

Analysis of antioxidant activity in bovine milk to valorize its nutraceutical properties

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State of the art of the antioxidant activity

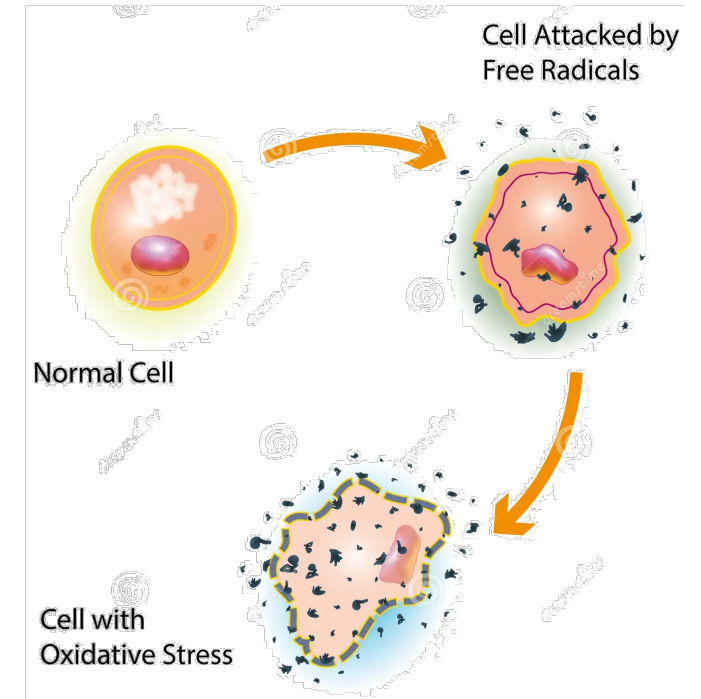


The antioxidant activity is:

- Enzymatic
- Non-enzymatic

Non-enzymatic defence systems include:

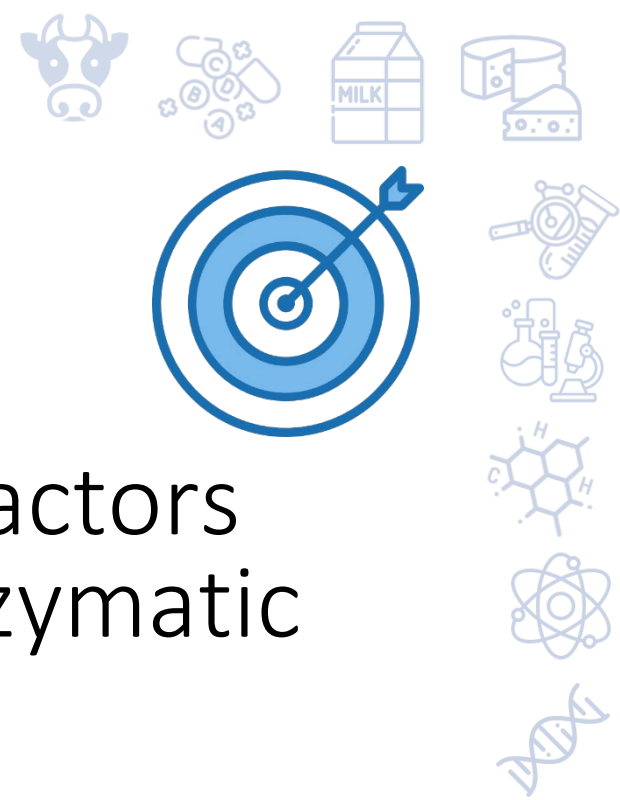
- scavenger antioxidants (vitamin C, E and coenzyme Q10)
- proteins that act as anti-oxidants by binding Reacting Oxygen Species (ROS) and Reactive Nitrogen Species (RNS)



