

# Feeding and Energy Efficiency MIR (FeMIR) Report - the new MIR advisory tool

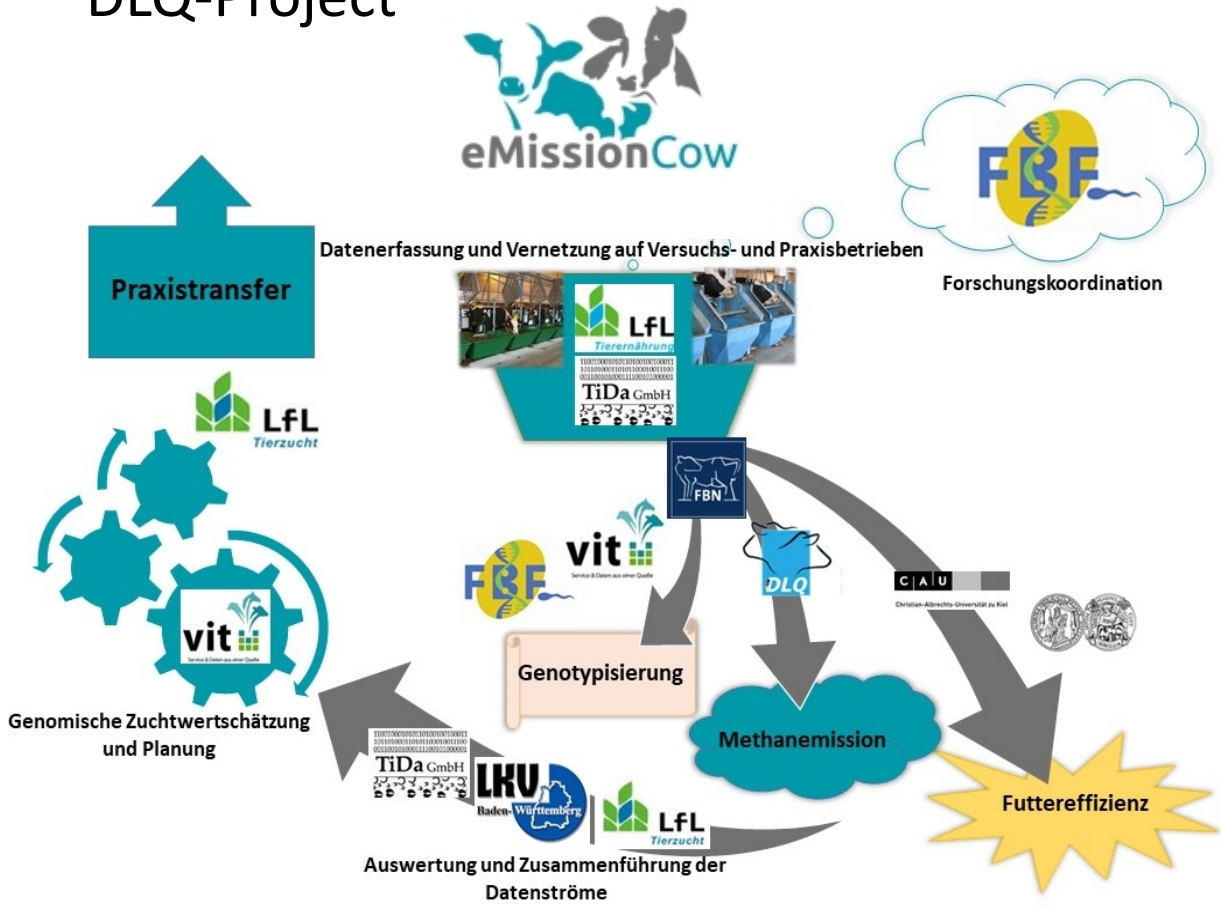
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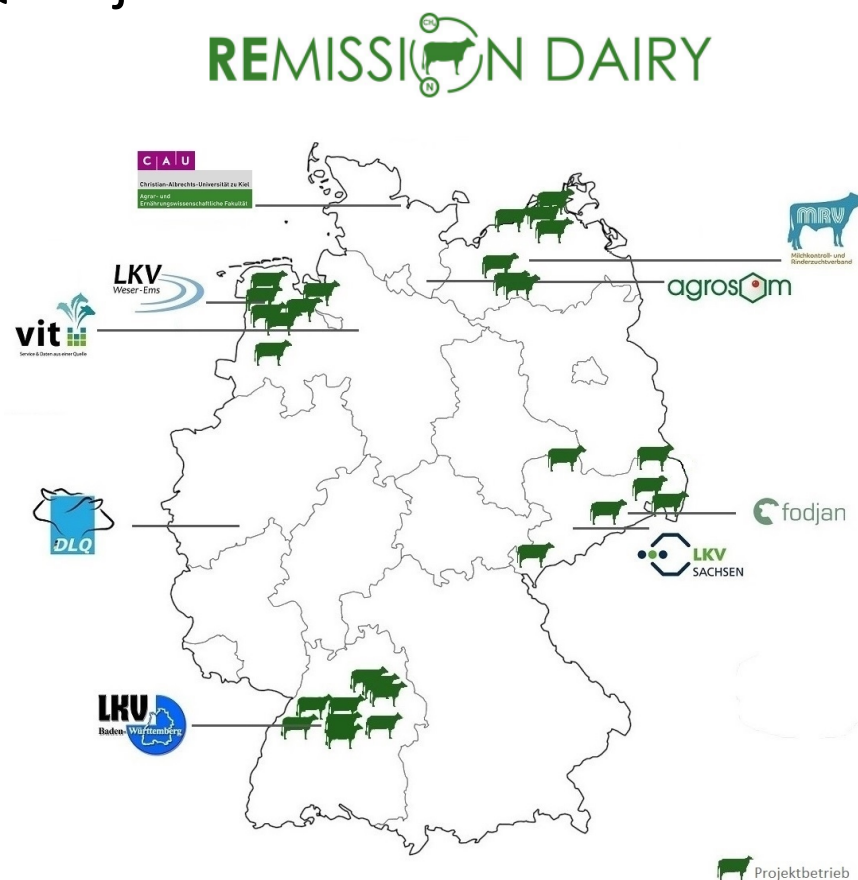
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DLQ-Project



