# New insights in dietary guidelines for Zn, Cu, and Mn in bovines

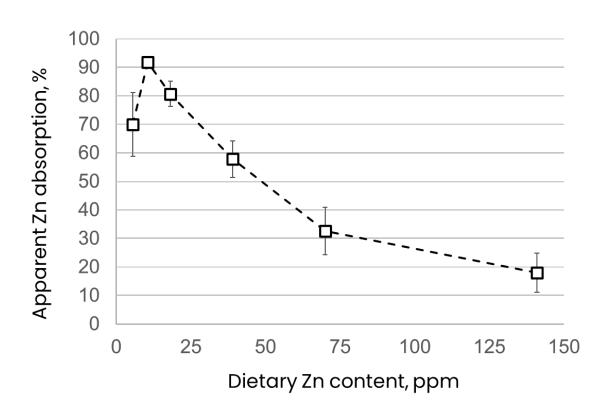
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**R&D Ruminants** 



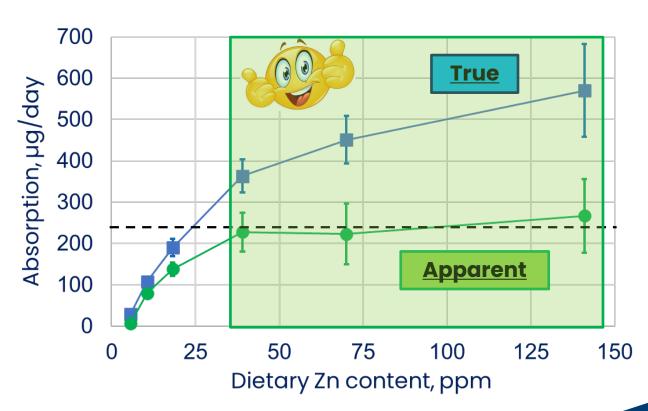
#### Key aspect of trace metal regulation





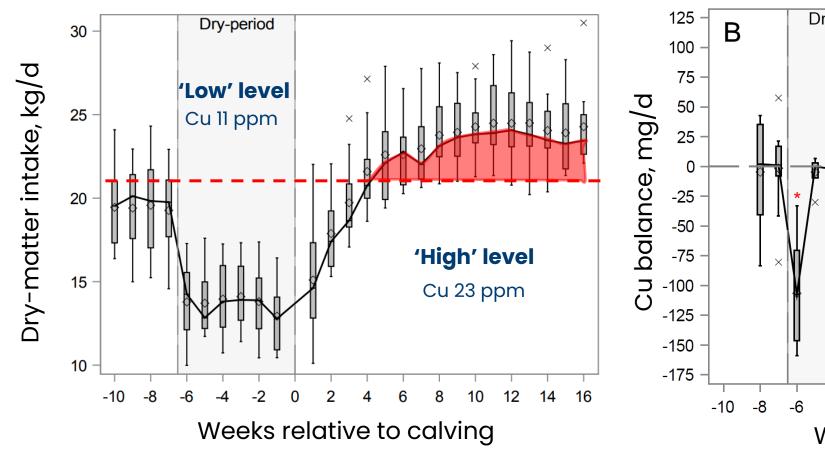


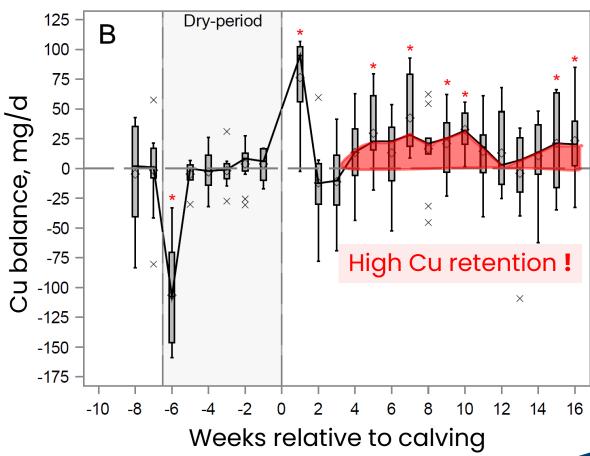
Increase fecal endogenous loss (mg/d)