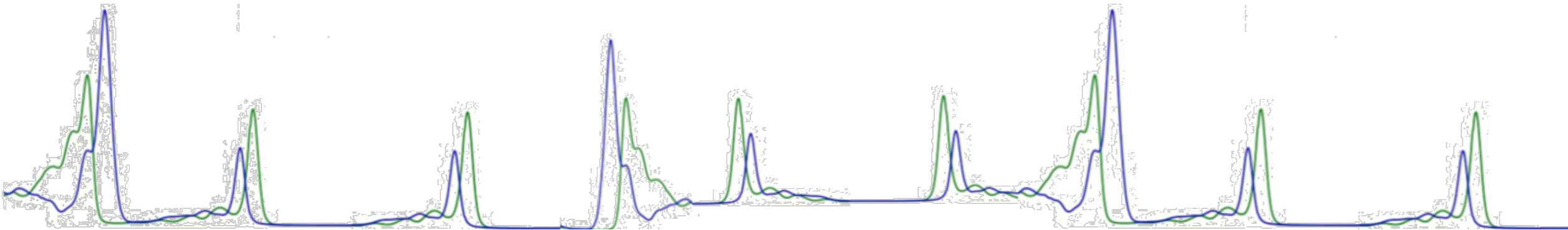
Knowledge gap



1. Several methods of analysis
2. Few samples
3. How environmental and animal related factors affect the variability of milk antioxidant activity



Analyze **environmental** and **animal** factors affecting the variability of the non-enzymatic antioxidant activity





The GeneToCheese project:

- **Area:** Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Tuscany (Italy)
- **Dataset cows:** 1,060 Brown Swiss cows
- **Herds:** 53 farms (20 cows/herd)

Data:

Sampling period: February 2021 to April 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

- **Altitude:** Mountain, hill, plain
- **THI:** Temperature and humidity
- **Ventilation:** Yes/No
- **Feeding:** →



Total Mixed Ration



Dry TMR



Conventional

ANIMAL FACTORS

DIM: Days in milk

Parity

DMY: Daily Milk Yield





Non-enzymatic antioxidant activity by FRAP and DPPH essays

(Spectrophotometer, Helios alpha)



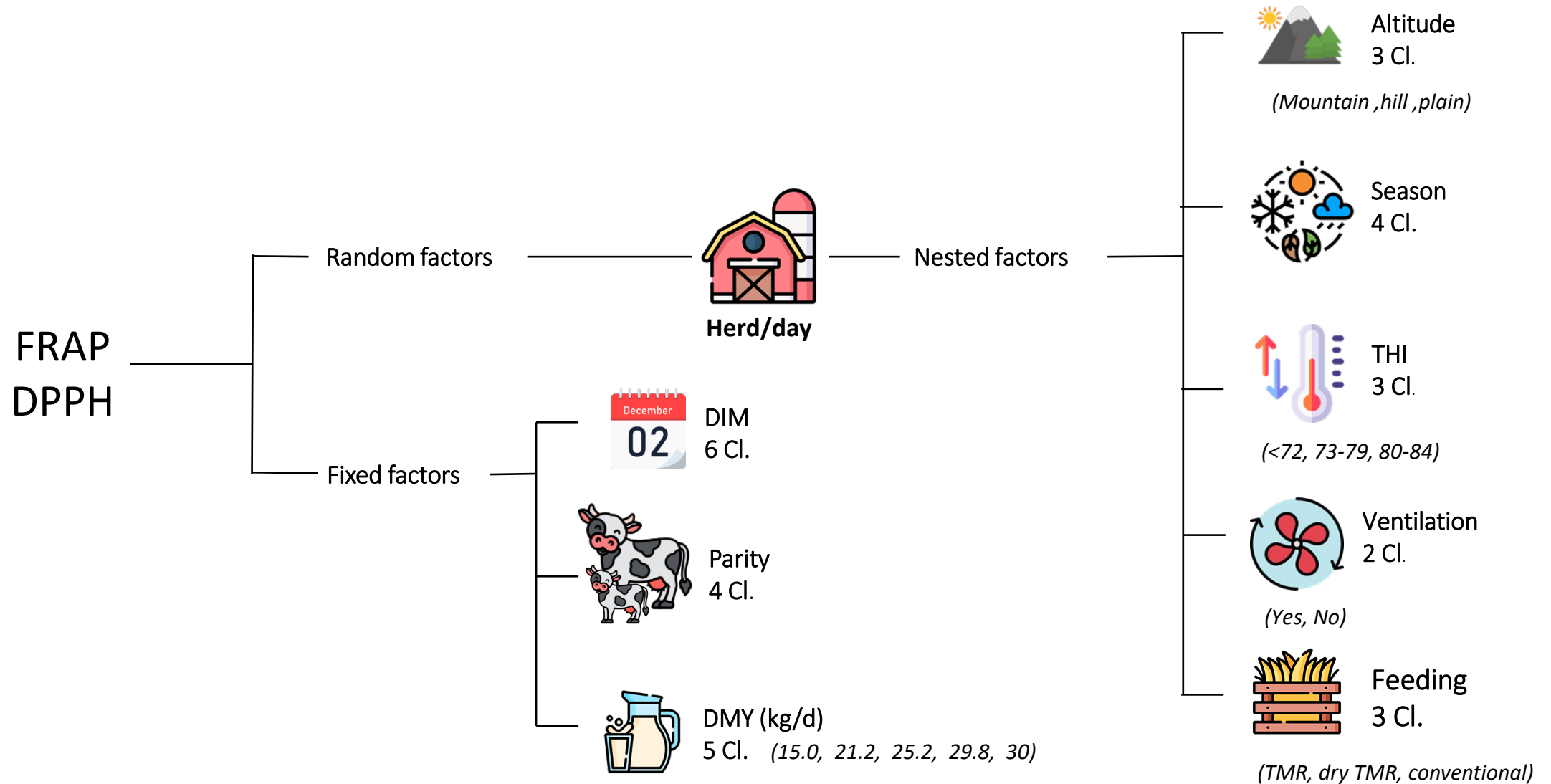
FRAP (*Ferric reducing antioxidant power*) tests:

- Reduction of Fe^{3+} to Fe^{2+} (from yellow to blue) for Fe^{3+} and Fe^{2+}
 - Absorbance was measured at 593 nm
- Unit of measurement: μM eq. Ascorbic acid/ mL of milk



DPPH (*2,2-diphenyl-1-picryl-hydrazyl-hydrate*) tests:

- Reaction is the transfer of an H/ electron with the disappearance of the radical (DPPH deep purple color)
 - Absorbance was measured at 515 nm
- Unit of measurement: % inhibition calculated from a blank sample



RESULTS



Descriptive statistics and ANOVA

	Mean±SD	CV, %
FRAP	2.2±0.48	22
DPPH	59.7±2.6	4

FRAP: expressed in μM eq. Ascorbic acid/mL of milk
DPPH: expressed in %inhibition

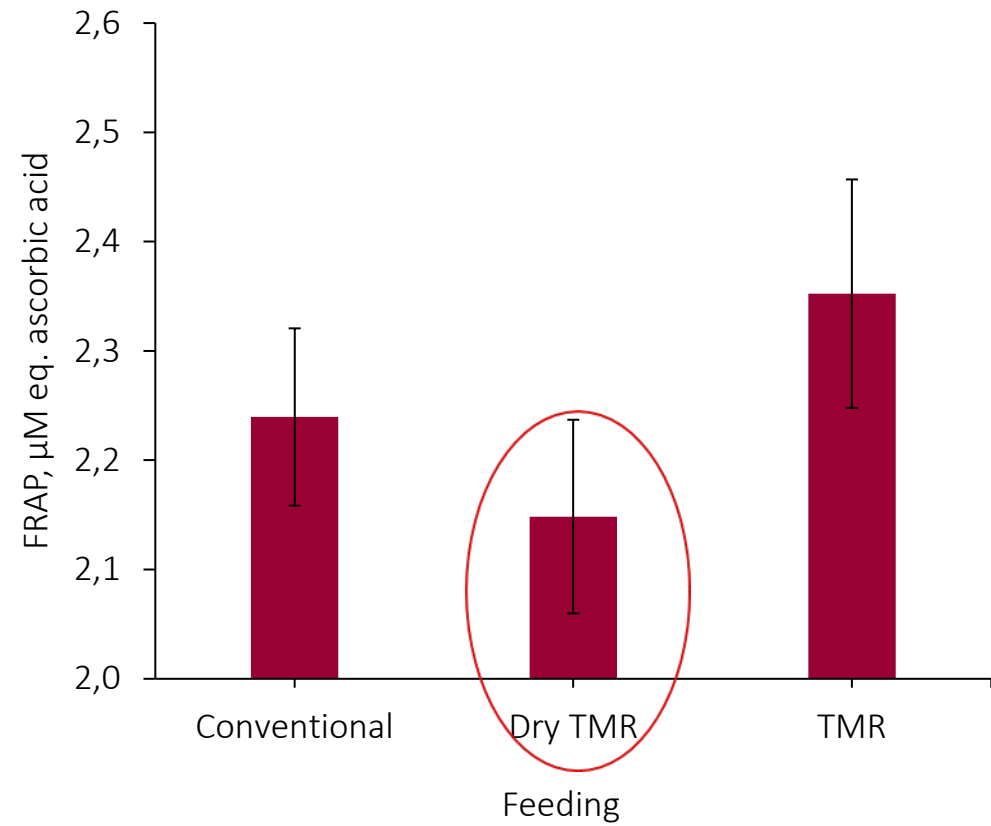
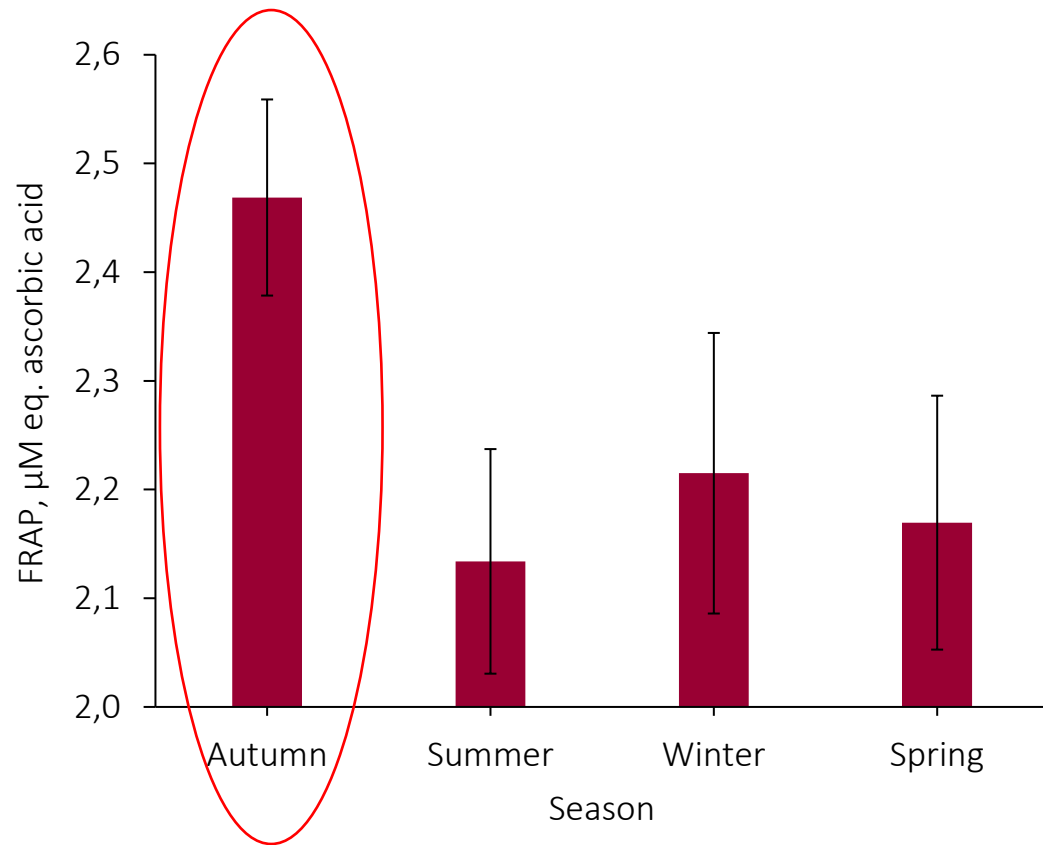
Analysis of Variance

	Environmental effects					Animal effects		
	THI	Altitude	Season	Feeding	Ventilation	DIM	Parity	DMY
FRAP	0.19	2.02	5.37**	2.52 ·	0.81	1.69	2.91*	5.32***
DPPH	1.07	1.41	1.76	1.94	4.05 ·	2.32*	3.15*	0.31

