



Animal breeding and management data sets ICARDA Small Ruminant Unit sheep flock, An example of Awassi sheep selection program for milk production under dry areas condition

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ICARDA Flock

The flock serves research for feeding, grazing and evaluation of feed stuffs including the different agroindustrial byproducts





Flock management



- Ewes were always separated from rams
 - Mating 25 ewes per ram
- Feeding
 - ► The first ½ ration morning
 - Grazing till afternoon
 - The second ½ ration evening
- Wool shearing
 - Is done once in May
- Health
 - A prevention program is applied for common diseases and practices



Flock management Cont.

- Data collection started 2003 till 2011
- Average flock size 350 head
- Animal culling passed on production
 - Milk production threshold 100 kg per season after weaning
 - Ewes that do not lamb for the second time (low fertility)
 - Ewes age 6 years

In Total around 21000 entry is collected





Data Collection

Different forms to collect data were developed

- Mating records
- Animal performance records
 - Weight at mating
 - Weight at lambing
 - Weight at weaning
 - Weight at drying
- Lambing records
 - Sex
 - Lamb weight from birth till weaning (weekly)
- Milk records
 - Duration of milking
 - Milk Production (weekly from weaning till drying)
 - Milk composition (weekly from weaning till drying)

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2				Morning milk		حليب صباحي			
3				Evening milk		التاريخ حليب صباحي حليب مسائي			
4	No	Ewe No	Milk quality	Sample No	Rema				
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Data management

- All data are stored in Microsoft® Excel® format
- Different production indicators are calculated based on the raw data



Data cleaning and validation

- Animal data and recording should be in regulation with International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR)
- Entries should be checked (Below rose color entry is a problem)

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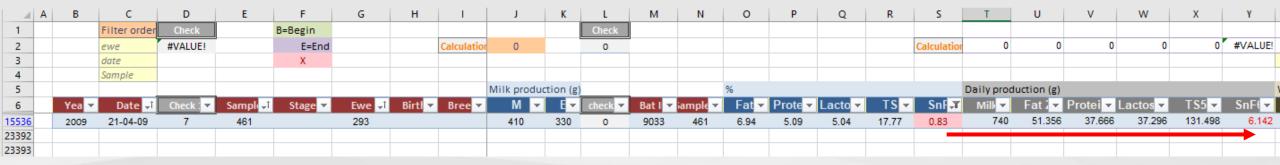


- Check for empty entries
- Zero in the data set is a number that has a meaning and can affect calculations like average
- Missing data is reflected as an empty cell in Excel®

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- Numbers are validated
- The example below shows the a wrong number under milk solids not fat (rose cell) that affect the calculation od daily production of SNF (red font). Cell should be deleted





Cleaned data

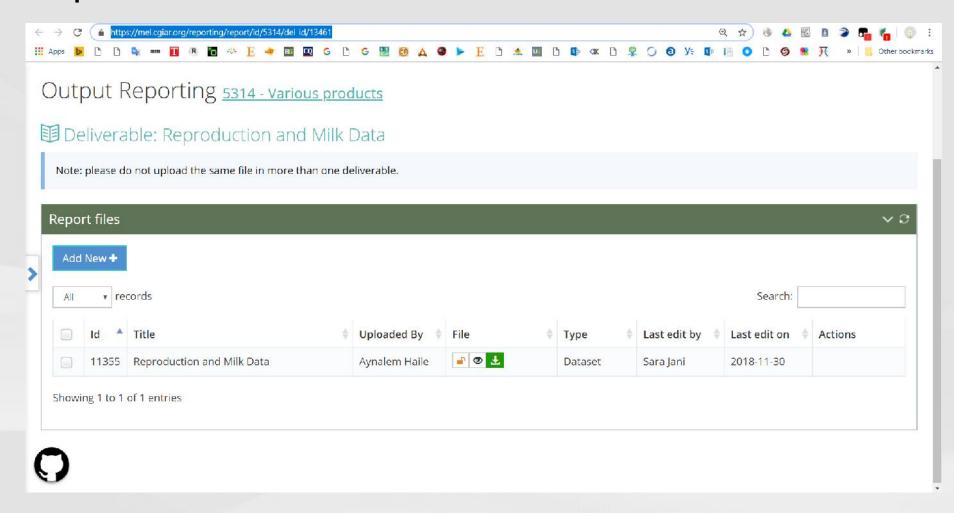
Beginning of production

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21205	22780	2011		9089	49	44.345	2.378	2.481	2.463	7.635	7.255	0.905	0.049	0.051	
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21212	22787	2011		9089	98	78.540	4.732	4.377	4.305	13.965	9.230	0.801	0.048	0.045	
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Deposit the data set

The data was uploaded to MEL





Publishing of results

- Data are statistically analyzed
- Results are discussed
- Results are presented for the scientific community by presenting in conferences or publishing a paper









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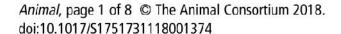


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Good practices

- Applauding data sets to the depository system
 - Generate the DOI which can be used later in publication
 - Bring more visibility to work done
 - Ensure citation of data sets particularly when is open access
- In our case this was not done due to the fact That the system was still under development
 - Awareness on this point should be discussed to be presented to the large community



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