

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			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Cows in milk (#)	61	200	596	228	202	94	278
Heifers (%)	3%	23%	39%	19%	33%	29%	37%
Animals that calved (#)	0	32	127	40	43	1	32
Farm stocking rate (milking cows/ha)	1.4	2.8	4.6	3.0	1.5	2.9	2.8
Robot stocking rate (milking cows/robot)	41	56	71	56	67	49	70
DIM (#)	33	160	256	152	91	219	161

Table 2: Daily milk production and quality

	ALL AMS Farms			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Daily milk production (kg/day)	1,426	4,868	18,636	5,739	5,707	1,965	4,347
Fat (%)	3.3	4.1	4.9	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.9
Protein (%)	3.1	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.9
Somatic cell count (x 1000)	70	150	202	157	161	134	110

Table 3: Daily milk information

	ALL AMS Farms			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Daily milk production herd (kg/cow/day)	16.7	25.1	36.2	26.6	30.1	20.0	17.5
Daily milk production cows (kg/cow/day)	18.4	26.8	40.1	27.9	33.2	21.9	20.3
Daily milk production heifers (kg/cow/day)	12.4	19.5	30.8	20.8	23.8	15.2	12.8
Daily milk production heifers: cows (%)	62%	72%	81%	74%	71%	69%	63%
Milking frequency herd (#/cow/day)	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.3
Milking frequency cows (#/cow/day)	1.8	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.5
Milking frequency heifers (#/cow/day)	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0
Concentrate ration (kg/cow/day)	0.4	5.5	8.3	6.8	2.5	3.8	3.3
Concentrate intake (kg/cow/day)	0.3	4.8	7.9	5.9	2.3	3.3	3.1

Table 4: Milking cow information

	ALL AMS Farms			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Milk production (kg/cow/milking)	7.6	11.8	16.8	12.3	15.3	9.6	7.6
Average time in robot (mm:ss/milking)	5:39	6:56	9:08	6:49	8:05	6:38	7:16
Average milk flow (kg milk/min in robot)	1.1	1.7	2.7	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.1

Table 5: Robot performance information

	ALL AMS Farms			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Milking events (number/robot/day)	88	117	151	115	128	106	150
Milking time (hours/robot/day)	9:24	14:22	19:07	14:18	16:39	12:22	18:31
Milk harvested (kg/robot/day)	724	1,312	2,227	1,344	1,797	1,038	1,087
Incomplete milkings (%)	0%	6%	15%	6%	3%	4%	11%

Table 6: Animal health

	ALL AMS Farms			Australian AMS Farms	New Zealand AMS Farms	Irish AMS Farms	Chilean AMS Farm
	Minimum	Average	Maximum				
Lameness (cases every 100 cows)	0	1	8	1	1	3	-
Mastitis (cases every 100 cows)	0	2	8	3	0	1	-

