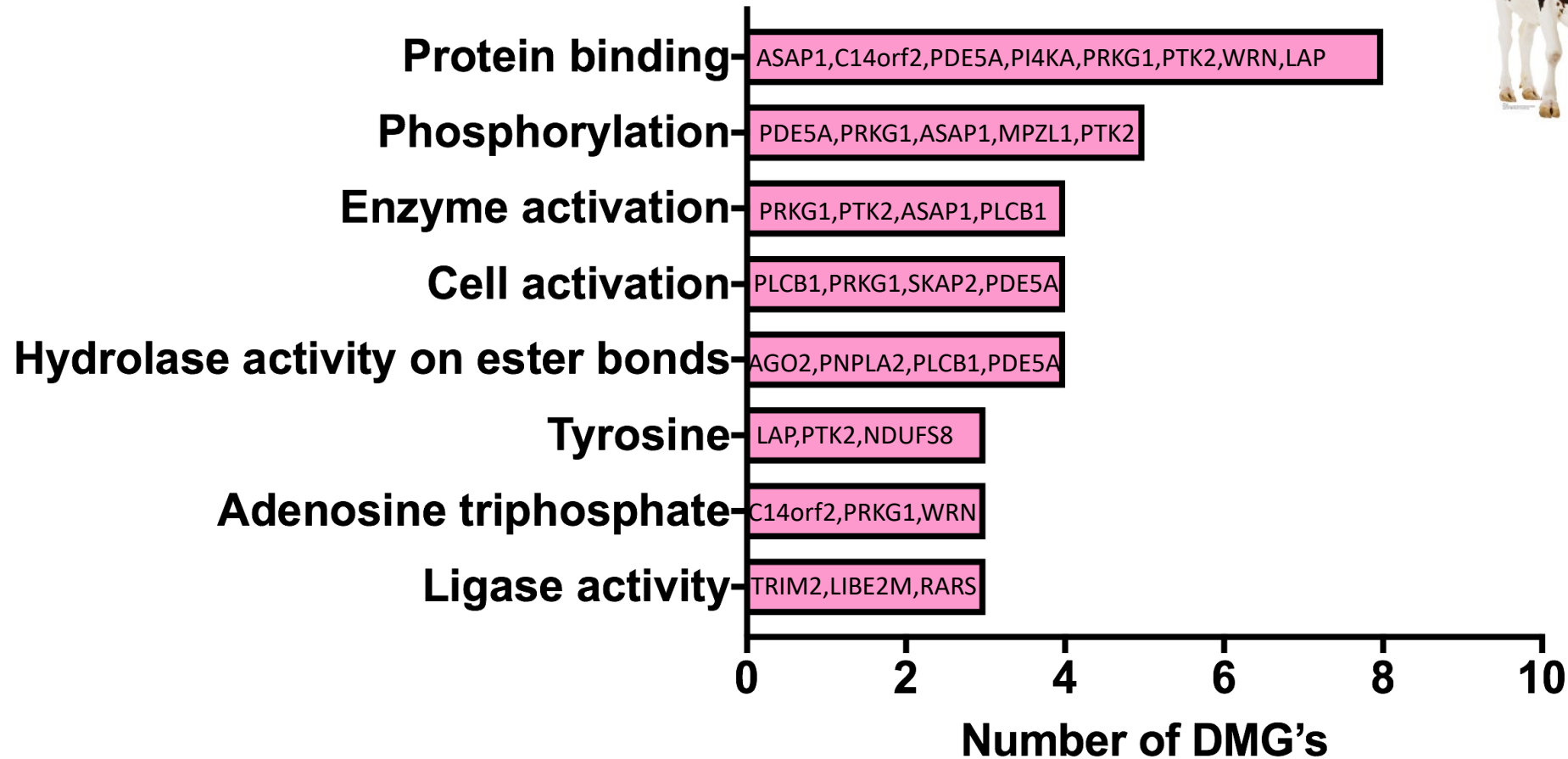
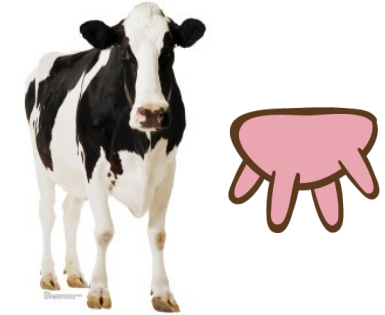
***AGER* GENE**



- ***In utero* HT - hypomethylation of C's upstream of gene**
- **Innate immune function and inflammation**
 - Production of pro-inflammatory cytokines
 - Leukocyte recruitment
- **Oxidative stress**
 - ROS production
 - Depress glutathionine and ascorbic acid levels

Chavakis et al., 2004; Bierhaus et al., 2005; Lin et al., 2009

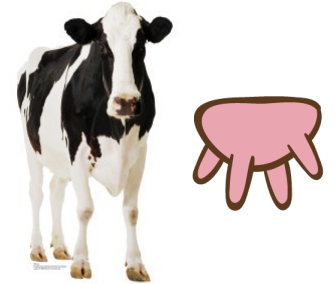
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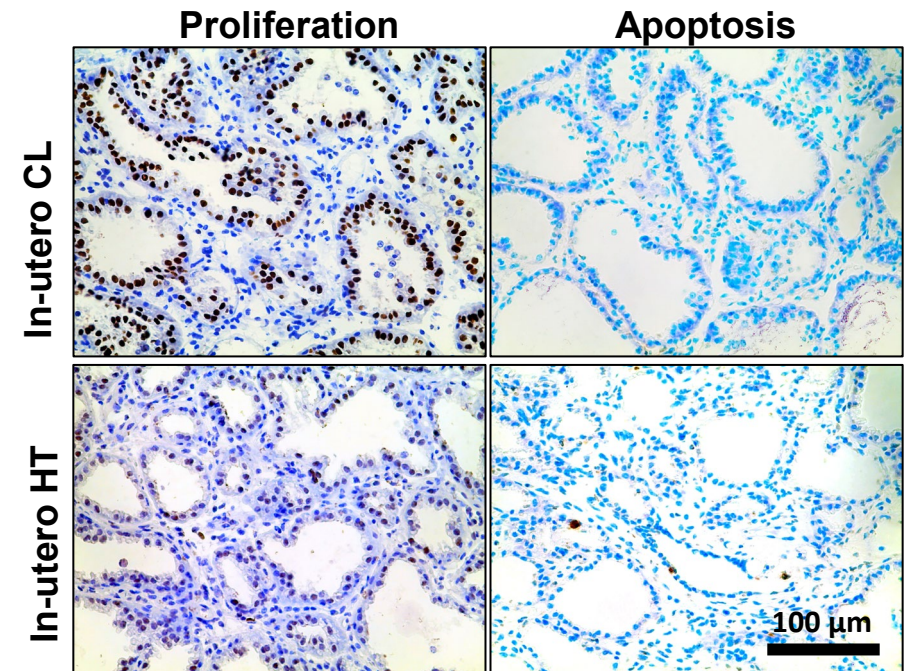
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($P < 0.05$)