Methane emission and feed efficiency at individual animal level

## DLQ-Project



Methane emission  
and feed efficiency in  
feeding advice

## Milk analysis using mid-infrared spectra (MIR)



Fig.1: Milk Sample

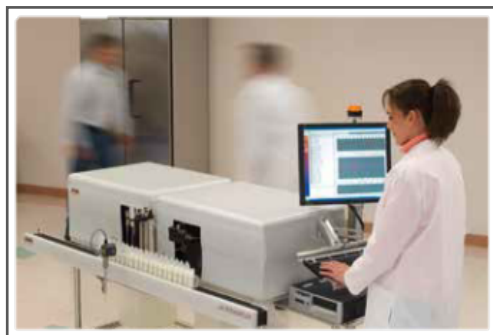


Fig.2: Bentley FTS-Milk Analysis Instrument  
(Source: Bentley-Instruments)

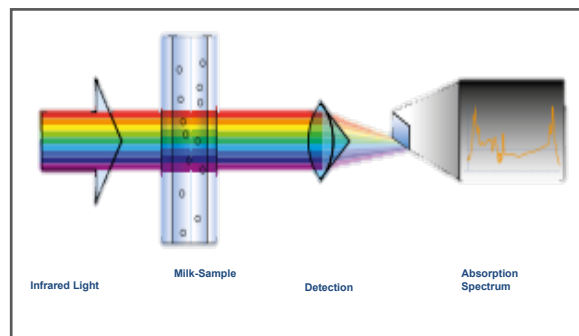


Fig.3: Infrared analysis of milk Scheme  
(Photo: Bentley-Instruments)

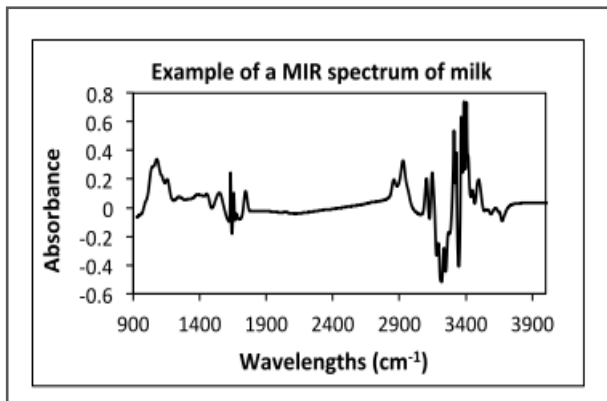


Fig.4: Typical Milk MIR- Absorption Spectrum (Source: OptiMIR)

### Main components:

Fat, protein, lactose, urea ...

