

## International AMS KPI Project - Average farm information

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The First International Automatic Milking Systems' KPI Project provides the International Dairy Industry community with key information of what is achievable under commercial conditions. Information about milk production, AMS utilisation and farm demographics will help understand how these farms 'behave' over a 12 month period.

A total of 19 farms are being monitored: 12 from Australia, 2 from New Zealand, 4 from Ireland and 1 from Chile.

**Table 1: Herd information** 

	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Cows in milk (#)	71	161	346	178	122	106	110
Heifers (%)	2%	25%	43%	25%	20%	24%	11%
Animals that calved (#)	0	6	29	8	4	1	0
Farm stocking rate (milking cows/ha)	1.2	2.5	4.5	2.3	1.4	3.2	1.4
Robot stocking rate (milking cows/robot)	26	49	73	45	61	56	37
DIM (#)	121	184	313	199	181	152	147

Table 2: Daily milk production and quality

	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Daily milk production (kg/day)	1,207	3,479	7,589	3,744	2,541	2,972	3284
Fat (%)	3.4	4.3	5.2	4.3	4.7	3.9	4
Protein (%)	3.3	3.5	3.9	3.5	3.9	3.4	3
Somatic cell count (x 1000)	45	165	289	178	219	130	172

Table 3: Daily milk information

	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Daily milk production herd (kg/cow/day)	14.0	22.9	34.0	22.6	18.9	27.2	27.3
Daily milk production cows (kg/cow/day)	14.9	24.4	35.2	23.7	20.5	29.6	28.1
Daily milk production heifers (kg/cow/day)	10.1	17.7	29.3	18.2	12.6	19.6	20.4
Daily milk production heifers: cows (%)	53%	73%	95%	77%	62%	66%	73%
Milking frequency herd (#/cow/day)	1.5	2.1	3.0	2.2	1.5	2.3	2.2
Milking frequency cows (#/cow/day)	1.6	2.2	3.0	2.2	1.6	2.3	2.2
Milking frequency heifers (#/cow/day)	1.1	2.0	3.0	2.1	1.1	2.1	2.0
Concentrate ration (kg/cow/day)	0.4	5.8	9.7	6.9	0.4	4.4	8.8
Concentrate intake (kg/cow/day)	0.3	5.1	10.2	6.3	0.3	3.5	7.7

Table 4: Milking cow information

	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Milk production (kg/cow/milking)	6.8	10.7	14.2	10.4	12.0	12.2	12.7
Average time in robot (mm:ss/milking)	5:14	6:52	8:48	6:38	6:26	7:39	8:14
Average milk flow (kg milk/min in robot)	0.9	1.6	2.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	1.5

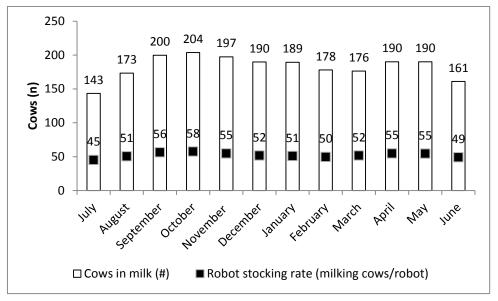
**Table 5: Robot performance information** 

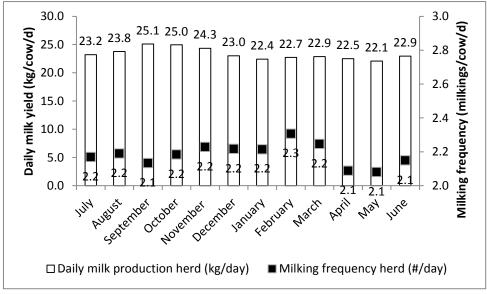
	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Milking events (number/robot/day)	41	106	149	97	107	127	95
Milking time (hours/robot/day)	4:51	12:53	19:49	11:28	12:13	16:29	12:52
Milk harvested (kg/robot/day)	402	1,122	1,973	980	1,270	1,553	1,095
Incomplete milkings (%)	1%	6%	27%	7%	5%	3%	5%

Table 6: Animal health

	ALL AMS Farms						
	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
Lameness (cases every 100 cows)	0	1	5	1	5	0	1.8
Mastitis (cases every 100 cows)	0	2	6	3	0	0	1.8

Figure 1: International AMS KPI Project - Evolution





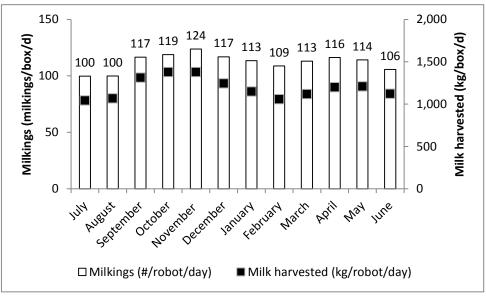


Figure 2: Herd information

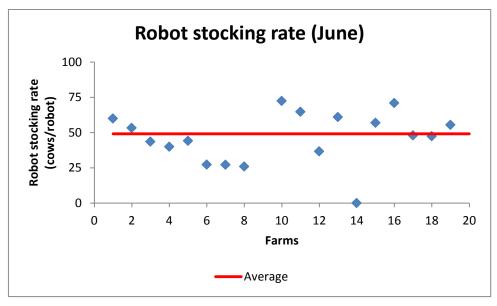
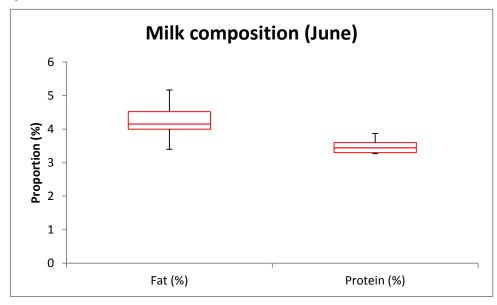