PRKG1 GENE

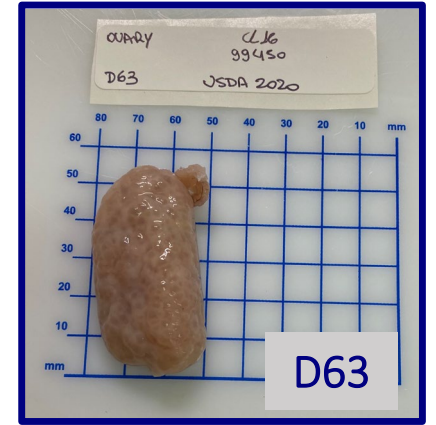
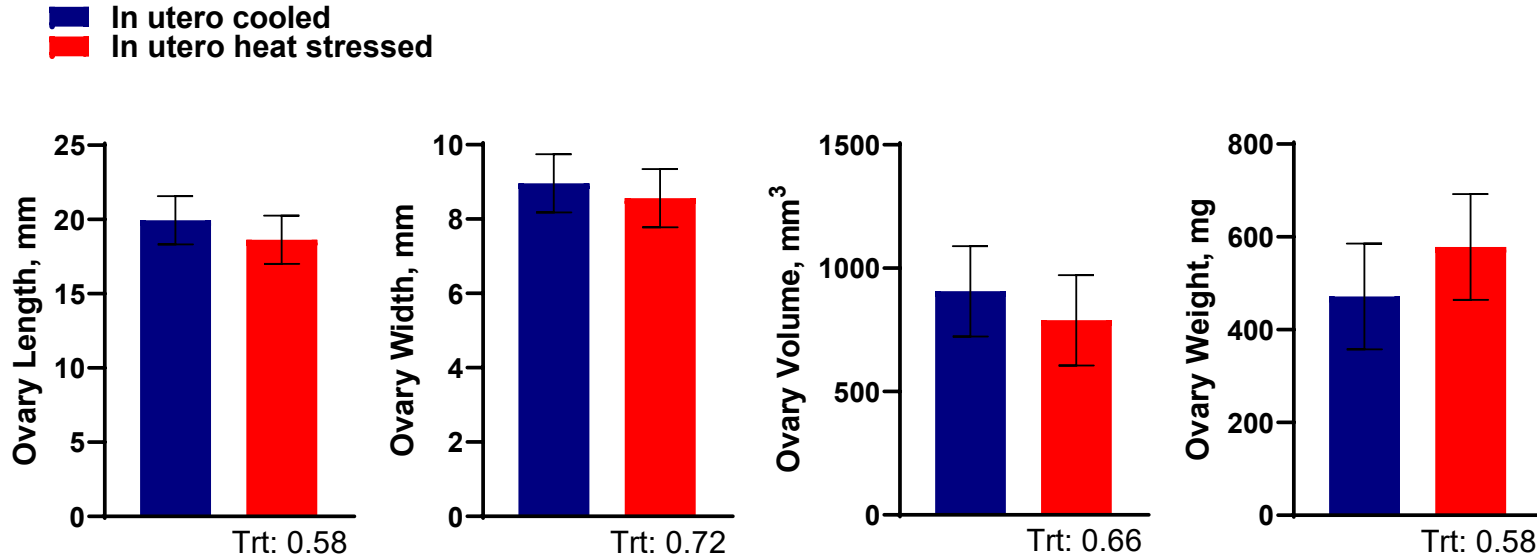


- In-utero HT - hypomethylation of C's within gene
- Cell signal transduction
 - Major intracellular receptor for cGMP
 - Catalyzes substrate phosphorylation
- Decrease intracellular Ca
- Apoptotic effect

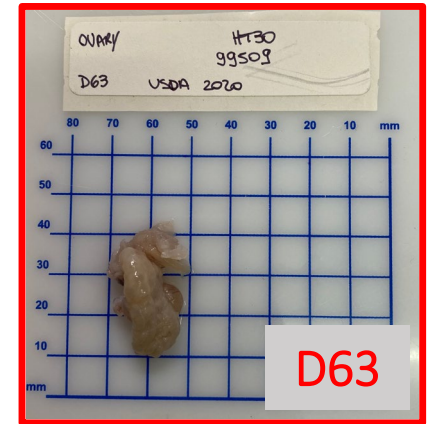
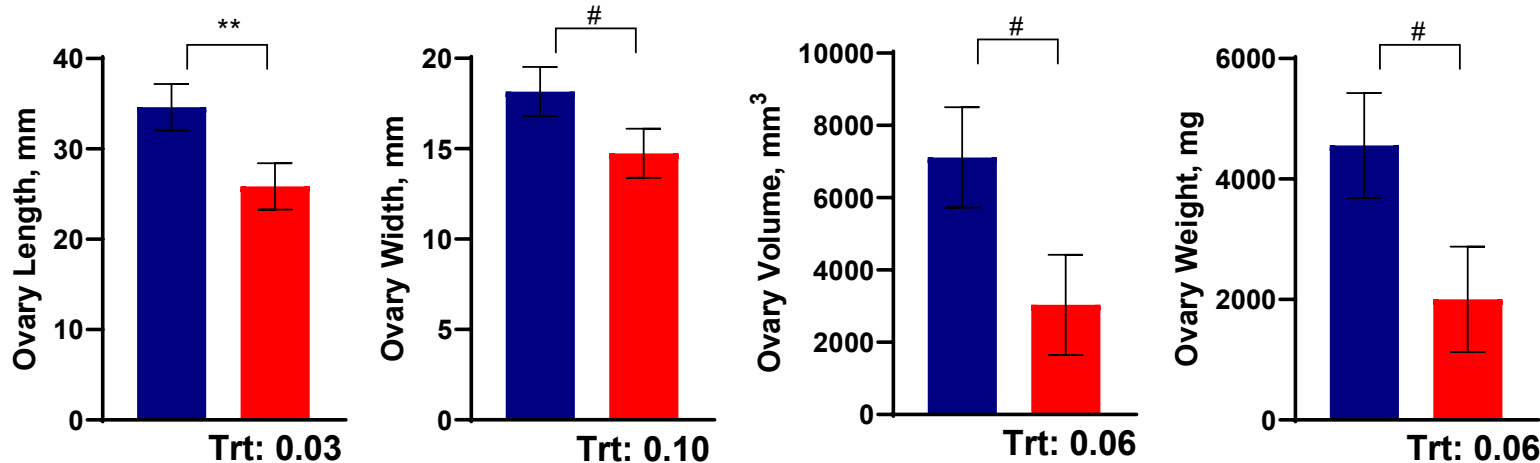