Figure 1: International AMS KPI Project – Evolution

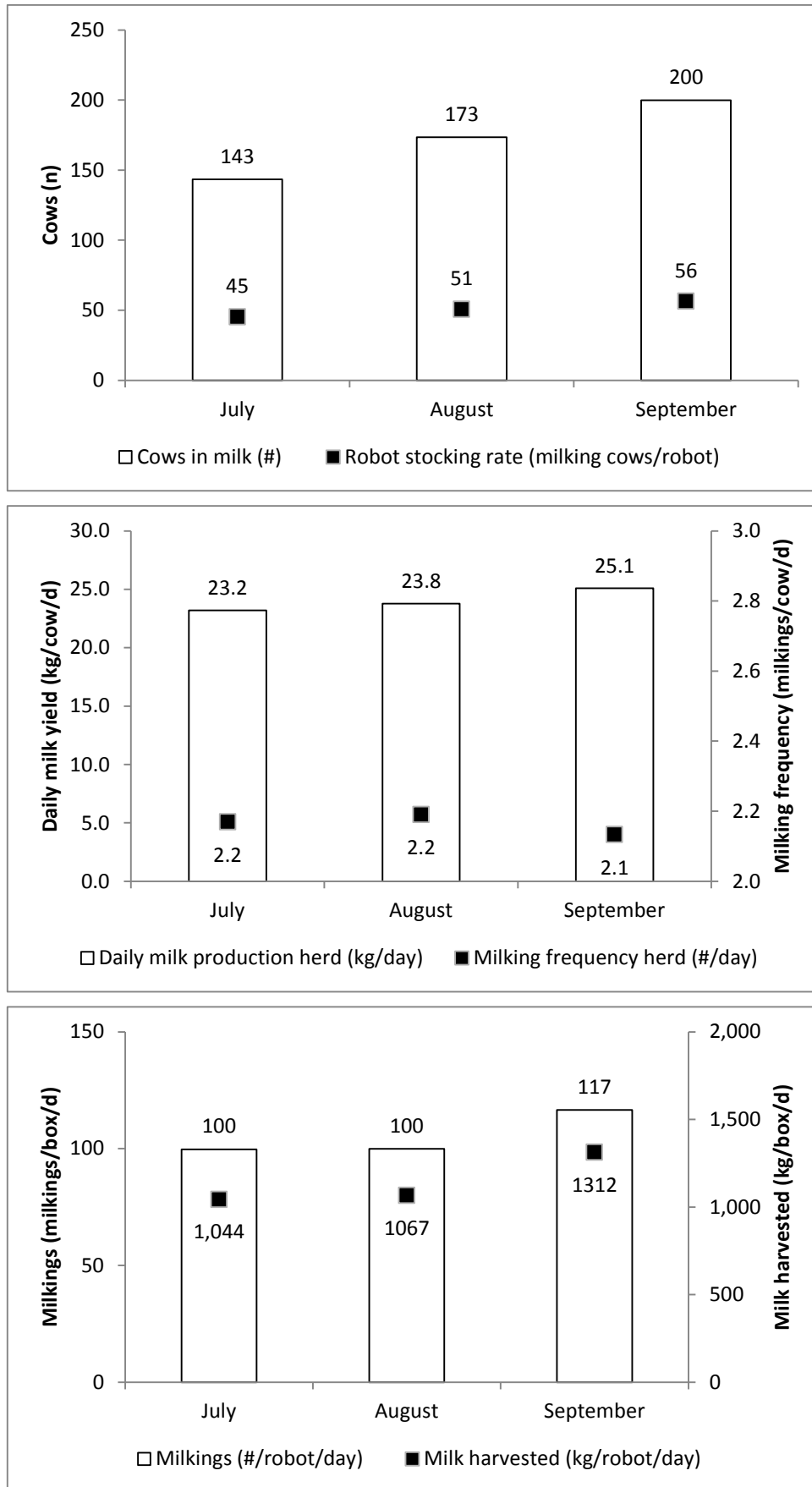


Figure 2: Herd information