#### Unexpected accumulation of trace metal in dairy cattle

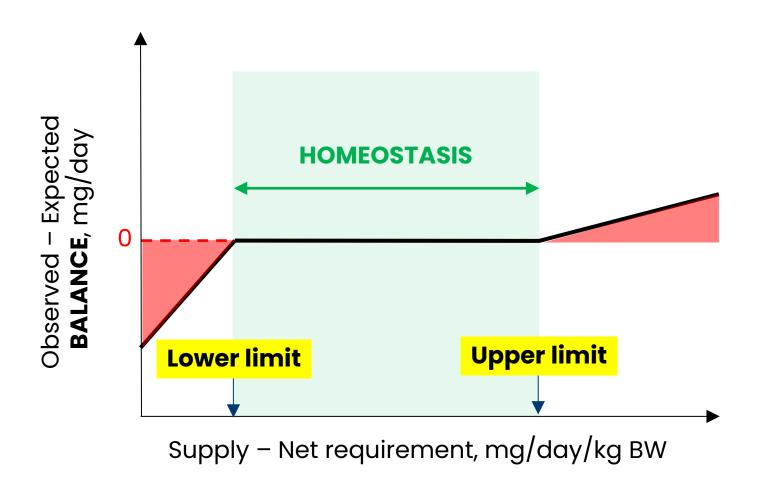




Similar observations with Zn and Mn

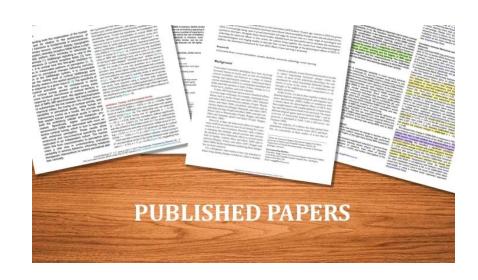


#### Defining lower and upper limits of adequacy for Cu, Zn, and Mn





#### Estimating maximal apparent absorption for LOWER LIMIT



Cu: 75 dietary treatments

**Zn**: 34 dietary treatments

**Mn**: 32 dietary treatments

#### **Eligibility of study**

Experimentally induced changes in available supply

Reported DMI and performance

Minimum duration of 50 days

#### Standard set of calculations

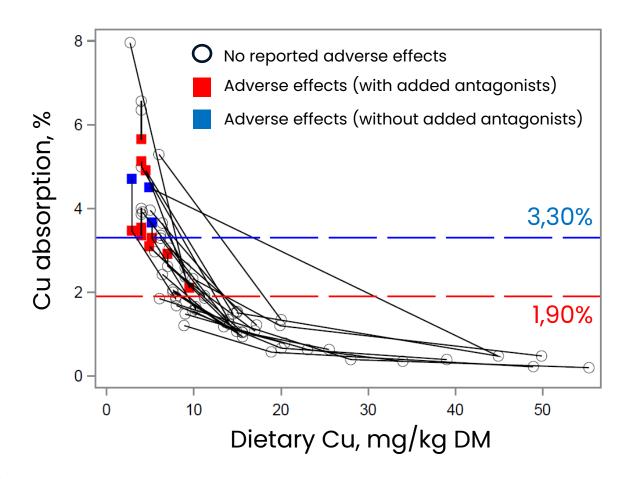
Net requirement

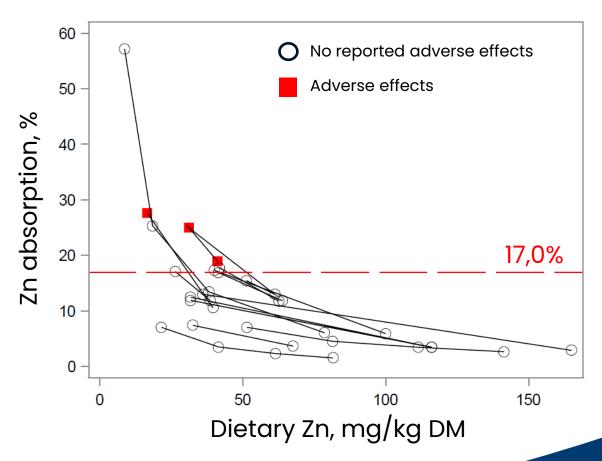