### Fine components:

Fatty acids, minerals, Lactoferrin, BHB, acetone ...

### Complex components:

Energy Deficit / Ketosis, Mastitis, CH<sub>4</sub>, Pregnancy ...

# Milk-MIR-Models: Energy Balance – Feed/Energy Efficiency - Methan-Emission

## Energy Balance (EB): optiKuh/DLQ - (L. Dale 2019)

Milk Biomarker	Unit	#LV	$\phi$	SD	SEC	R <sup>2</sup> c	SECV	R <sup>2</sup> cv	RPDcv	Use
EB – NEL*	[MJ/d]	12	2.47	17.29	8.27	0.75	8.27	0.75	2.001	0
EB – ME**	[MJ/d]	12	0.08	23.54	8.99	0.85	8.94	0.85	2.580	0

## Feed/Energy Efficiency (FE) (EE): optiKuh/eMissionCow/DLQ - (L. Dale 2021)

Milch Biomarker	Unit	#LV	$\phi$	SD	SEC	R <sup>2</sup> c	SECV	R <sup>2</sup> cv	RPDcv	Use
EE – NEL*	[MJ/ECM]	7	4.69	0.62	0.27	0.81	0.28	0.81	2.271	0
EE – ME**	[MJ/ECM]	7	7.67	1.03	0.39	0.86	0.39	0.91	2.669	0
FE	[ECM/DM kg]	10	1.55	0.25	0.09	0.90	0.08	0.89	3.131	+

## Methane Emission: eMissionCow/DLQ - (Vanlierde A. et al. 2019. L. Dale)

Phenotypes	Unit	#LV	$\phi$	SD	SEC	R <sup>2</sup> c	SECV	R <sup>2</sup> cv	RPDcv	Use
Methane Emission	[g/d]	10	1089	102	58	0.68	61	0.64	1.7	-
GLMNET- Methane Emission	[g/d]	12	1266	97	50	0.73	54	0.69	1.8	-



# New applications for the farmer and consultant

## Feed/Energy Efficiency - Report



### FeMIR

Feed Efficiency

Energie Efficiency

Fatty acids

Energie Balance

N - Efficiency

Methane



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## Feed/Energy Efficiency - Report

### FE-MIR - Mittelwerte Berateransicht

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KM (KetoMIR): Anteile der Ketosis-Gefährdungsklassen (KM2) = gefährdet < 20% (KM3) = stark gefährdet < 5%

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1-120	F	10	1	66	25.2	26.0	4.32	3.34	19	5.00	73	1.30	22	40	34	5	0.230	113	1.75	16	10	0
121-240	F	9	1	197	24.7	26.5	4.41	3.80	18	4.84	125	1.16	24	35	29	9	0.190	142	1.33	16		
>240	F	14	1	286	21.3	22.8	4.45	3.80	16	4.92	115	1.17	23	38	29	6	0.190	120	1.36	19		
1-120	K	21	4	58	34.1	35.1	4.30	3.28	17	4.90	192	1.32	21	44	36	-9	0.240	146	1.86	12	28.6	4.8
121-240	K	20	3	181	29.2	31.0	4.41	3.69	18	4.74	419	1.20	24	36	30	11	0.200	159	1.42	16		
>240	K	18	4	297	21.8	23.2	4.50	3.94	15	4.47	278	1.14	22	41	31	23	0.180	128	1.41	21		
alle	F	33	1	195	23.4	24.8	4.40	3.66	17	4.92	105	1.21	23	38	30	6	0.200	124	1.47	17	10	0
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# Field test phase FeMIR -report (paper) \*



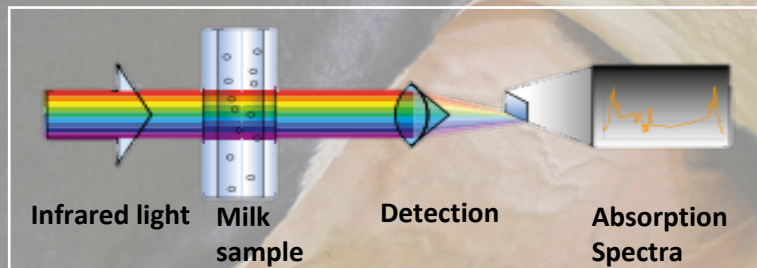
January - December 2022: 3 consultants, 4 field workers, 9 farms





- ✓ In addition to the handling and use of the report, the limits of each parameter were determined and established to be able to define an optimal framework in which a farm should be.
- ✓ At this step, the respective physical constitution of the animals, as found on site, confirmed the experts' expectations, which they had derived from the efficiency and energy parameters in the report.
- ✓ On all farms this assessment could be found, which is why the FeMIR report was also rated by all participants as a valuable and suitable management tool for feeding and monitoring the animals' metabolism.