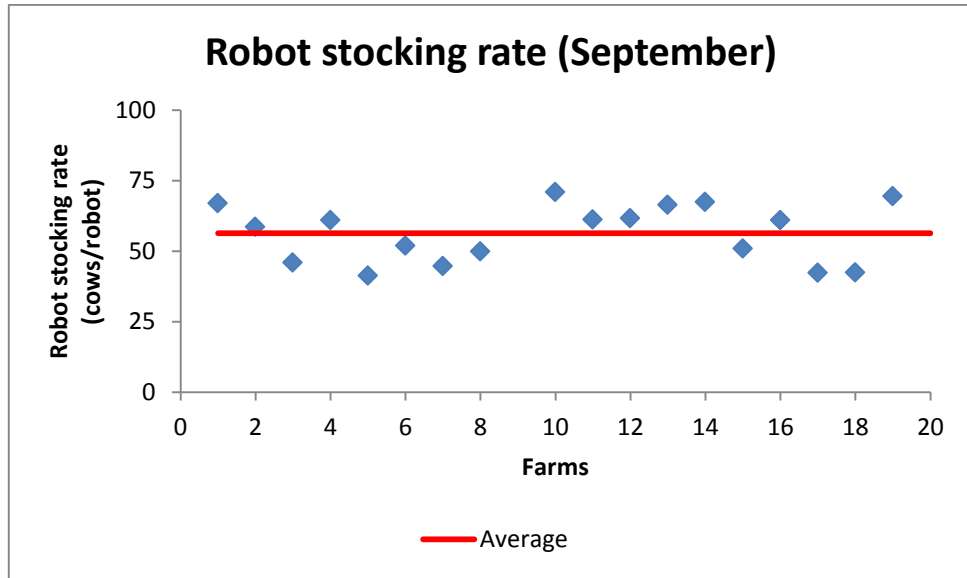


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