Dry period plane of energy: Effects on glucose tolerance in peripartum dairy cows

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HYPOTHESIS

Overfeeding energy during the dry period

- affects regulation of blood glucose concentration, and
- affects peripartal glucose tolerance

predisposing cows to hyperketonemia and increased lipolysis postpartum

TREATMENT GROUPS



Lactation ≥ 2, housed in individual tie-stalls with feed buckets, all diets fed ad libitum, all animals fed same fresh cow TMR, enrollment randomized block design

DIET COMPOSITION (%DM)







Controlled

Intermediate

High

SAMPLING TIME POINTS





Intravenous Glucose Tolerance Test (IVGTT) 0.25 g/kg glucose i.v. as 50% solution

IVGTT + BASELINE SAMPLES



Baseline values: Glucose, Insulin, NEFA, BHBA, glucagon

All timepoints: Glucose, Insulin, NEFA

ANALYSIS

- Laboratory analysis
 - Heparinized plasma within 30 min after collection, snap frozen and stored at -20°C
 - Glucose and NEFA by enzymatic colorimetric method (Sigma, Wako)
 - Insulin and glucagon by radioimmunoassay (Millipore)
 - BHBA cow-side (Precision Xtra, Abbott)
- Statistical analysis (SAS 9.3)
 - For IVGTT: Area under the curve (AUC) (Cardoso et al. 2011) positive incremental area from baseline
 - Mixed-effects ANOVA (fixed effect of treatment group, random effect of enrollment block)
 - Tukey's posthoc test for differences among the groups



RESULTS: RATION ANALYSIS

Variable	Controlled	I-med	High
ME (Mcal/kg) ^a	1.98	2.12	2.23
Energy balance (% of req.) ^a	112	126	153
Total MP Available ^a (g/day)	1492	1523	1518
MP (% of req.) ^a	124	123	118
NDF (% DM) ^b	48.4	42.2	41.0
Starch (% DM) ^b	15.0	20.1	23.7

Wet chemistry analysis Dairy One Coop. Ithaca; ^a CNCPS v.6.1 estimation ; ^baverage of 10 monthly composites

RESULTS: AREA UNDER CURVE





RESULTS: BASELINE GLUCOSE



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SUMMARY

- Feeding a <u>high</u> compared with a <u>controlled</u> energy dry diet was associated with:
 - Effect on blood glucose and pancreatic hormone concentrations, especially early postpartum
 - No effect on glucose clearance or insulin response as assessed by IVGTT
 - Increased NEFA concentrations —> increased lipolysis
 - Increased concentrations of BHBA postpartum

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Cause(s) of change in resting glucose concentration postpartum ?



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MILK AND ECM YIELD



Tx*Time *P*=0.31, Tx *P*=0.98, Time P < 0.001

Tx*Time *P*=0.92, Tx *P*=0.48, Time P < 0.001

LACTOSE YIELD AND CONCENTRATION



Tx*Time *P*=0.88, Tx *P*=0.53, Time P < 0.001

GLUCOSE CURVES IVGTT



INSULIN CURVES IVGTT



NEFA REDUCTION IVGTT



DIET COMPOSITION AND PREDICTED INTAKE (KG DM)

Corn silage	3.6	Corn silage	5.8	Corn silage	8.2
Wheat straw	4.6	Wheat straw	3.3	Wheat straw	1.8
Concentrate (C)	4.6	Concentrate (C) (H)	2.5 2.2	Concentrate (H)	4.6
Total	12.8	Total	13.8	Total	14.6
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HYPERKETONEMIA

Number of positive episodes by 21 DIM



CLINICAL KETOSIS

Clinical ketosis cases = [BHBA]≥ 2.5 mmol/L







DRY MATTER INTAKE



MOLAR INSULIN: GLUCAGON RATIO

Day 4 postpartum:

	C (n=19)	l (n=19)	H (n=19)	Ρ
I:G ratio	0.30 ^a	0.40 ^a	0.13 ^b	0.02
(95% CI)	(0.20-0.50)	(0.20-0.70)	(0.10-0.20)	

Row means with different letters showed *P*<0.10 in one-way ANOVA and post-hoc Tukey's HSD

NEFA AUC



ENERGY BALANCE PREPARTUM

EBAL prepartum CNCPS



ENERGY BALANCE POSTPARTUM

EBAL postpartum CNCPS



NEFA AND BHBA POSTPARTUM



Tx*Time *p*=0.36, Tx *p*=0.04

NEFA AND BHBA PREPARTUM



BHBA prepartum

Tx*Time *p*=0.03, Tx *p*=0.001

Tx*Time *p*=0.03, Tx *p*=0.04