# Online tool for monitoring the animals in the herd manager



**Systematic monitoring of  
animal metabolism via  
MIR spectral data**

**Improved feed  
management**

**Methane emission  
reduction**

**LKVBW  
Herd Manager  
Online System**

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# FE – Feed Efficiency - in the LKV Herd Manager\*



The screenshot displays the LKV Herd Manager interface. The top navigation bar includes the LKV logo, a user profile icon, and a 'Stoffwechsel > Effizienz > Problemerkungen > Übersicht' breadcrumb trail. The main content area is titled 'PM-Datum 11.07.2023'. It features a table of feed efficiency metrics with columns for the metric name, an 'Info' button, and two target ranges (red boxes). To the right of this table is a detailed table for 'TM-Aufnahme [kg TM]' with columns for 'TM-Aufnahme [kg TM]', 'Energieeffizienz [kg ECM/MJ NEL]', 'Stickstoffeffizienz [%]', 'CH4/ECM [g/Tag/kg]', and 'CH4 [g/Tag]'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like 'Problemerkungen', 'Tierlisten', 'Tiere', 'Dateneingabe', 'Aktionslisten', 'Auswertungen', 'Q Check', 'Eutergesundheit', 'Fruchtbarkeit', 'Stoffwechsel', 'Kälbergesundheit', 'Klauengesundheit', 'Diagnosen', and 'Einstellungen'.

Metric	Info	Target 1	Target 2
Energiebilanz [MJ]		< -30	> 40
FS neugebildet [%]	Info	< 20	
FS Körperfettabbau [%]	Info	> 50	
Futtereffizienz [kg ECM/kg TM]	Info	< 1.2	> 1.8
Energieaufnahme [MJ NEL]		< 80	> 180
TM-Aufnahme [kg TM]		< 5	> 30
Energieeffizienz [kg ECM/MJ NEL]	Info	< 0.12	> 0.36
Stickstoffeffizienz [%]	Info	< 30	
CH4/ECM [g/Tag/kg]	Info	< 10	

TM-Aufnahme [kg TM]	Energieeffizienz [kg ECM/MJ NEL]	Stickstoffeffizienz [%]	CH4/ECM [g/Tag/kg]	CH4 [g/Tag]
16	0.21		18	471
19	0.19		15	402
19	0.18		14	350
24	0.21		13	475
24	0.20		13	438
20	0.18		15	396
19	0.19		15	404
23	0.20		13	446
22	0.20		14	438

\* The LKV herd manager is developed within the RDV cooperation and is in use at every RDV partner - FeMIR could be used for all RDV cows in the future (approx. 2.3 mio.)

- Is the ratio of the amount of milk produced (kg ECM) to the amount of feed consumed (kg DM).
- Provides information on the conversion of the ingested feed quantity into ECM
- Method to calculate the FE: 
$$FE = \frac{\text{ECM kg cow/day}}{\text{kg DMI cow/day}}$$
- Warning values: < 1,2 to > 1,8 (kg ECM/kg DMI)

➔ Estimated from milk spectral data, allows for group-level interpretation to finer screening