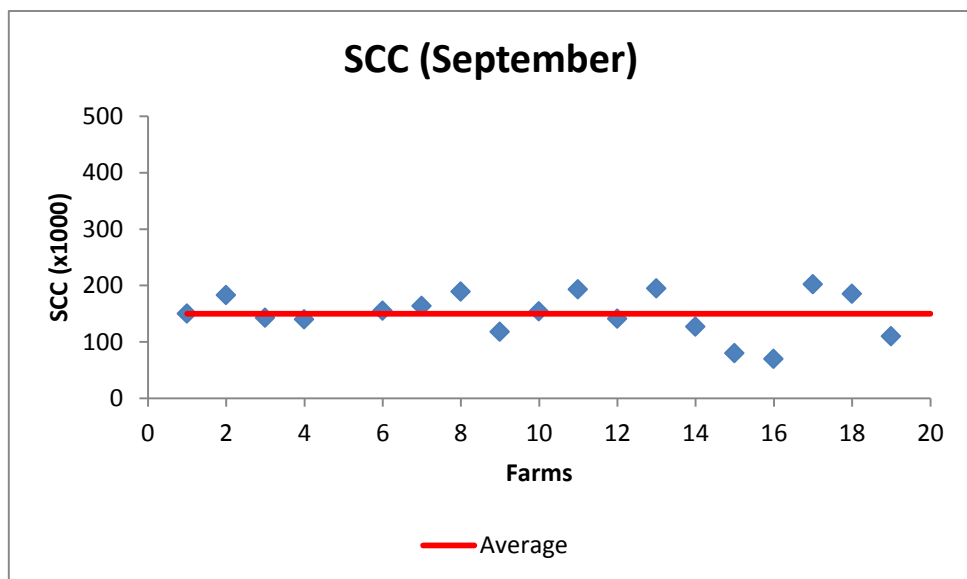
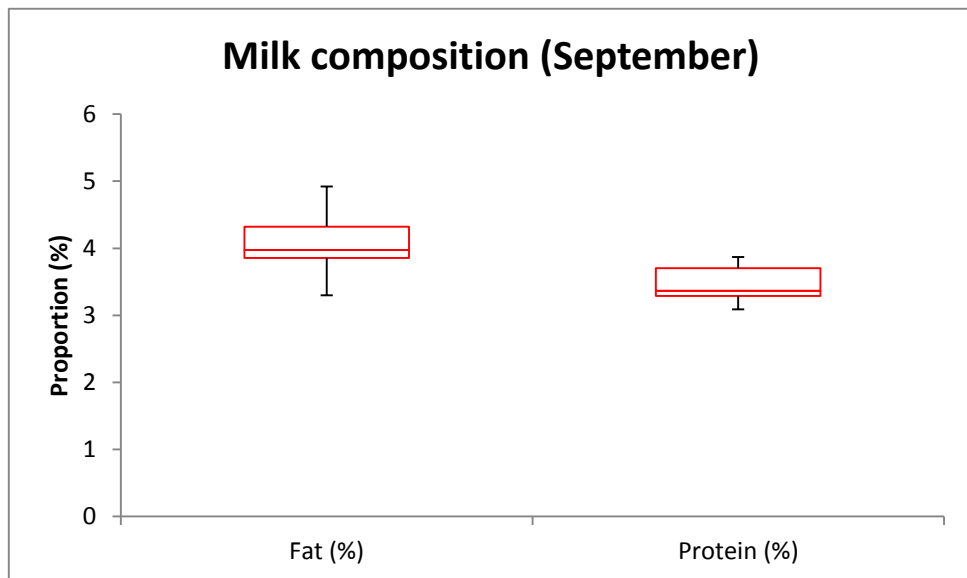
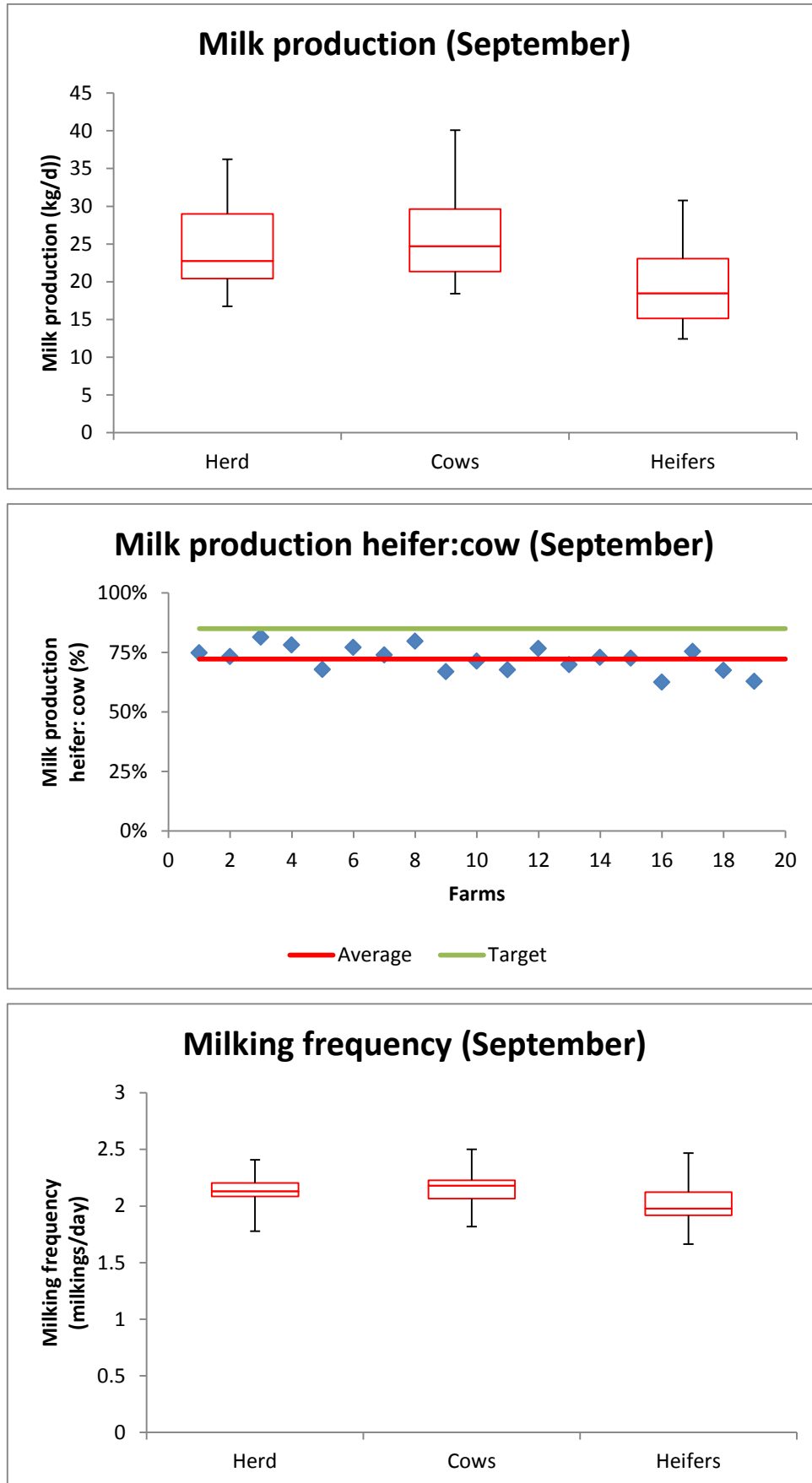