In Utero Cooling Increases Ovarian Size at D63

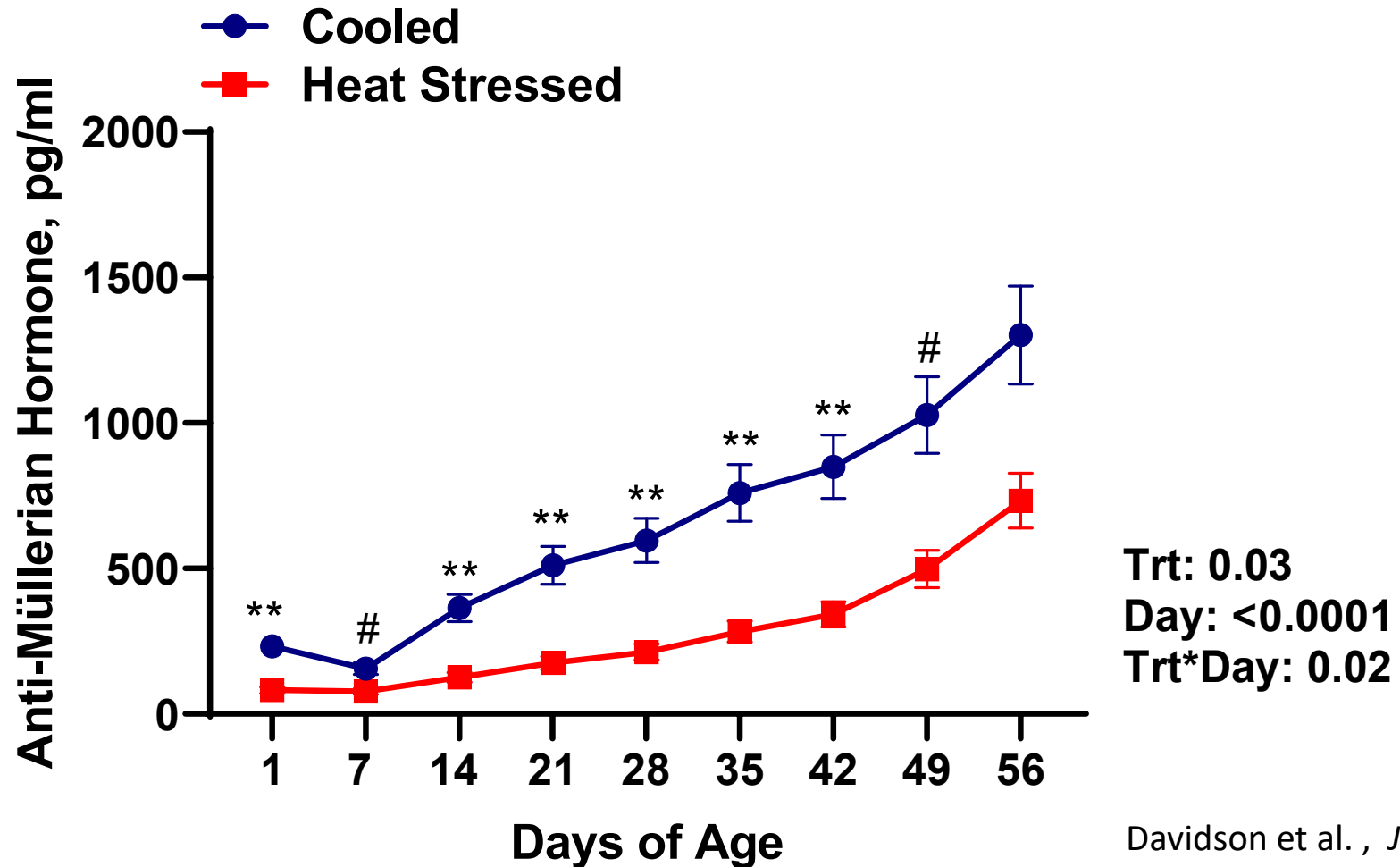
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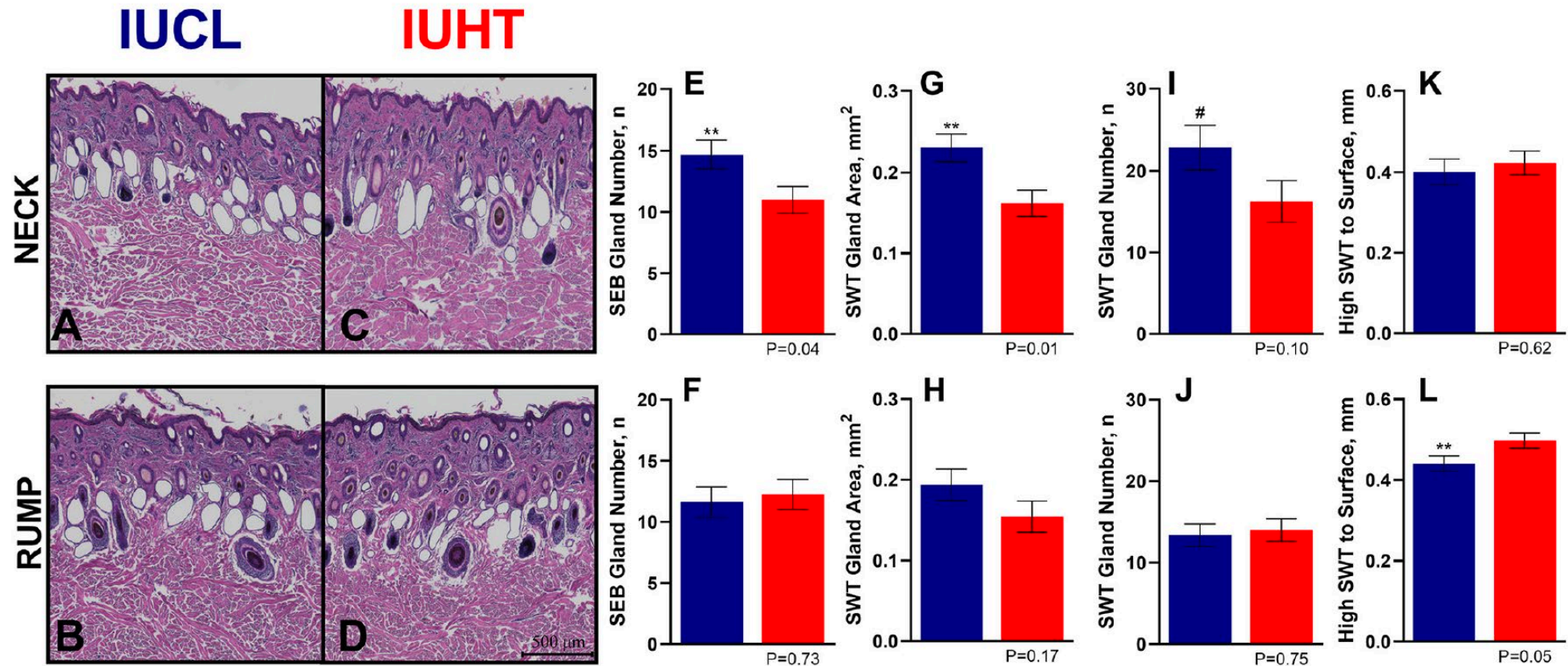
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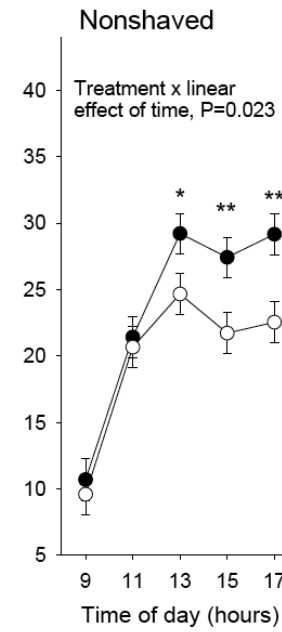
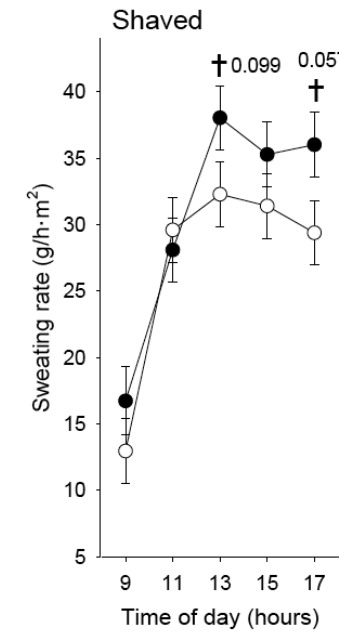
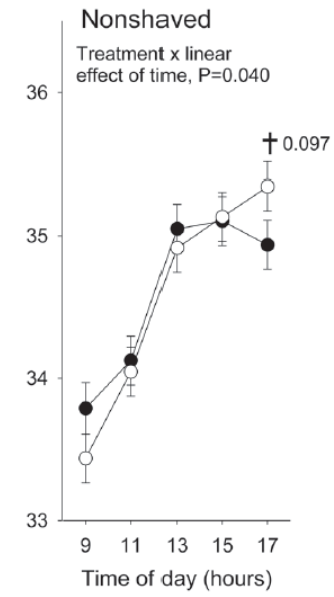
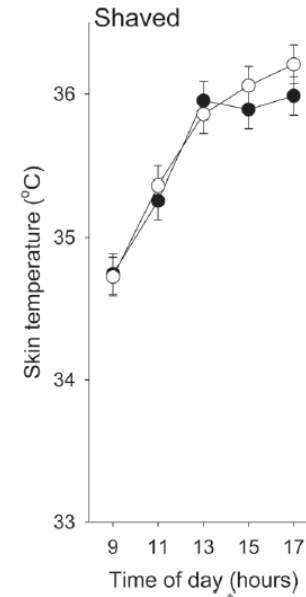
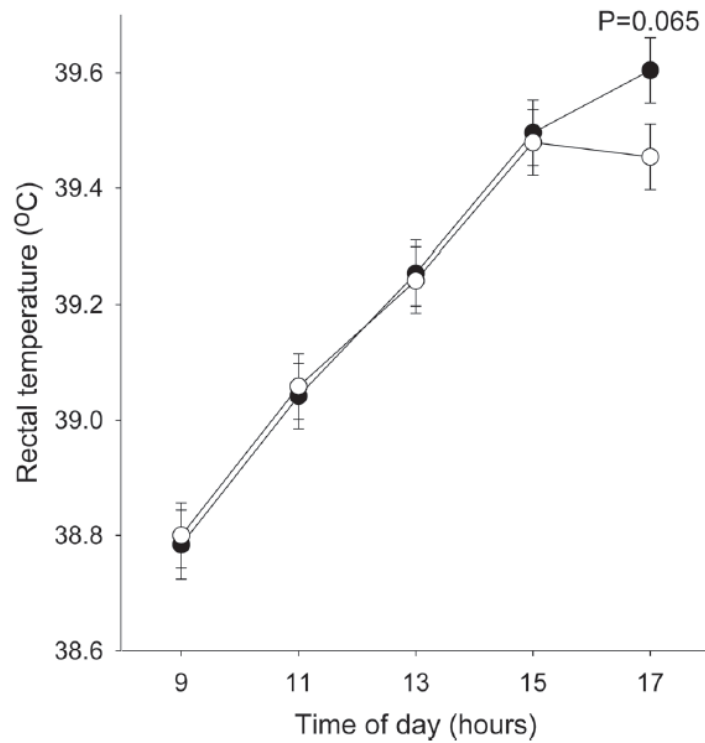
AMH CONCENTRATIONS WERE HIGHER IN IUCL CALVES FROM D1 TO D56



