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Contamination of feed components

	Bacteria CFU/g	Fungi CFU/g
Corn	5.000.000	40.000
Wheat	6.000.000	40.000
Rye	6.000.000	40.000
Barley	8.000.000	50.000
Oats	15.000.000	70.000
Soybean, heated	1.000.000	20.000
By-products of oil production	2.000.000	20.000

Schmidt, 1991

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Wasted feed/food...

Spoilage – a serious problem!

- Global food wastage: “As much as 50 percent of all food produced around the world never reaches a human mouth!”
- India: “21 million tonnes of wheat annually perishes due to inadequate storage and distribution, equivalent to the entire production of Australia.” (Global Food Waste Not Want Not’ report – 2013).
- Pakistan: losses amount to about 16% of production, or 3.2 million tonnes annually, where inadequate storage infrastructure leads to widespread rodent infestation problems (2013).





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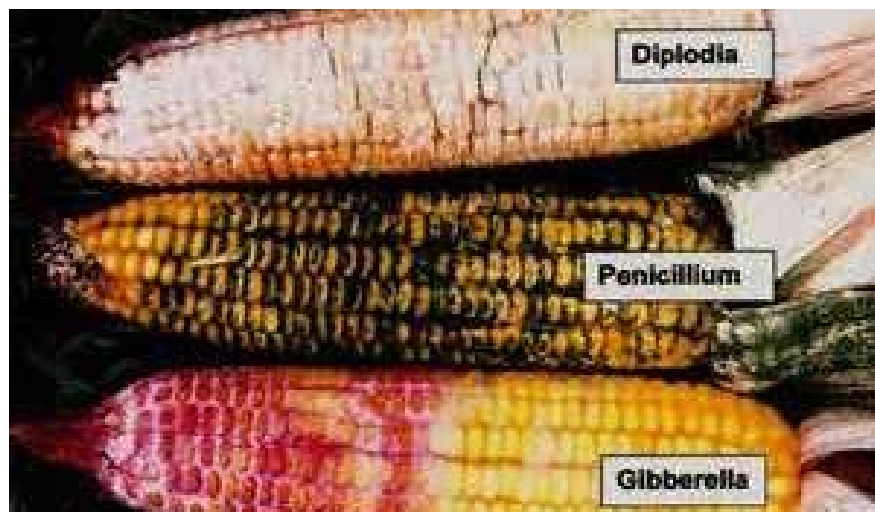
Mould problems in feed and raw materials



Mould



Mouldy pellet feed



Mouldy corn



Mould



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Introduction

ADDCONIC CalPro

- Is the tradename of the **98 % calcium salt of propionic acid** from ADDCON, produced at the German location in Bitterfeld.
- ADDCONIC CalPro contains **77 % propionic acid** and approx. **21,5 % high solvent Calcium**.
- Available as powder or dust-free granular.
- Free-flowing and **non-corrosive**.

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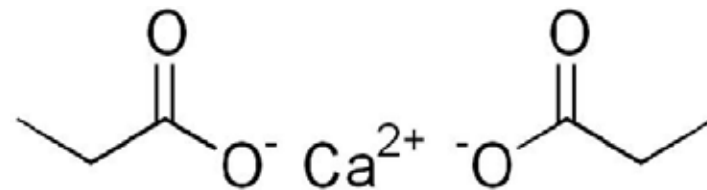
Calcium Propionate - properties

Molecular formula:



- based on the acid equivalent, for CalPro the efficacy of Propionic acid / Propionate can be assumed
- Conditions for the efficiency: hydrolysis in acidic environment
⇒ water is required so that calcium propionate can be broken down into calcium and propionic acid

Structural formula:



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Registration - preservative

Application - preservation of feed materials
- preservation of compound feed

Additionally - energy supplier in compound feed
(poultry, horses)
- especially in milk performance feed
(ketosis prophylaxis)



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Dosage

ADDCONIC CalPro

- Preservation of compound feed (max. 8 weeks storage):
 - < 14% moisture: 4 kg/t
 - 14 - 16% moisture: 5 kg/t
 - >16 - 18% moisture: 7 kg/t
- Energy supplementation of dairy rations:
 - 150-250 g/cow and day
 - energy content: 11.3 MJ NEL / kg
- ⇒250 g CalPro / cow supplies 2.26 MJ NEL