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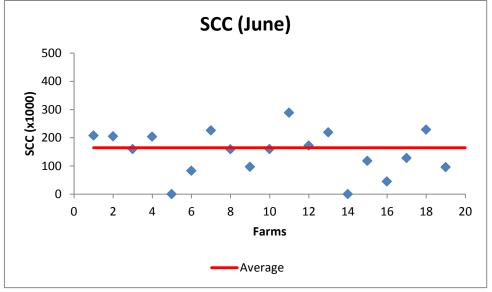
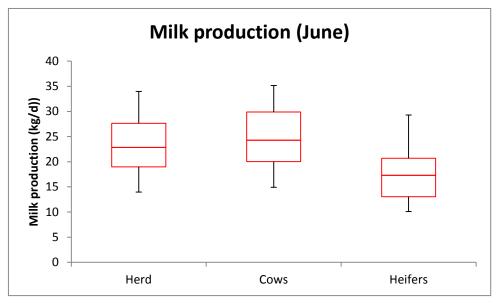
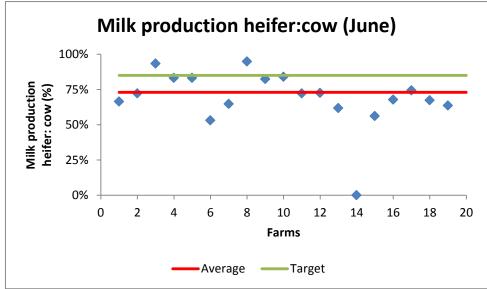
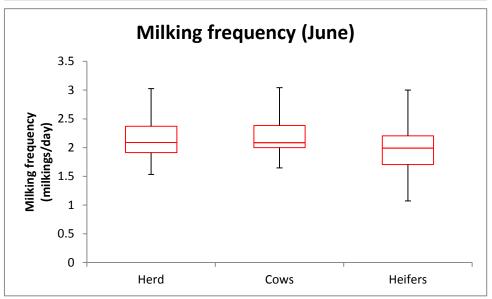


Figure 4: Daily cow information







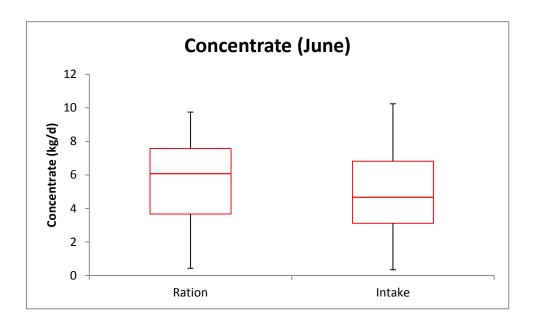
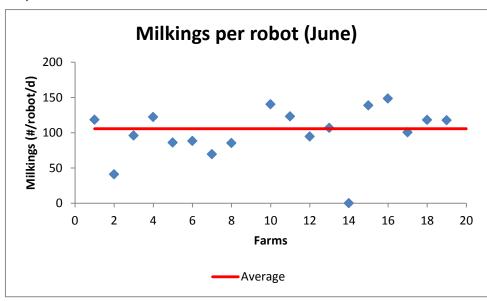
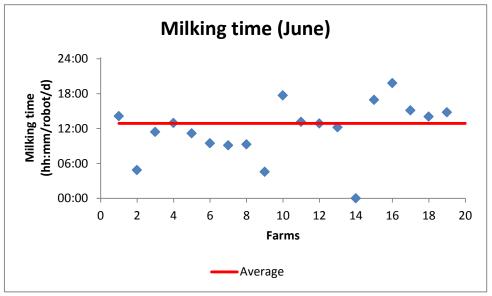
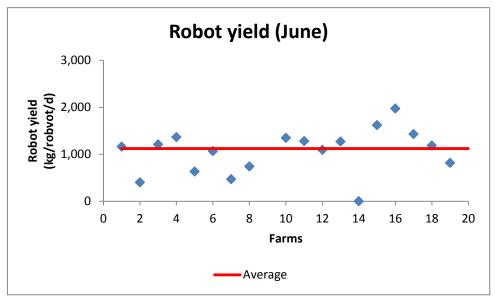
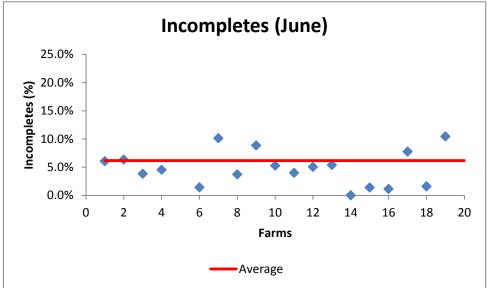


Figure 5: Robot performance









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