IN UTERO HEAT STRESS ALTERS SKIN MORPHOLOGY

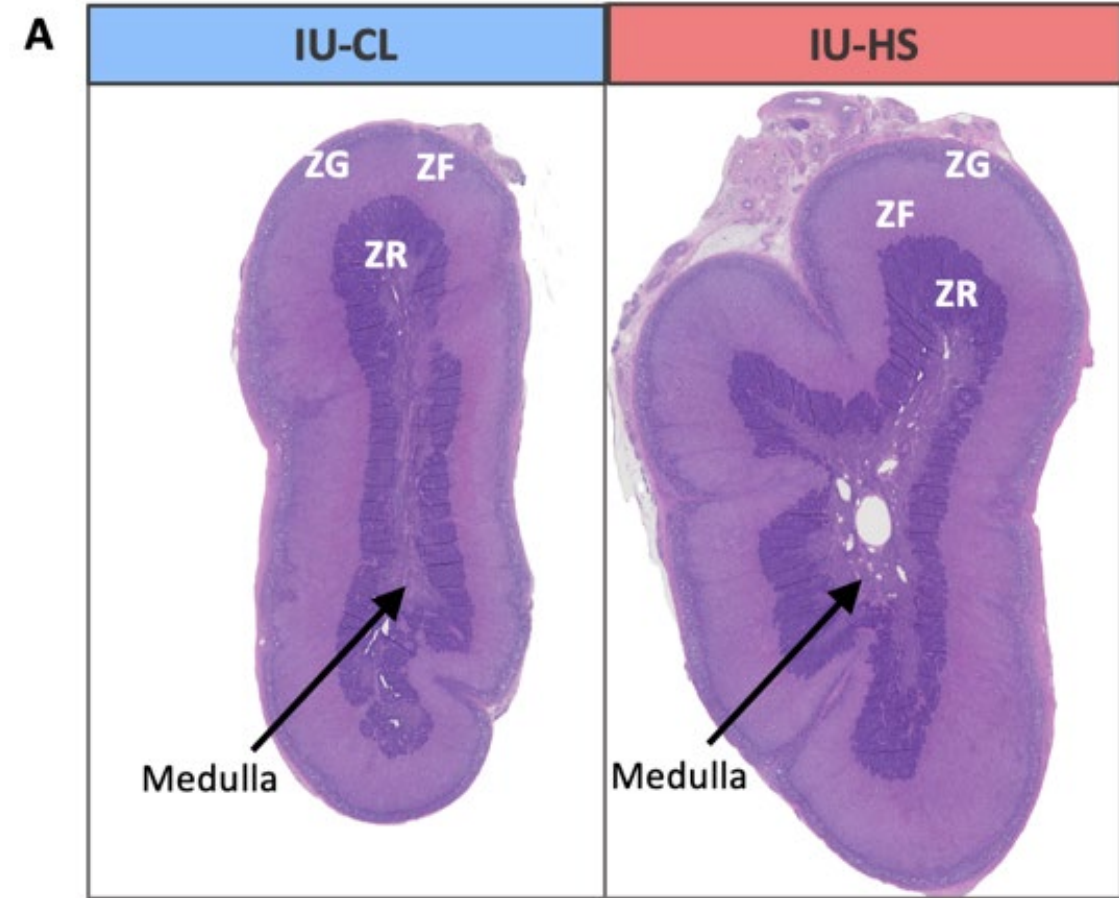
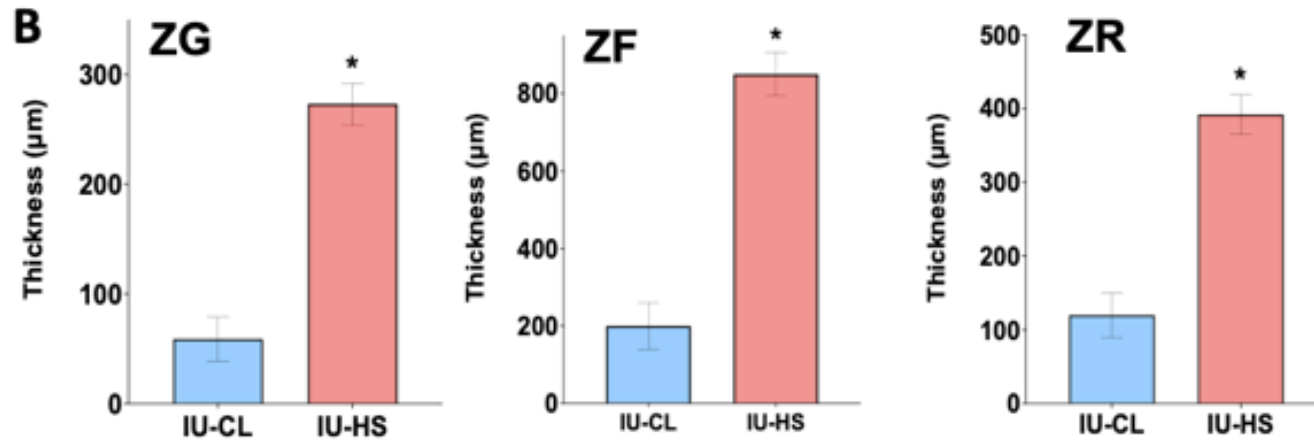