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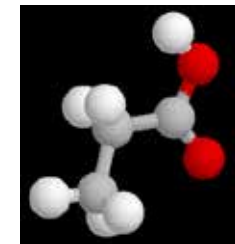
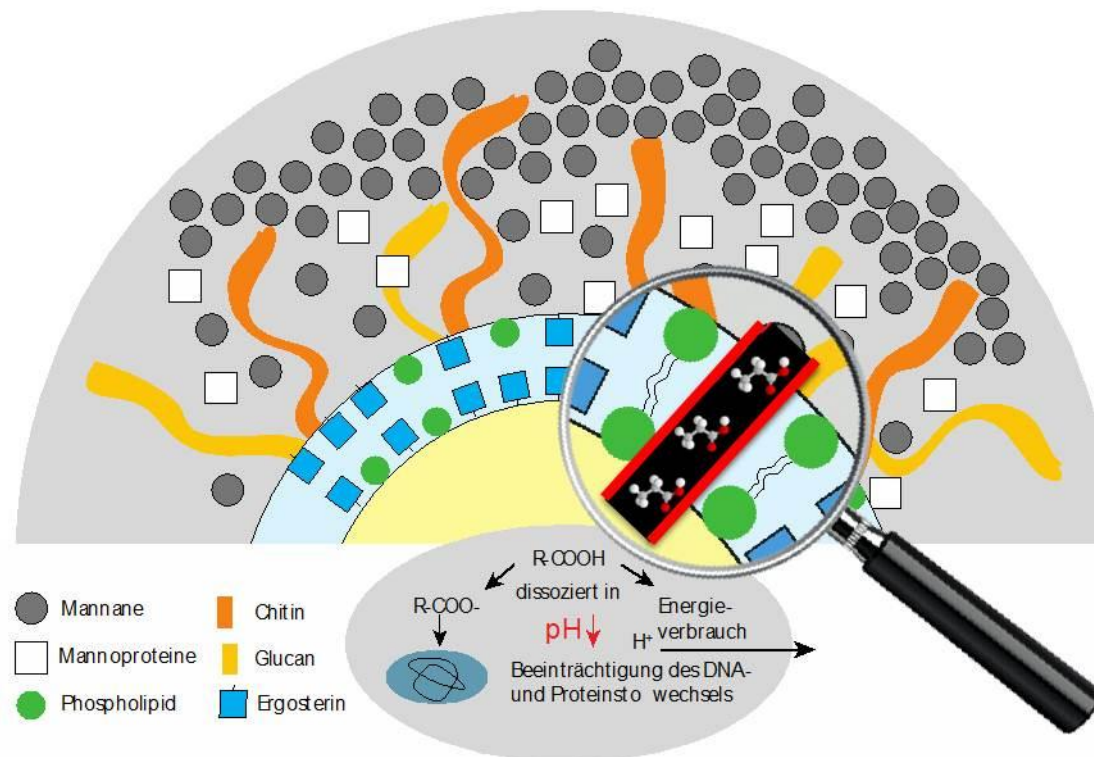


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Preservation with CalPro

- Calcium propionate breaks down in calcium and propionic acid because of the presence of water in acidic environment
- the undissociated part have an antimicrobial effect
- Propionic acid reduce mould, yeasts and bacteria



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Advantage

Propionic acid	Calcium propionate
effective	effective
low dosage	low dosage
corrosive	non-corrosive
hazardous	safe
volatile	non-volatile

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Cattle feed storage up to 60 days – with or without CalPro (0,5%) – test on bacterial spoilage, 14% moisture

storage [days]	control		CalPro	
	bacteria [$10^3/g$]	mould [$10^2/g$]	bacteria [$10^3/g$]	mould [$10^2/g$]
2	1332	275	697	250
30	1825	177	26	125
60	1380	105	70	95

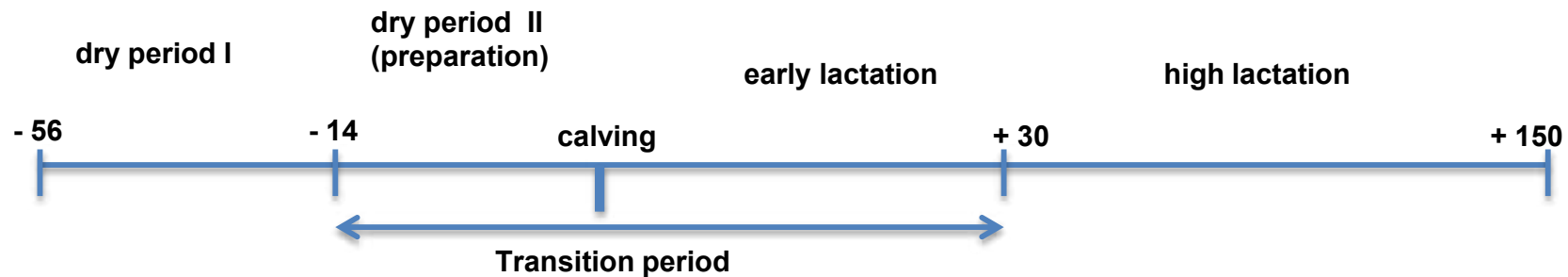
⇒ feed intake from bulls after eating CalPro-preserved feed was 1.6% higher than control