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1-120	F	13	1	69	27,2	25	3,89	3,35	4,87	22	0,0	0,0	1,64	1,87	1,86	1,90	1,76	2,13	1,51	1,67	1,77	1,74	1,60	
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> 240	F	7	1	289	22,2	24	4,62	3,83	4,81	17	0,0	0,0	1,30	1,29	1,32	1,36	1,41	1,41	1,44	1,56	1,70	1,69	1,87	
1-120	K	32	4	72	41,3	38	3,50	3,30	4,82	19	3,1	3,1	1,61	1,78	1,90	1,86	1,28	1,29	1,33	1,37	1,49	1,42	1,51	1,62
121-240	K	30	4	176	35,6	33	3,65	3,39	4,76	19	0,0	0,0	1,47	1,51	1,57	1,67	1,67	1,69	1,51	1,39	1,38	1,38	1,42	1,52
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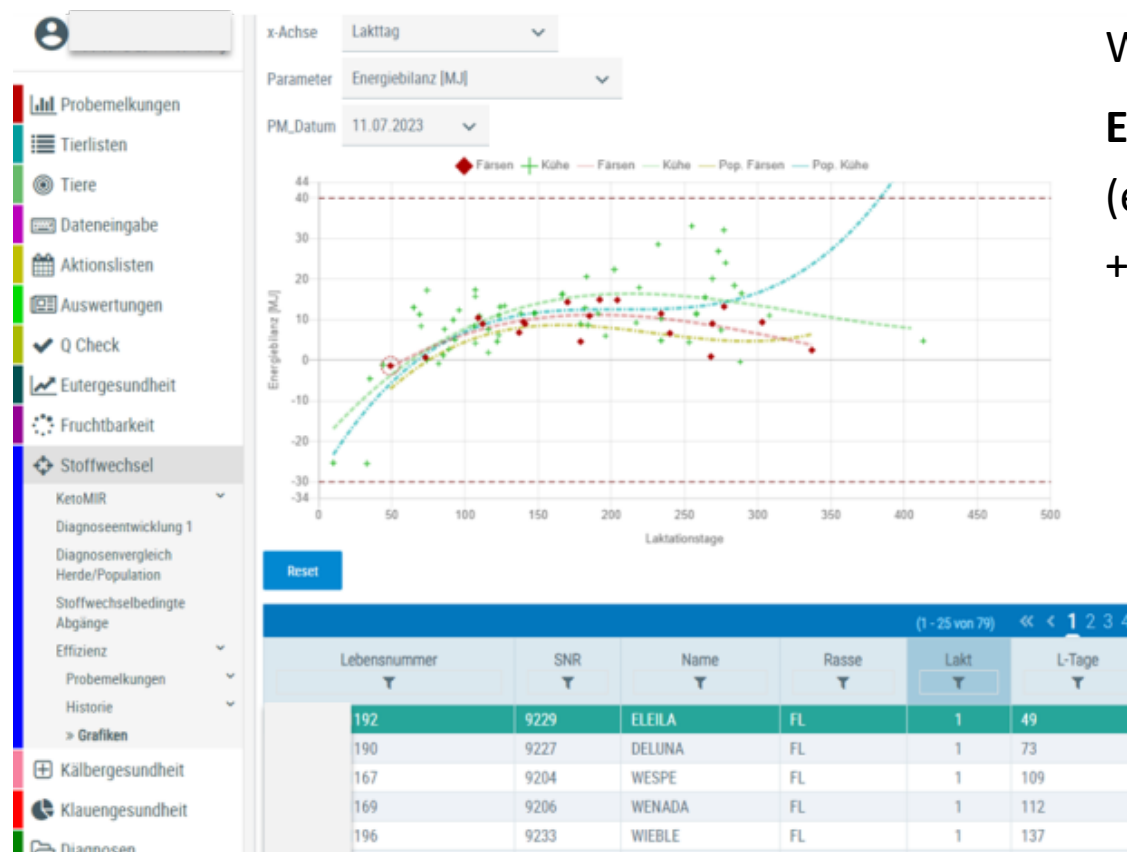


- Low values when cows do not sufficiently convert the feed they consume into milk.
  - ✓ Consequence: fatty degeneration of the cow or alternative use of energy in the body.
- High values, when cows take in too little feed and break down body substance.
  - ✓ Consequence: Weight loss of the cow or alternative use of energy in the body.
- Factors influencing too low / too high energy efficiency
  - ✓ Milk quantity
  - ✓ Persistence
  - ✓ No optimal feed intake:
    - i. feed table condition
    - ii. animal feeding ratio
    - iii. feed availability
    - iv. feed quality