IN UTERO HS ALTERS BODY TEMPERATURE REGULATION AT MATURITY

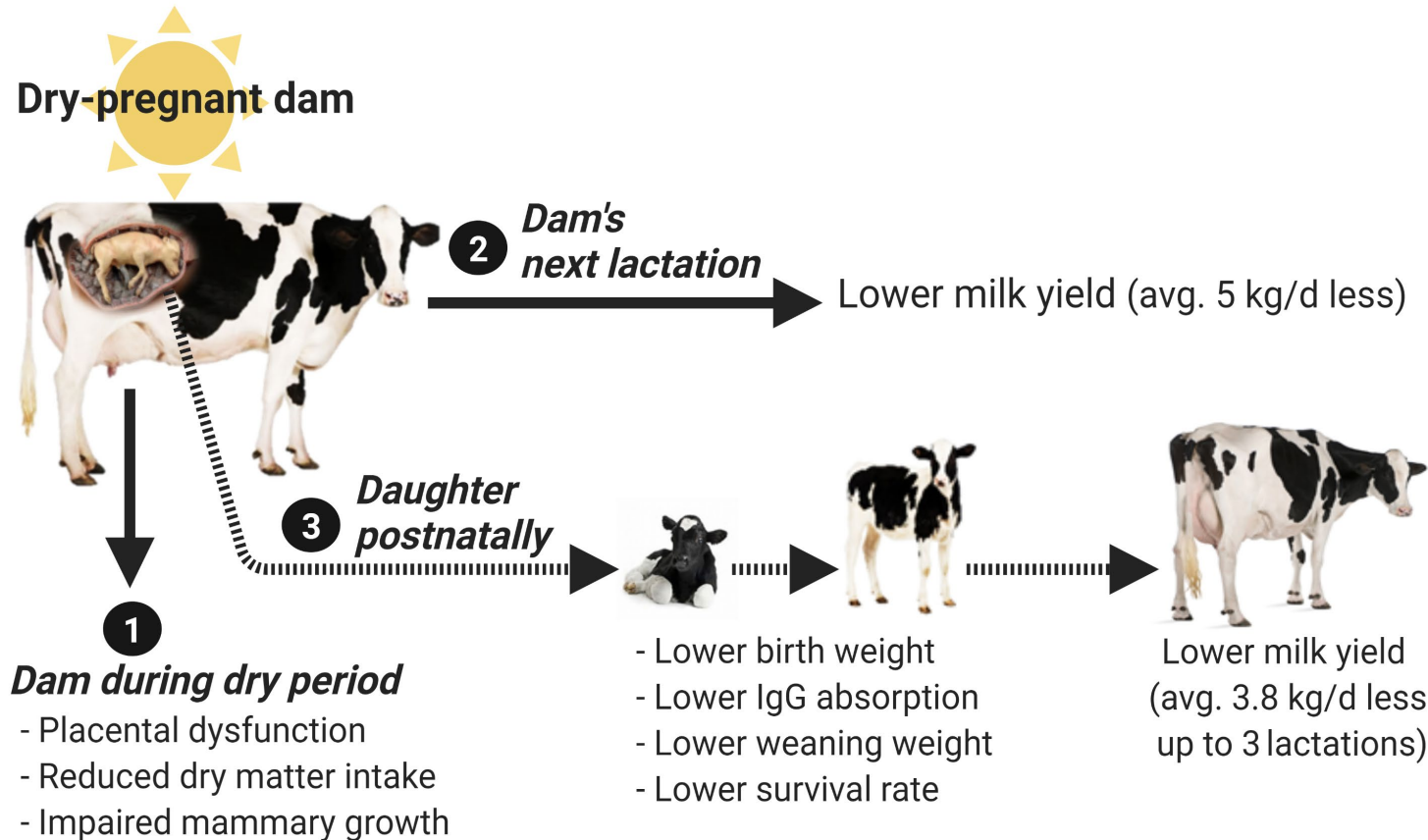


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IN UTERO HS ALTERS ADRENAL DEVELOPMENT AT WEANING



IMPACT ON LONGEVITY?