Lazor et al., 1978

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Transition period:



- Period is characterized by tremendous metabolic and endocrine adjustments and physiological changes
- Metabolic health disorder in transition period
 - Milk fever
 - Ketosis



Definition

Ketosis (Acetonämie):

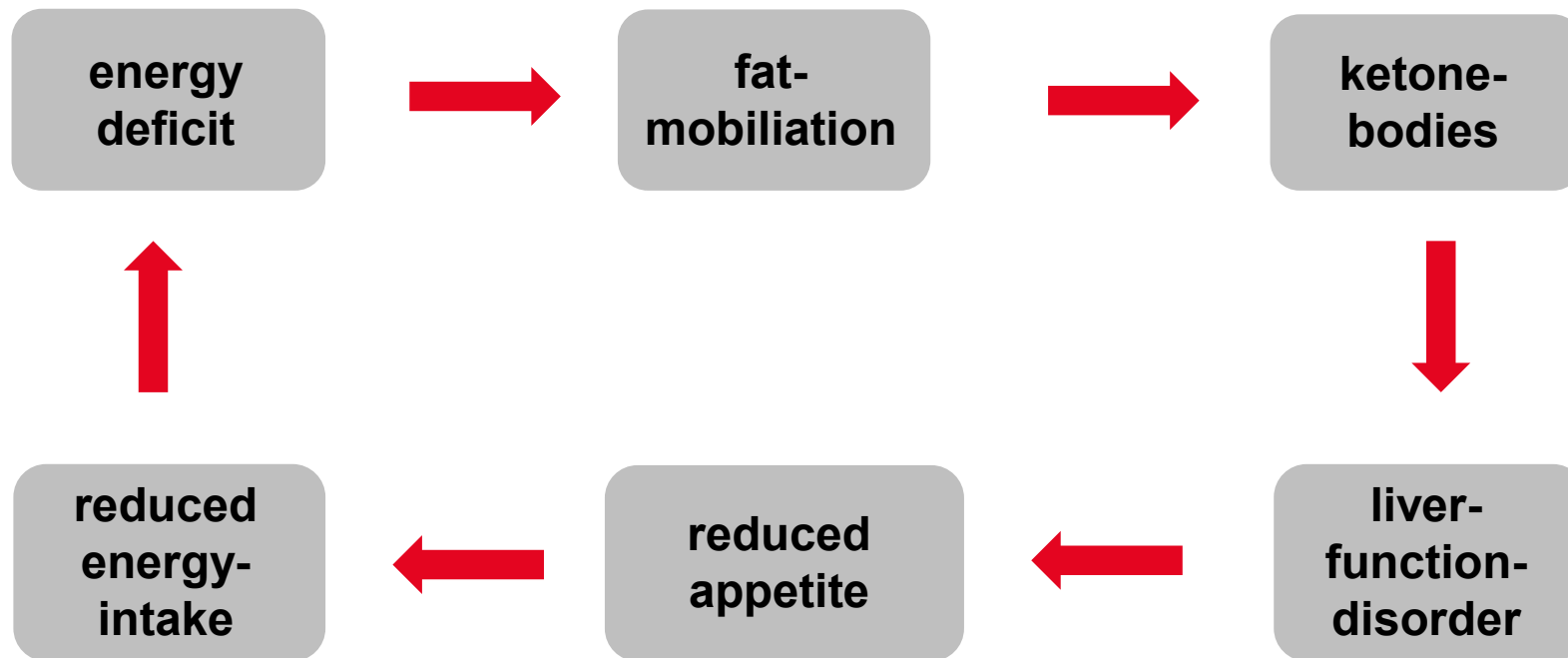
- caused by negative energy balance and excessive body fat mobilization
- high levels of ketone bodies in blood, milk and urine (NEFA and β -Hydroxybutyrat)
- clinical form: 2-6 weeks after calving rapidly loss of weight, drastic reduction in milk yield, reduced appetite, air and milk smell like acetone
- subclinical form: no clear indices for disorder, high level of loss of weight, decline in milk yield, more susceptible for diseases
- Ketosis as pioneer for milk fever