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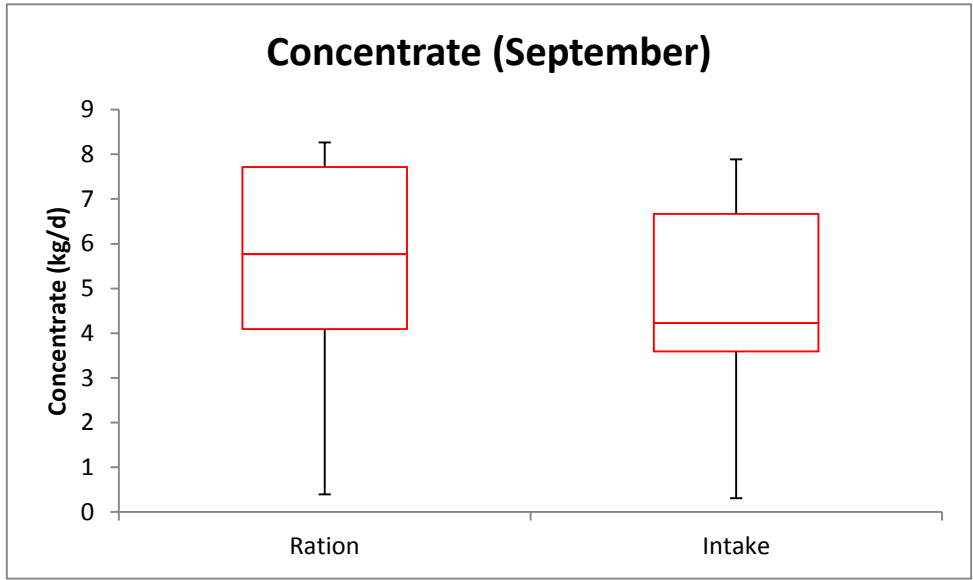
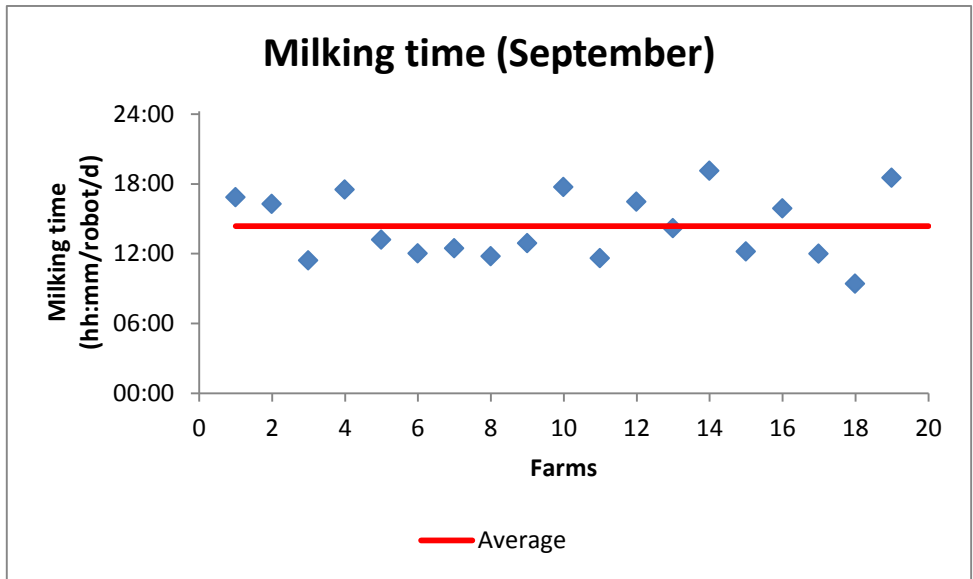