# Energy Balance - in the LKV Herd Manager

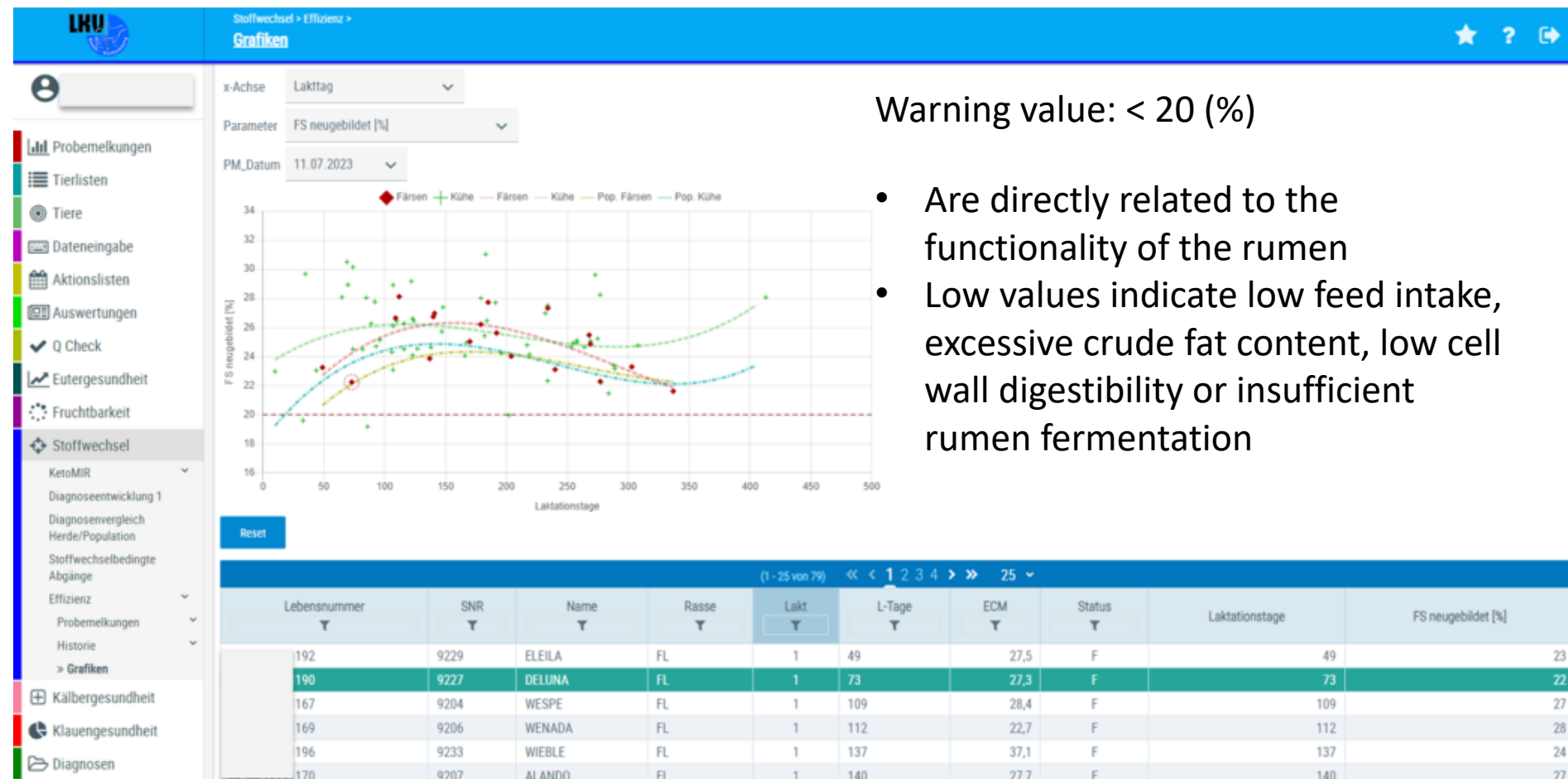
Warning value: < -30 to > 40 (MJ NEL/d)