Required apparent absorption efficiency

Presence/Absence of adverse effects



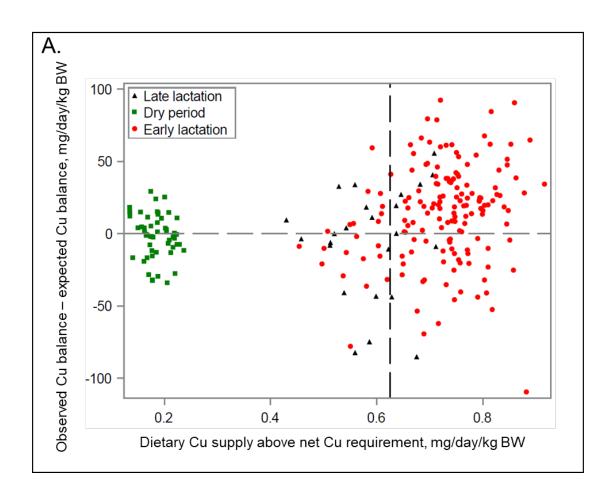
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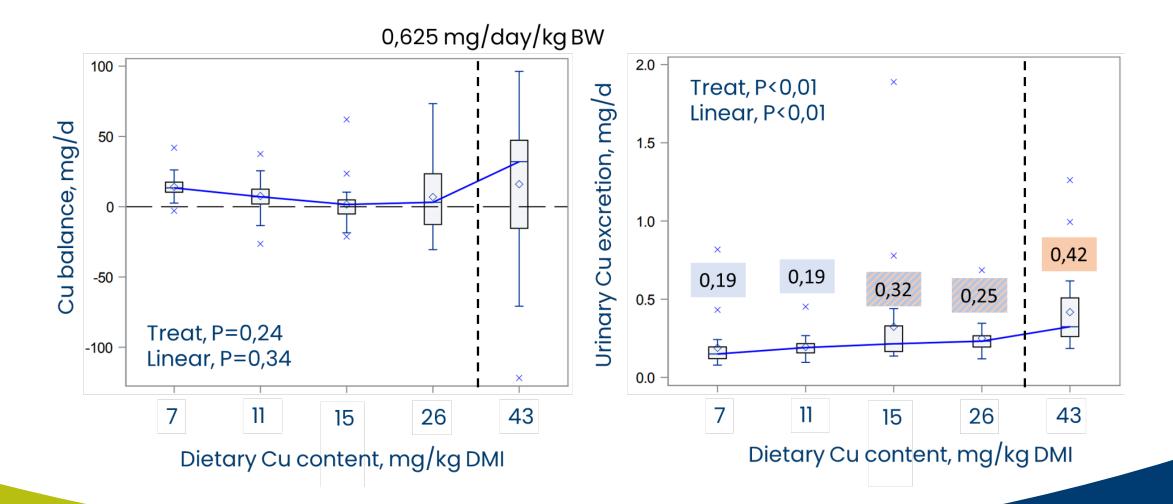


### **Estimating maximal supply for <u>UPPER LIMIT</u>**





#### Substantiation of upper limit of adequacy for Cu supply





# Novel guidelines for trace metals supplementation

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- Lower and Upper boundaries of regulation
- Quantification of probability density functions
  - For gross native supply of trace metal
  - For animal <u>net trace metal requirements</u>
- Defining confidence interval of supplementation