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Ketosis



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Definition

Parturient paresis (Milk fever):

- Low blood Ca-level, disorder of Ca-resorption (hypocalcemic) and -regulation
- hypocalcemia occurs because Ca leaves the extracellular fluid pool to enter the mammary gland faster than it can be replaced by intestinal Ca absorption or bone Ca resorption.
- clinical form: characterised by hypocalcemia, generally muscle weakness, circulatory collapse and pressed awareness
- subclinical form: low lack of Calcium, lower feed intake, secondary diseases

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Feed prophylaxis

Parturient paresis:

- avoidance of too high Ca-intake (25 - max. 40 g/day) in transition period
- Ca-dosage after calving (recommendations 100 - 170 g/Tag, GfE 2001)
- Use of acids salts

Ketosis:

- use of glucogenic substances (Propylenglycol, Glycerin, Calcium propionate)

CalPro → 1 product against ketosis and milk fever

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Ruminant usage of CalPro

- Calcium propionate is part of the glucoplastic substances
⇒ Gluconeogenesis
- Propionate is resorbed without any change in the structure
- No metabolisation by rumen microorganisms
- Calcium propionate is stored in the liver after resorption

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- ***CalPro:***
 - neutral taste
 - increase the activity of rumen flora and fauna
 - no acidic effect on the blood pH
 - serves as glucoplastic substance at the moment of negative energy balance
- ***Calcium:***
 - mobilizes the rumen motor funktion
 - contributes to cover the increased need of calcium while lactation
- ***Propionate:***
 - main energy source
 - important source for glucose production in the liver

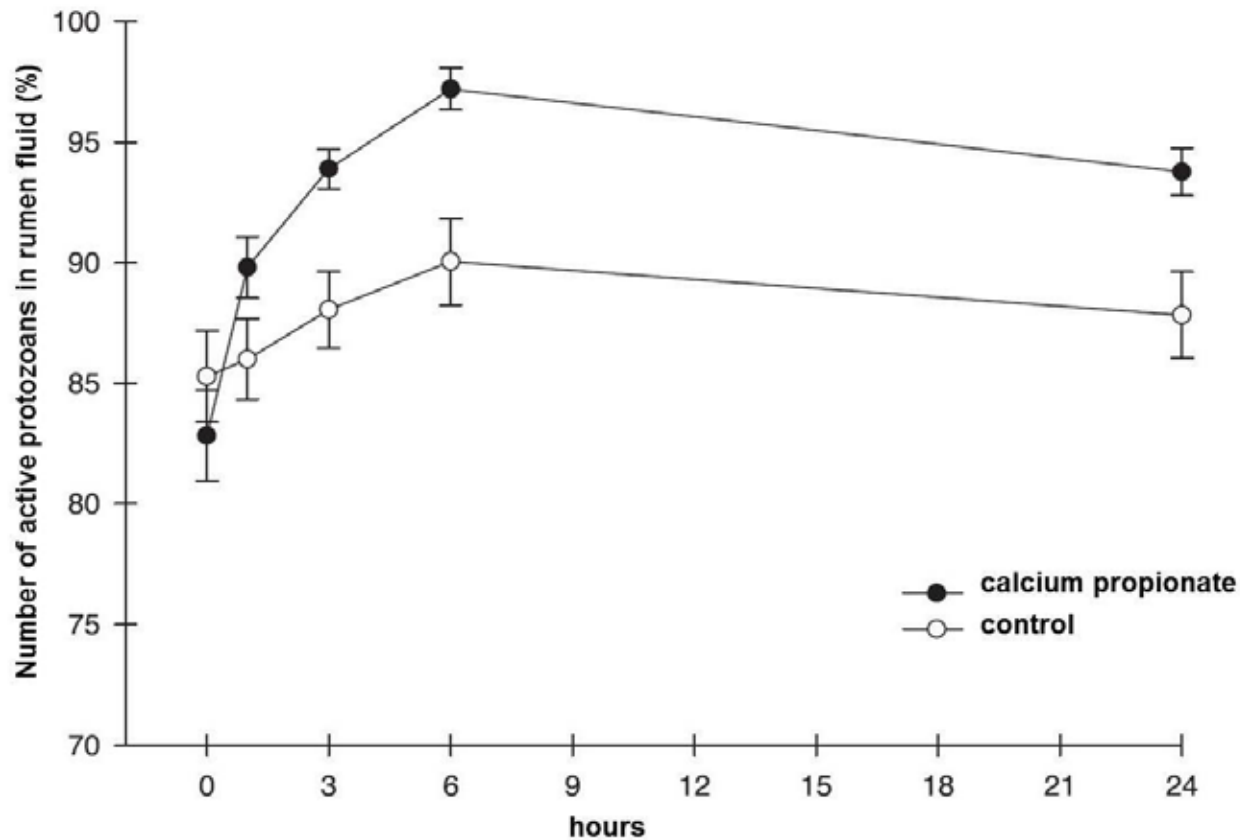
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Trial I