- **In utero HT induces fetal programming**
- **Alters methylation patterns in multiple tissues, ages**
- **Phenotype persists to F₂**

FLORIDA: LONGEVITY AND BIRTH SEASON

Lactation Number	Cow Number	Birth Season	
		“Cool Season” (Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar)	“Hot Season” (Jun., Jul., Aug., Sept.)
5	968	686	282
6	423	321	102
7	129	96	33
8	47	26	21
Total Cows	1,567	1,129 (72%)**	438 (28%)**

****P < 0.01**

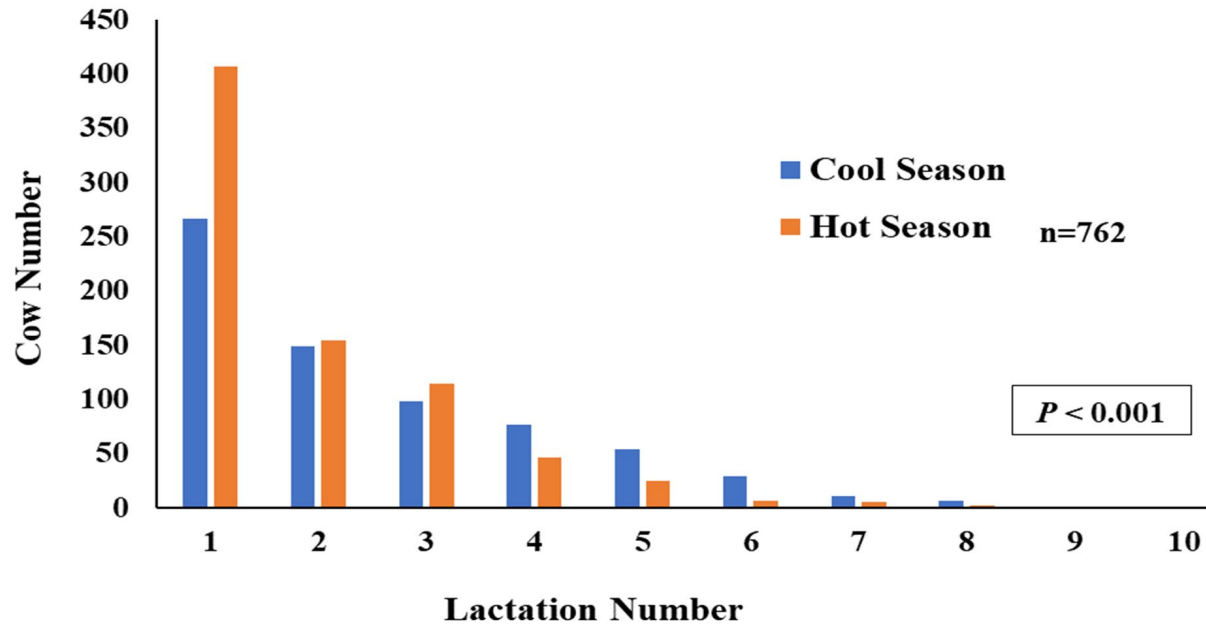
CALIFORNIA: BIRTH SEASON IMPACTS LONGEVITY

Lactation Number	Cow Number	Birth Season	
		Cool Season (Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar)	Hot Season (Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept)
5	908	484	424
6	507	318	189
7	204	108	96
8	50	29	21
Total Cows	1,669	939 (56.3%) **	730 (43.7%) **

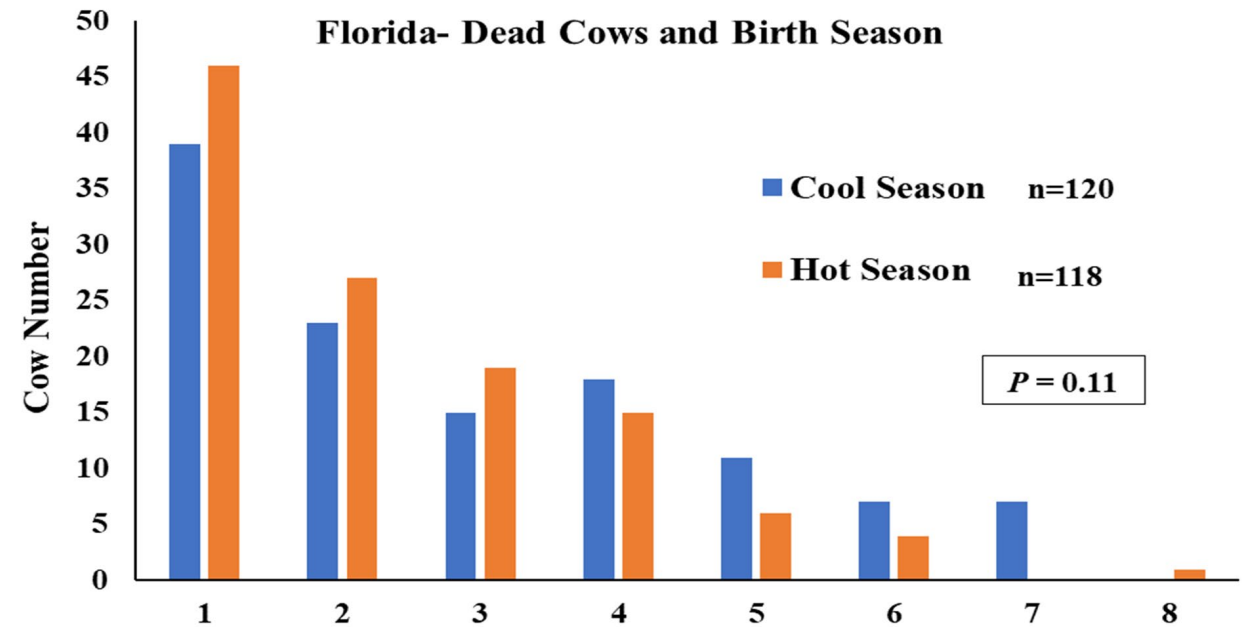
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FLORIDA: COWS LEAVE DUE TO SALE