**Energy Balance** = Energy Intake –  
(energy required for body maintenance  
+ production and gestation)





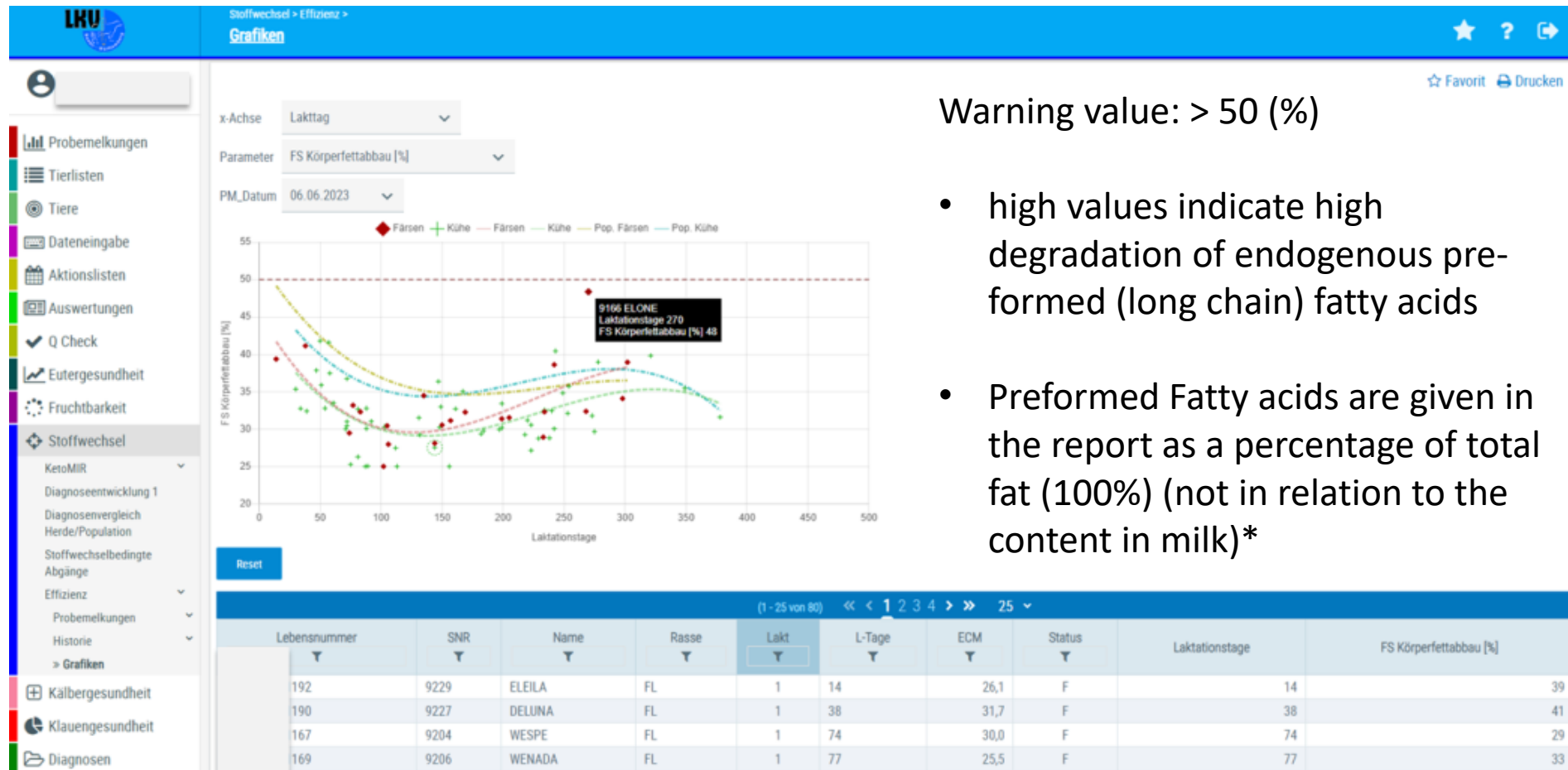
# DeNovo FA - in the LKV Herd Manager



Warning value: < 20 (%)

- Are directly related to the functionality of the rumen
- Low values indicate low feed intake, excessive crude fat content, low cell wall digestibility or insufficient rumen fermentation