Number of active protozoans after calcium propionate dosis (300 g)

Geishauser et al. 2010

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Trial II

100 dairy cows, 5 weeks, 50 animals in control group, 50 animals in testing group (114 g calcium propionate/cow/day)

Parameters after 5 weeks	control	trial	significance
blood glucose [mg/100ml]	46.4	50.0	**
blood ketone bodies [mg/100ml]	13.8	10.4	*
milk yield [kg/day]	26.5	28.6	**

* signifikant $p < 0,05$

** high significant $p < 0,01$

Schultz, 1954

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Trial III

Effects of CalPro supplementation in TMR on blood metabolites and urine ketones

Parameters	Treatment with CalPro			
	control	100 g/cow/day	200 g/cow/day	300 g/cow/day
Glucose [mg/dl]	54.9	57.2	59.3	60.2
NEFA [μ Eq/l]	371.8	363.6	357.3	352.7
BHBA [μ mol/l]	820.7	807.5	792.2	776.9
Urin ketone bodies [mg/dl]	16.4	13.8	11.6	10.0

⇒ CalPro decreases the risk of ketosis

Liu et al. (2010)

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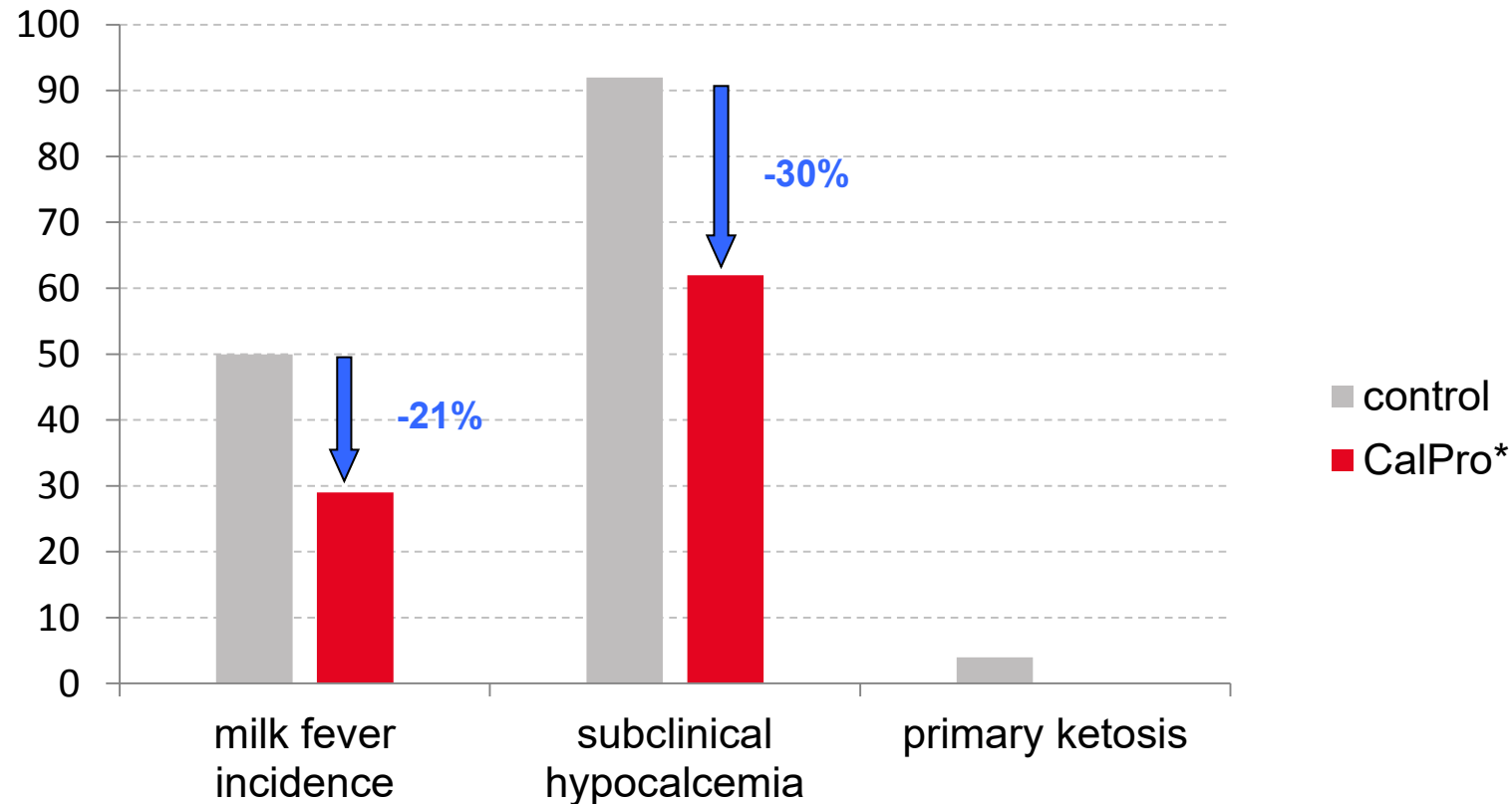