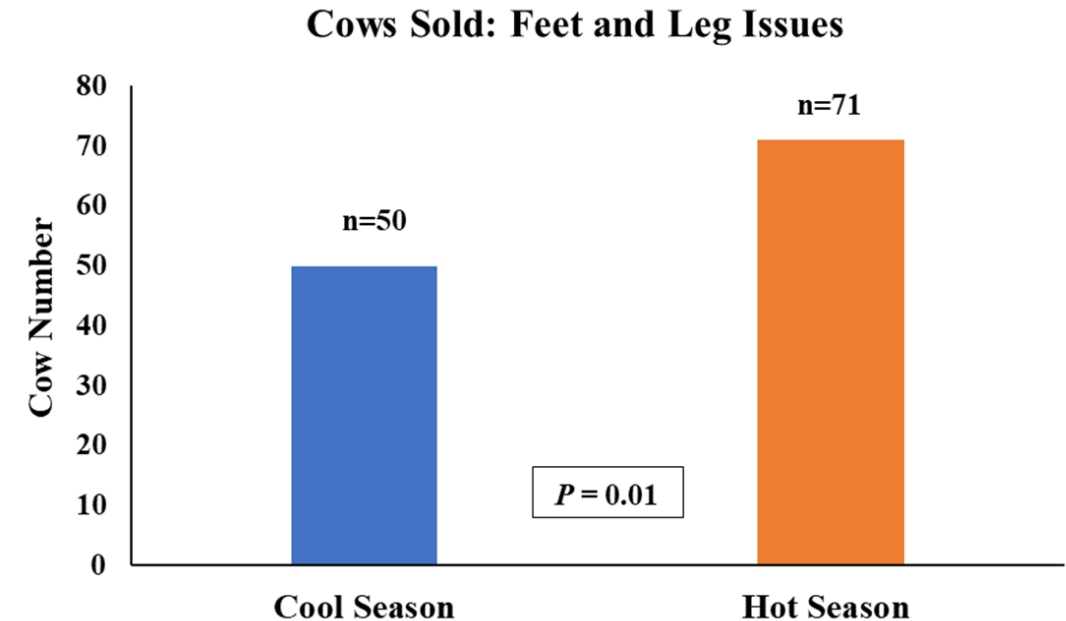
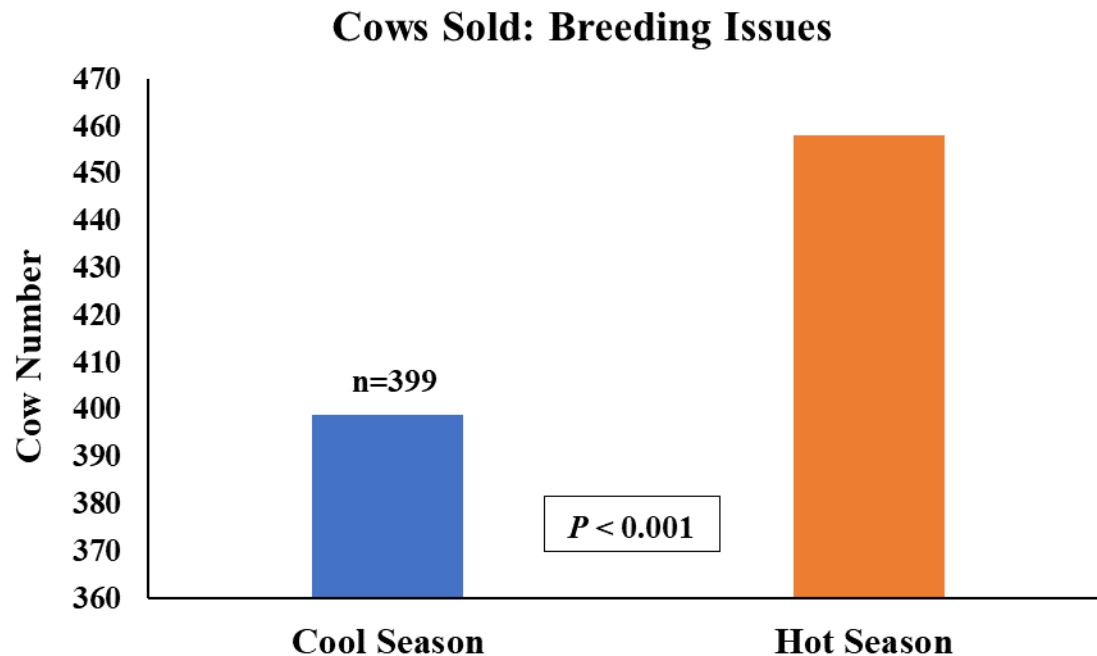
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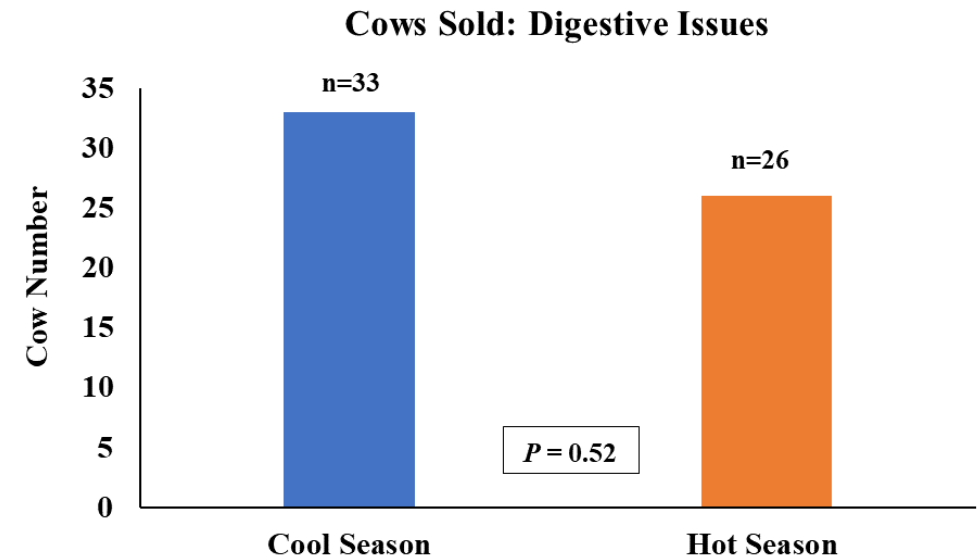
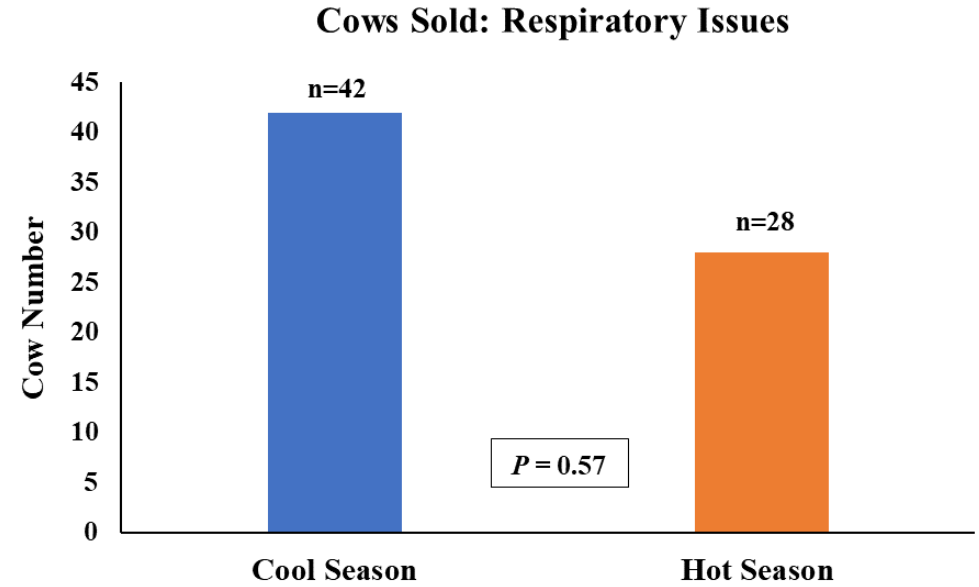
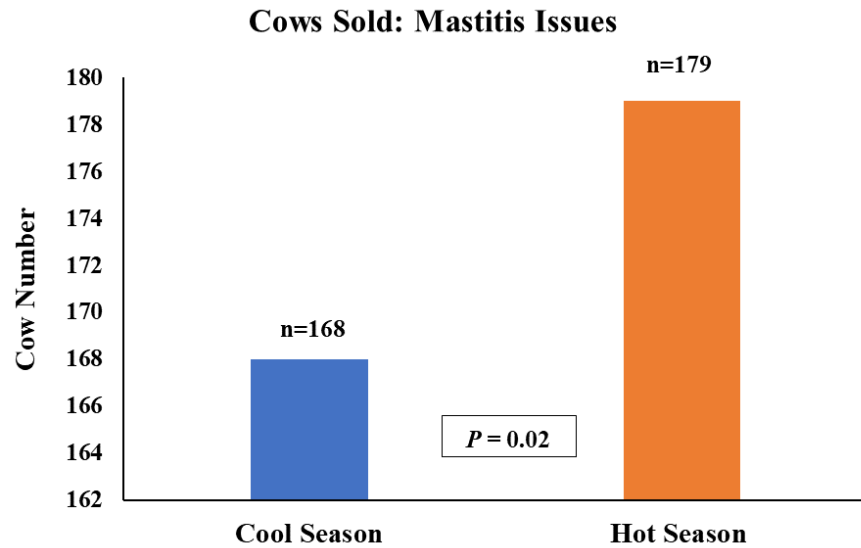
Florida- Dead Cows and Birth Season