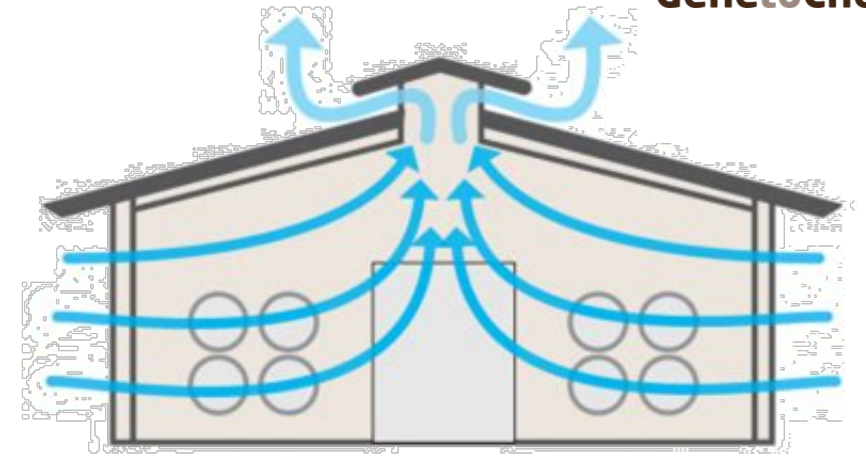
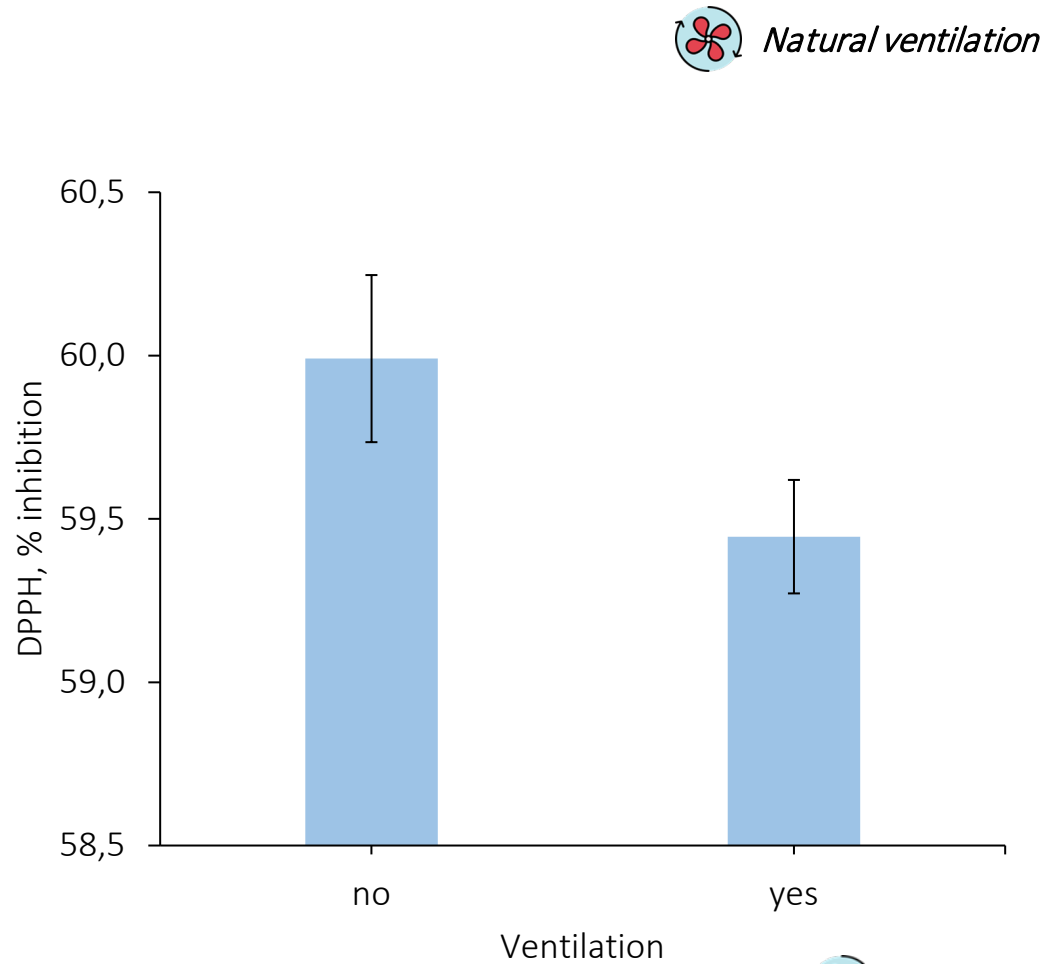
*P <0.05; ** P <0.01; *** P <0.001; ·P<0.05