# Preformed FA - in the LKV Herd Manager

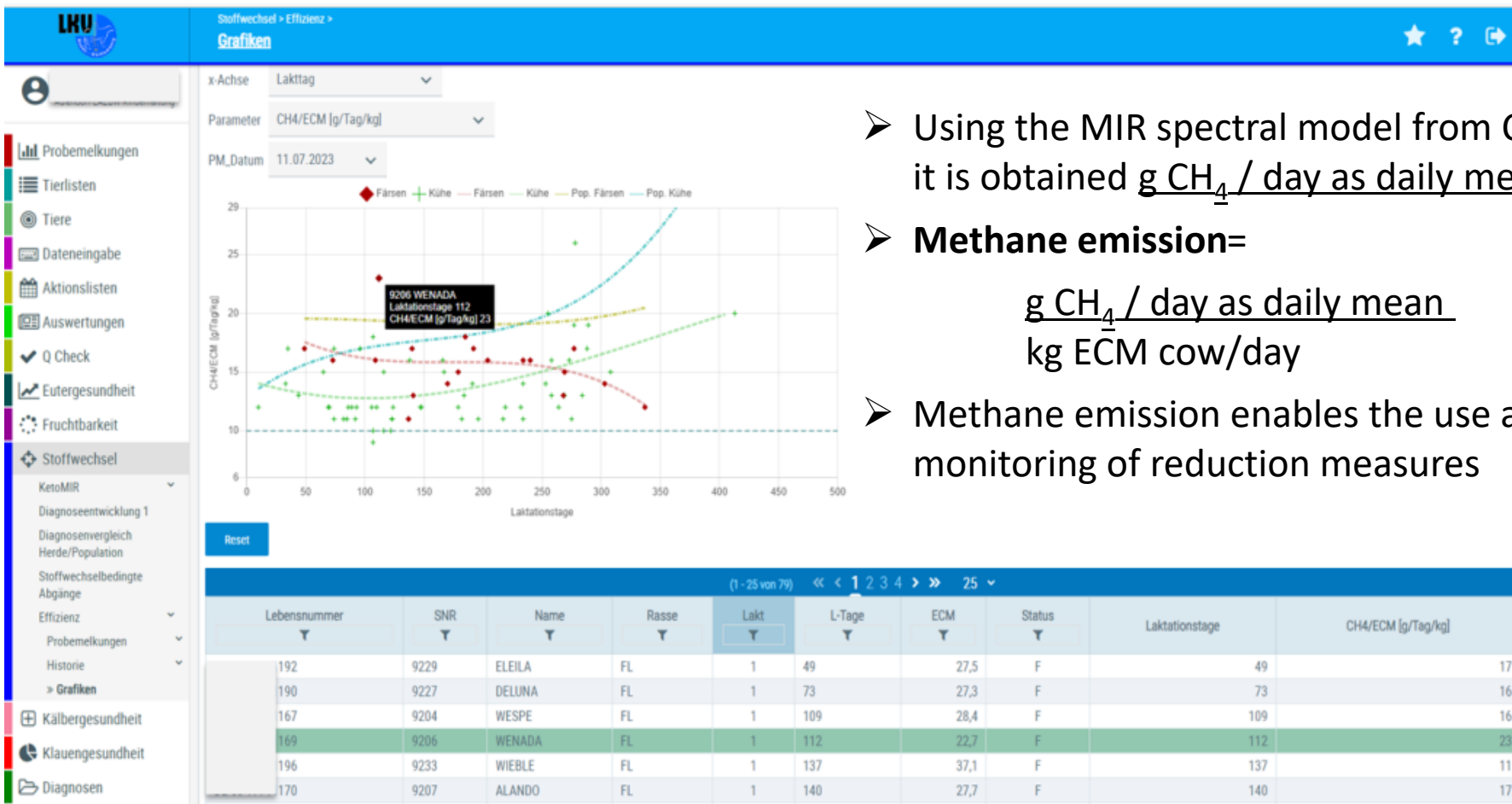


Warning value: > 50 (%)

- high values indicate high degradation of endogenous preformed (long chain) fatty acids
- Preformed Fatty acids are given in the report as a percentage of total fat (100%) (not in relation to the content in milk)\*

\*Barbano, 2019 New milk mid-FTIR metrisch for dairy cattle management. DLQ-Milch bietet mehr!

# Methane/ECM - in the LKV Herd Manager\*



- Using the MIR spectral model from CRA-W it is obtained  $\text{g CH}_4 / \text{day}$  as daily mean
- **Methane emission=**  
 $\frac{\text{g CH}_4 / \text{day as daily mean}}{\text{kg ECM cow/day}}$
- Methane emission enables the use and monitoring of reduction measures

## Further action in Baden-Württemberg:

- Implementation of continuous training
- Preparation of leaflets
- Producing of short videos

## Outlook for RDV Partners

- Adoption of FeMIR formulas
  - [ReMissionDairy \(remission-dairy.de\)](https://remission-dairy.de)
  - [Fütterungsmonitoring – Die Milchkontrolle - Infothek \(die-milchkontrolle.de\)](https://die-milchkontrolle.de)
- Adoption in Herd Manager of Efficiency Tool



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Thank you for your attention