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Trial IV

Changes of the risk of milk fever and ketosis after CalPro supplementation



*Calciumpropionate (74 g) as paste

Goff et al. 1996

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Dosage

Ketosis prophylaxis and treatment with calcium propionate:

- **prophylaxis:**
150 g CalPro / cow and day (2 weeks before calving to 6 weeks after calving)
- **treatment:**
200 – 220 g CalPro / cow twice a day for 10 days

Milk fever prophylaxis with CalPro:

- **bevor calving:**
116 – 186 g CalPro / cow and day
- **after calving:**
460 – 750 g CalPro / cow and day

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Comparison between different special foods

	CalPro	Propylenglycol	Glycerin
Energy content MJ NEL/kg	11.3	9.8	7.6
Price €/kg	1.60	1.66	0.43
Price per unit €/MJ NEL	0.14	0.17	0.06
250 g supplies so much Energy MJ NEL	2.26	1.96	1.52
relative to CalPro %	100	87	67

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Structure

- *Introduction*
- *Basics*
- *Preservation with CalPro*
- *Ruminant usage of CalPro*
- *Conclusion / Product properties*

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CalPro – Product properties

- High efficacy ⇒ various independent proves
- No residues
- Easy to handle
 - Non corrosive
 - High active

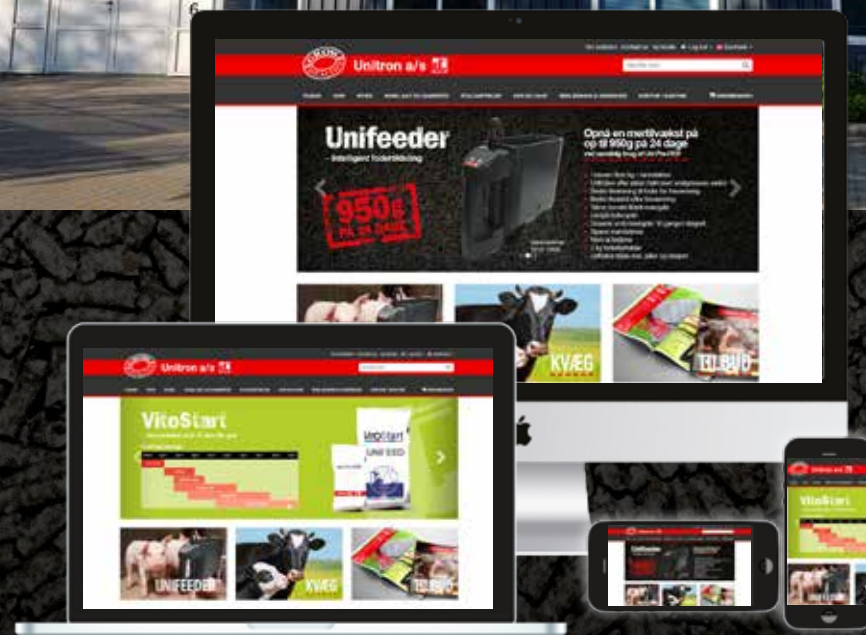
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