Environmental effects: Season and Feeding



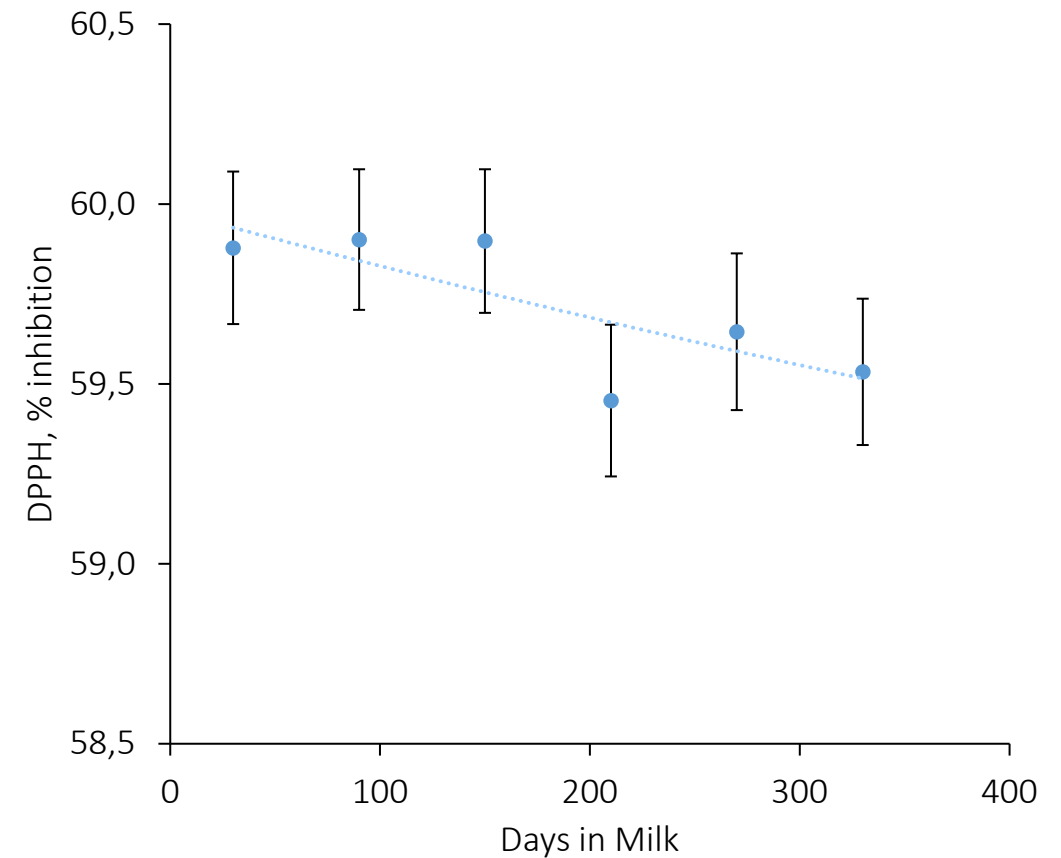
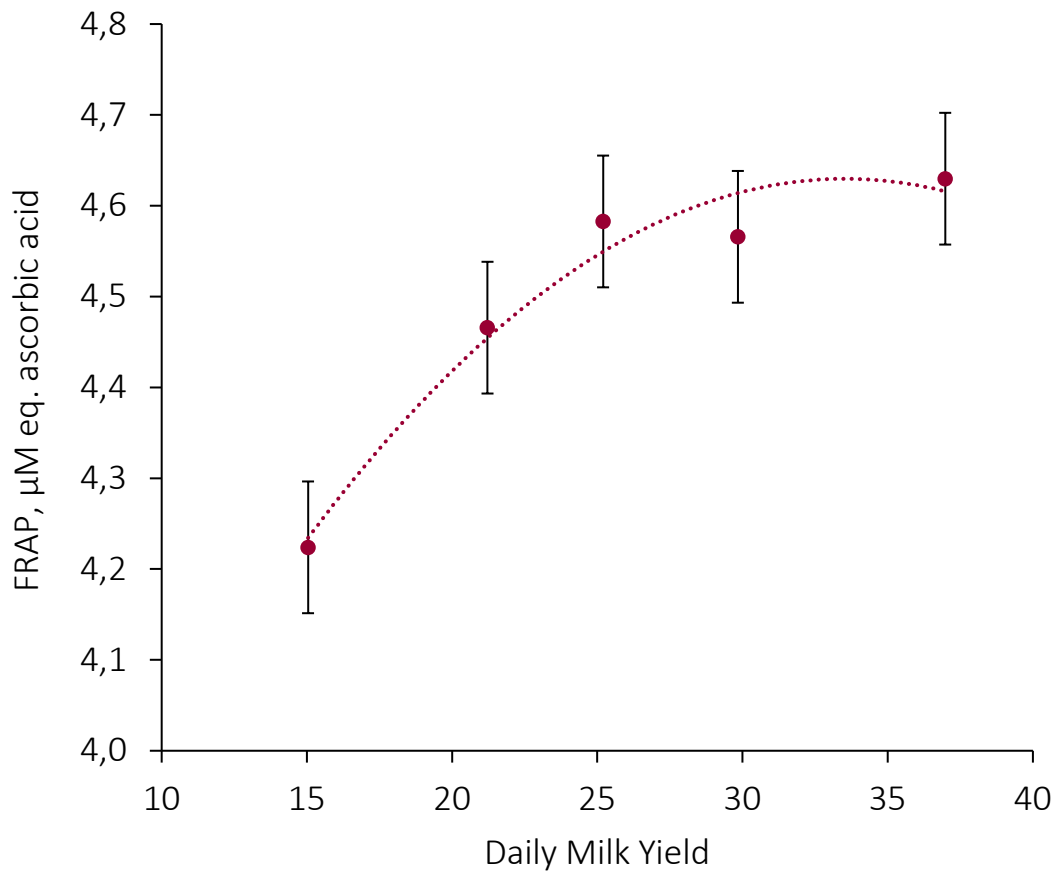
Environmental effect: Ventilation