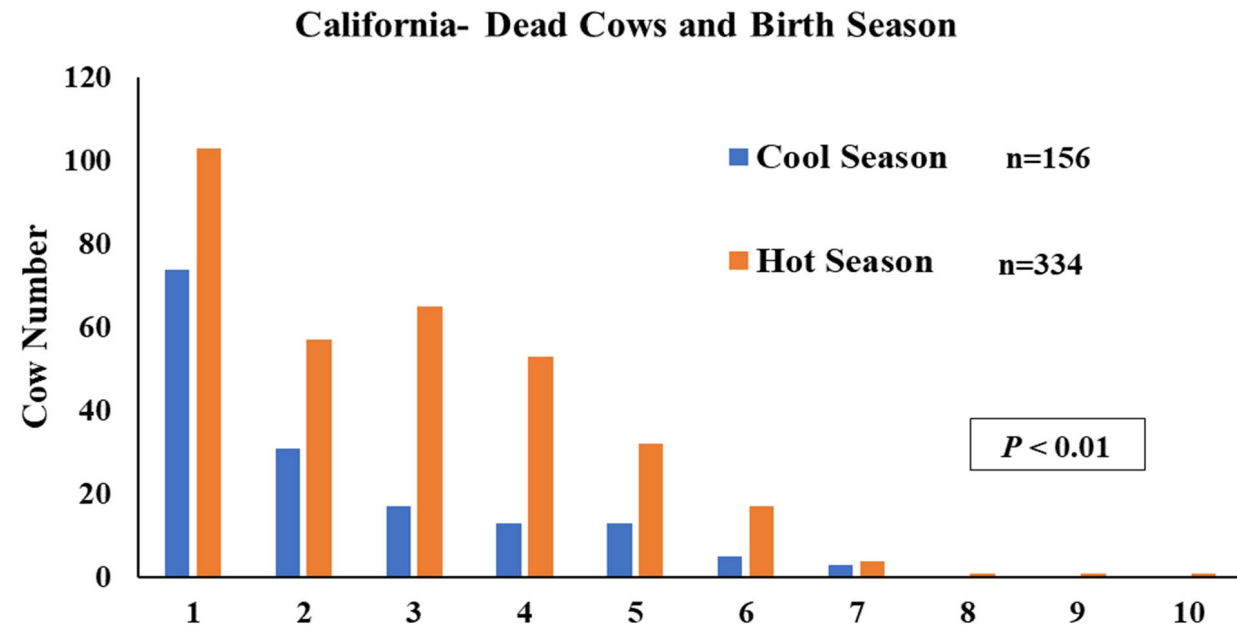
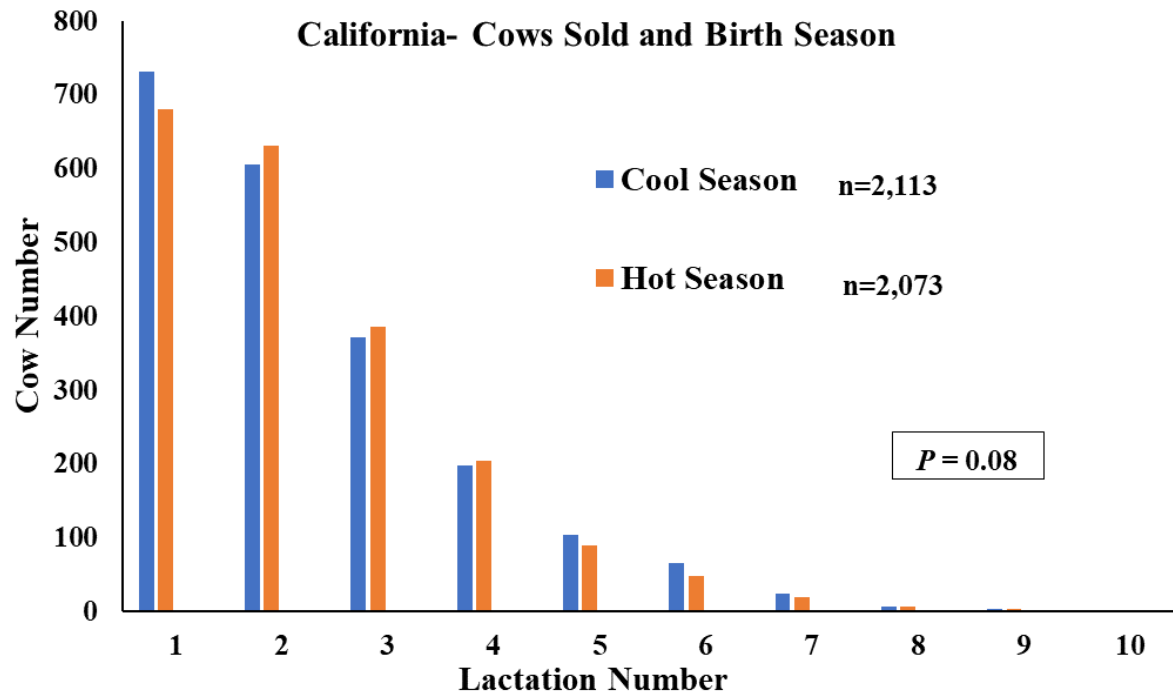
HOT BIRTH SEASON INCREASES COWS SOLD FOR REPRODUCTIVE, FEET AND LEG ISSUES



HOT BIRTH SEASON INCREASES COWS SOLD FOR MASTITIS



CALIFORNIA: BIRTH SEASON ALTERS DEATH LOSS



BIRTH IN HOT SEASON REDUCES HERD SURVIVAL

- **Consistent with in utero heat stress effects**
- **Death and sale due to reproduction, mastitis and lameness drive early exits**
- **Longevity programmed by in utero and early events – esp. heat stress**
- **Consider in selection of heifers for future production herd**

LATE GESTATION HEAT STRESS