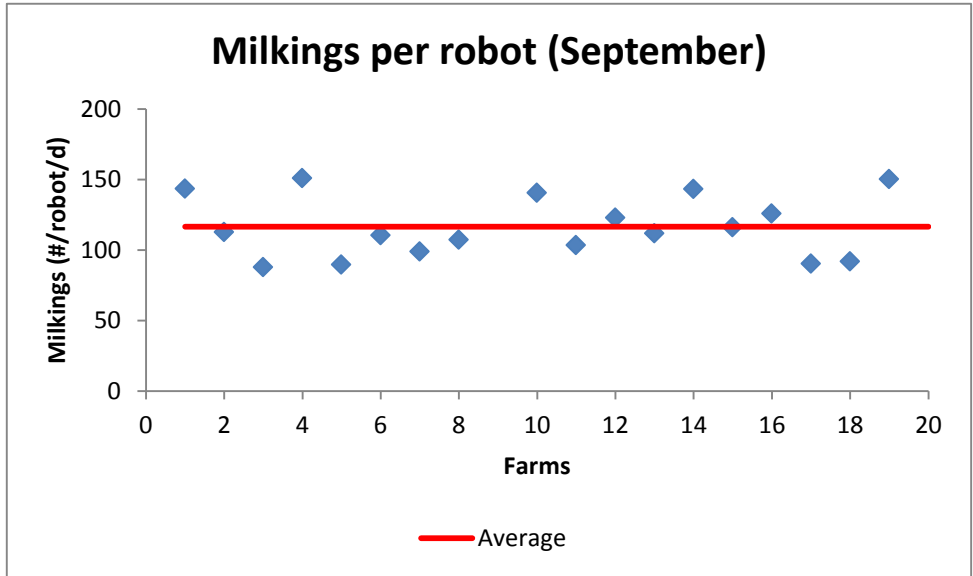
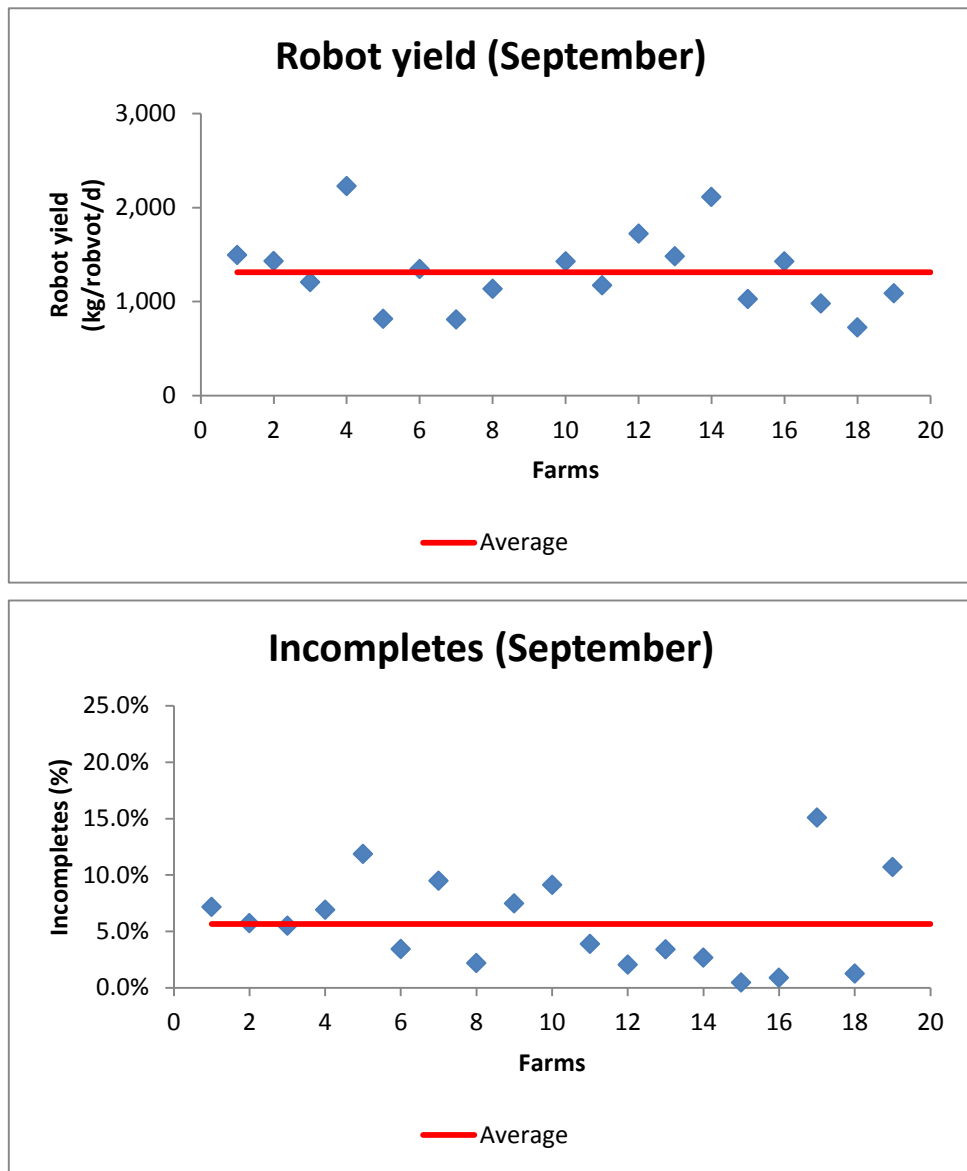


Figure 5: Robot performance





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