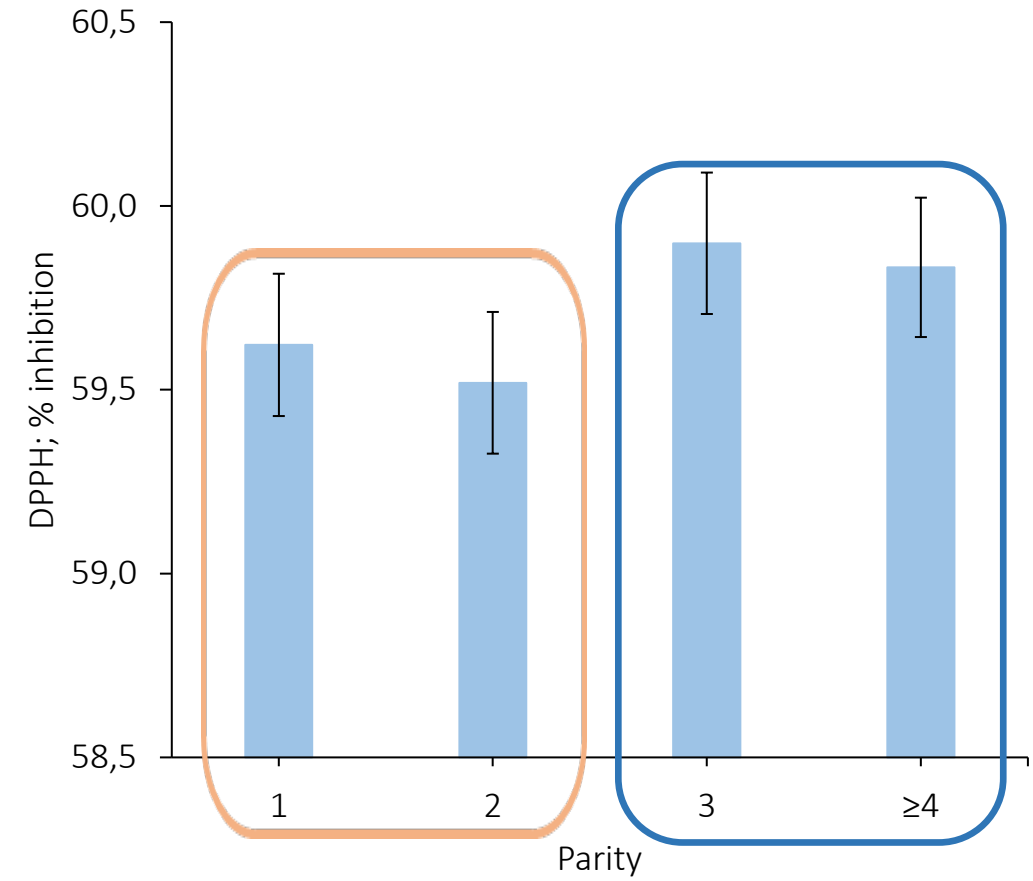
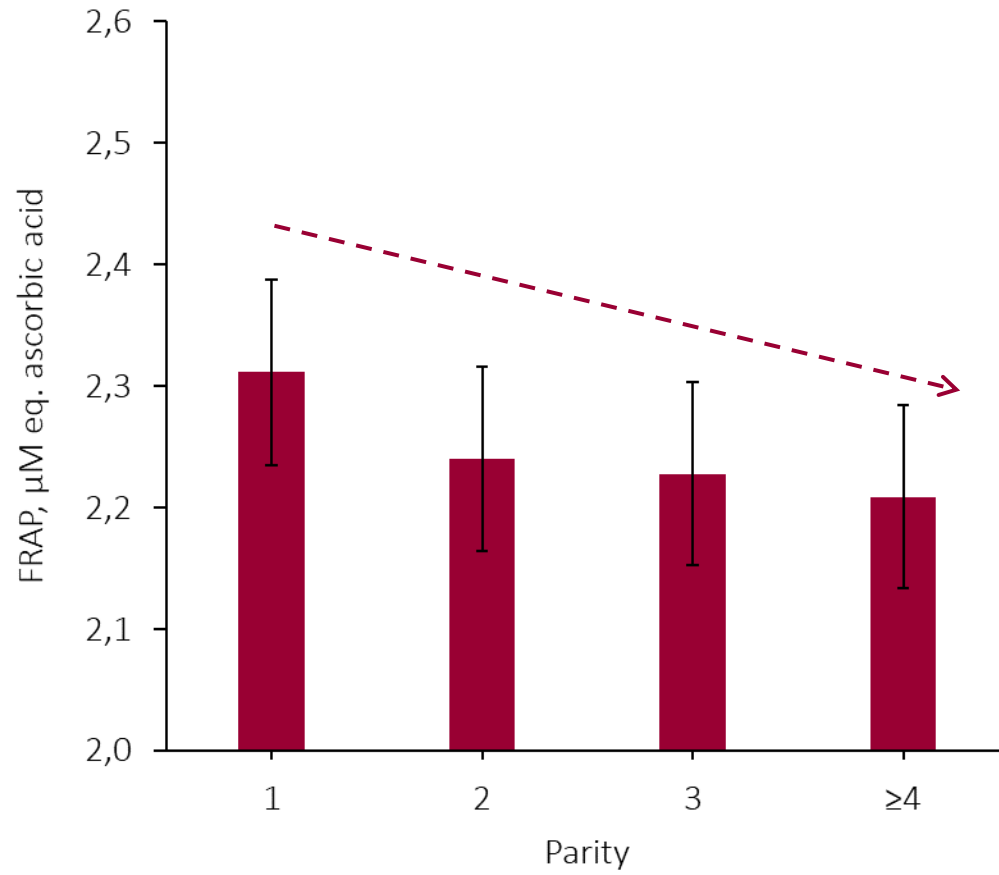
 *Forced ventilation*



Animal effects: Daily Milk Yield and Days in Milk



Animal effect: Parity



Conclusions

Use of complementary methods

Environment



Animal factors



Affect differently FRAP
and DPPH



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...& Prospects

- Milk valorization
- Integration of new methods to investigate the variability of antioxidant activity

Thank you for your attention!

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Temperature Humidity Index (THI)

The following formula is used to calculate the THI index:

$$\text{THI} = (0.8 * T_a) + [U_r * (T_a - 14.4)] + 46.4$$

T_a = air temperature (°C)

U_r = relative humidity (%)

Temperature		% Relative Humidity																		
°F	°C	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
72	22.0	64	65	65	65	66	66	67	67	67	68	68	69	69	69	70	70	70	71	71
73	23.0	65	65	66	66	66	67	67	68	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	71	72	72
74	23.5	65	66	66	67	67	67	68	68	69	69	70	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73
75	24.0	66	66	67	67	68	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73	74	74
76	24.5	66	67	67	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73	74	74	75	75
77	25.0	67	67	68	68	69	69	70	70	71	71	72	72	73	73	74	74	75	75	76
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