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Differences in cow milk mid-infrared spectra collected during morning and evening milking and their implications

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- 199,288 morning spectrum
- 199,288 evening spectrum
- ■2,602 cows
- From 2016 to 2020
- •7 Teagasc research farms





Red = Morning Blue = Evening

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502 wavelengths considered



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 Internal correlation between morning wavelength values vs internal correlation between evening wavelength values

- Difference between morning and respective evening wavelength values
- Pearson correlation between morning and respective evening wavelength values

- Quantified for
 - Entire dataset
 - Within lactation stage, farm, year

Analyses

- Prediction equations for nitrogen use efficiency (NUE)
- NUE = (N in milk + N in the conceptus + N used for the growth + N stored in the reserves) / (N intake + N mobilized from the reserves)

Morning



Predicted from equations developed on

Morning spectra Evening spectra Weighted morning and evening



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Internal relationships among the absorbance values for the morning spectra differed (P < 0.05) from those among the absorbance values for the evening spectra









Morning minus evening wavelenght values







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5 to 60 DIM (grey line) 61 to 120 DIM (black line) 121 to 180 DIM (red line) 181 to 240 IM (orange line) 240 to 305 DIM (green line)

Correlation within lactation stage

Consistent profiles



Calibration		Validation	r	RMSE	
	Morning	Morning	0.70	3.49 ^a	
	Evening	Morning	0.62	3.85 ^b	
	Average	Morning	0.67	3.63 ^c	
	Evening	Evening	0.70	3.46ª	
	Morning	Evening	0.66	3.85 ^b	
	Average	Evening	0.67	3.79 ^b	

Conclusions

- Distinct internal relationships among the absorbance values for morning and evening milk spectra
- Certain spectral regions exhibit substantial differences in absorbance values between morning and evening milk samples
- Other spectral regions had weak correlations between the absorbance values of morning and evening spectra
- More pronounced differences in early lactation
- Variability in absorbance values at different wavelengths between morning and evening samples can influence the accuracy of predicting animal-related traits from milk MIR





Thank you for your attention

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