## Modeling variability in <u>DIET</u> trace metals composition



<b>Grass forages</b>			
Cu	12,0 ± 7,0		
Zn	$26,5 \pm 12,8$		
Mn	38,1 ± 20,8		



Corn silage		
Cu	8,1 ± 4,4	
Zn	$30,8 \pm 21,5$	
Mn	57,3 ± 40,0	



Concentrate			
Cu	8,9 ± 1,0		
Zn	$48,7 \pm 5,7$		
Mn	48,8 ± 7,8		

Adams et al., 1974 Feedipedia



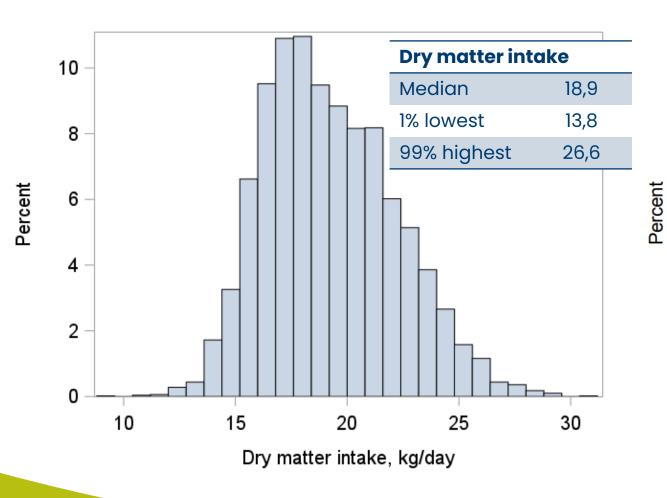


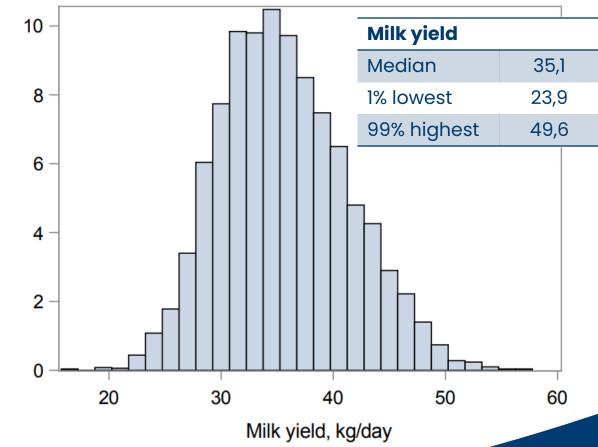




#### Modeling variability associated to **ANIMAL**

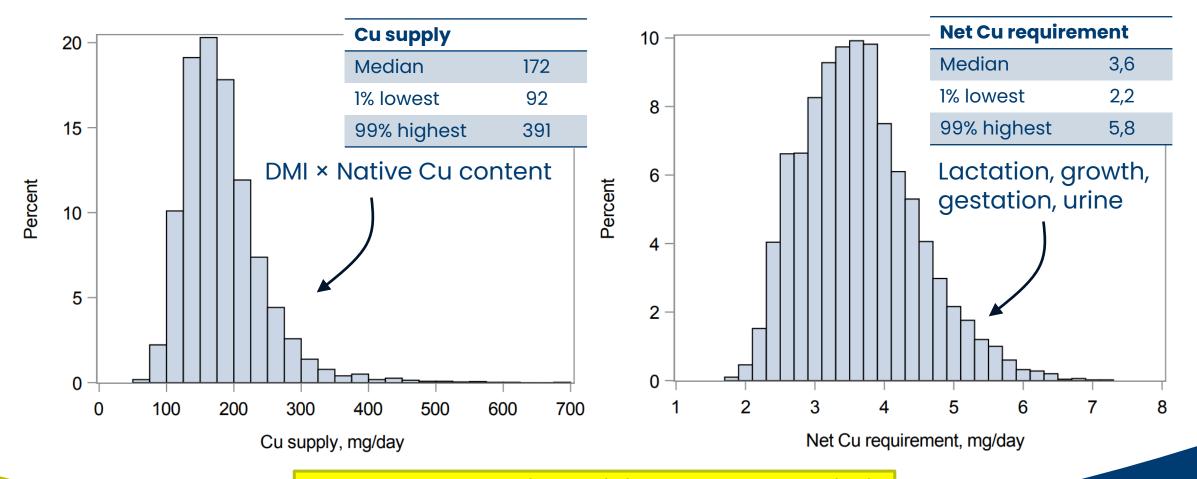








#### Modeling trace metal supply and net requirement

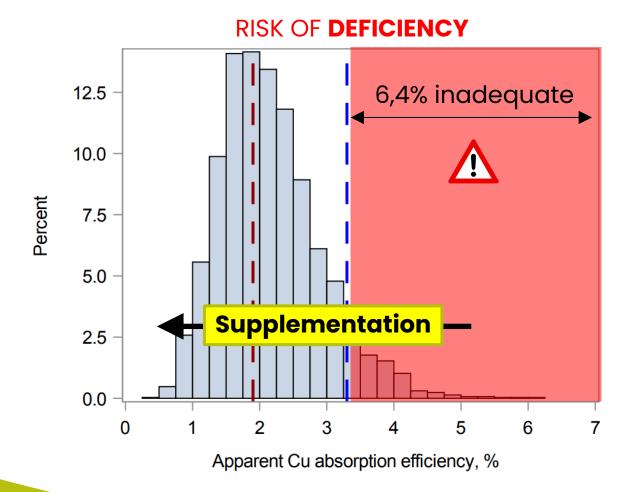


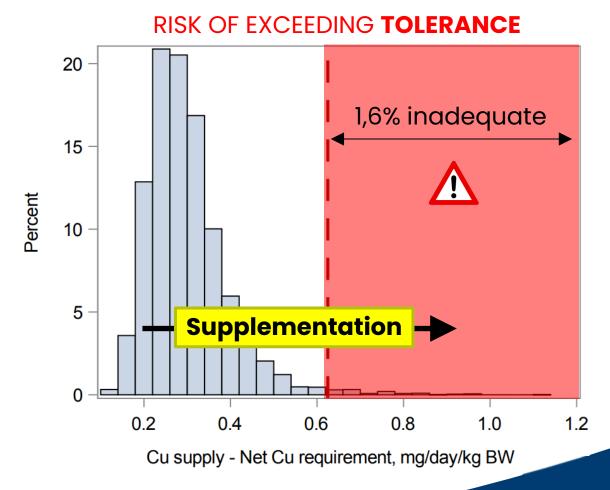
Apparent absorption efficiency for <u>LOWER</u> limit

Gross supply above net requirement for <u>UPPER</u> limit



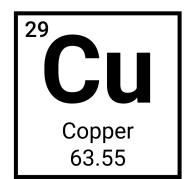
#### Impact of supplemental feeding strategy







#### Range of supplemental Cu compatible with homeostasis



#### **Boundaries of adequacy**

	LOWER limit	UPPER limit
Growing heifers (4 to 20 mo.)	2	8
Prepartum heifers (0 to -3 mo. prior to 1st calving)	5	22
Lactating cows	2	4
Dry-cows (0 to -3 mo. prior to 2 <sup>nd</sup> (or >) calving)	3	17

Less than 1% < lower limit AND less than 5% > UPPER limit



# Take home messages

- Unregulated retention of trace metals in bovines is a biological anomaly induced by supplementation practices and the high DMI of dairy cattle.
- Supplementation guidelines should consider:
  - Opportunity of UP regulation competence
  - Risk of exceeding DOWN regulation competence
- These novel guidelines confirm the value of supplementation BUT expose the potential risk of excess supplementation

