#### **Compact TMR**

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# Compact TMR

**Formulated ration** 

Feed MIX

#### **Ingested ration**







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#### Production at an average Danish herd in 2018?





## What is dangerous?

## High starch level

Affects nutrient composition and profile of absorbed nutrients

Less dangerous that typically expected





#### Many assumed TMR's have never been mixed!...stark.



# This has no chance to "find" the formulated ration





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#### Many cows think they should eat on the floor



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# These cows spend far too many hours standing







# Concept tested in 2013 "Improved feed bunk management

The formulated ration for the entire herd 24 x 7

- Orts minimum 2% (1 kg/cow)
- Compact TMR





# Half the way to TMR can be a dangerous "spot"





# Important 3 criteria to evaluate implementation of compact TMR

- 1. Evaluate the feed mix
- 2. Evaluate the behavior of the cows
- 3. Evaluate the flow in the mixer



# Evaluating the mix in the feed bunk



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- Typical Danish situation with grass silage as the skeleton of the mix
- Grass chunks
- All feedstuffs "disappeared"
- No pellets or small particles on the floor or in the feed
- Moist and adhering mix
- Homogenous and short "skeleton" (max. 25-35 mm)
- Never empty feed bunk



Observe the behavior at and around the feed bunk



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- Cows are eating from the top of the pile, not on the floor!
- Feed stays in the pile
- No reaction from cows during feed out
- No reaction from cows when pushing in feed
- Orts and feed mix identical upon inspection



# The perfect mix is not only theory!



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# The standard protocol – vertical augers



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Phase of mix	Ingredients	Time
I – SOAKING	Pellets, dry ingredients + at least 50% water	+1 hour (Sugar beet pulp pellets)
II – STRUCTURING	Grass silage, other fibrous feed stuffs, and minerals	Mixing time 20 min
III – FINISHING	Corn silage	Mixing time 15 min





## Compact TMR The real danger!



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# No flow = danger !



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# Be careful, many farmers are no 👝 🔎 aware of misinterpretation of movement on top of augers



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# Entire mix in movement



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#### Have found mixers in need of basic maintenance



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#### Problem clearing the feed





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### Trouble and wear!





# TMR dynamite !







### Soaking beets cut in mixer with dry ingredients (2-3:1 / beets:dry ing, +10 min)



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# Results from herd based tests in 2013





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# Milk production response approx. 5%









#### Feed efficiency (NorFor NEL-efficiency)





# Fecal samples







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# Orts





Reduced eating time increased time in stalls – usually a good thing – however, if cows lay on hard surface there might be negative side effects



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# **Overall conclusions**



Variable	Effect	Comments	iren. Stark
Feed intake	+		
Time budget, stress related to feeding	+++		
Milk production	++		
Feed efficiency	+	Some herds missing body gain in period before intervention has a temporary drop in efficiency	
Health	+/(+++)	Few data at present. Generally positive feedback from hoof trimmers	
Aerobic stability	-	Not as affected as feared	
Wear and diesel	-		



#### Compact TMR/PMR might be part of the increase from 11.000 to 12.000 kg ECM/cow

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#### How do we keep nutrition on target?



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### Compact TMR/PMR

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#### Sample

#### Analysis

### Report/follow up

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#### Coning and quartering

1. Reduction



2. Reduction



3. Reduction





4. Reduction



60 L reduced to 4 L







#### Sample logistics organized with RYK (milk testing<sup>variv. Erfahren. Stark.</sup> organization)

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