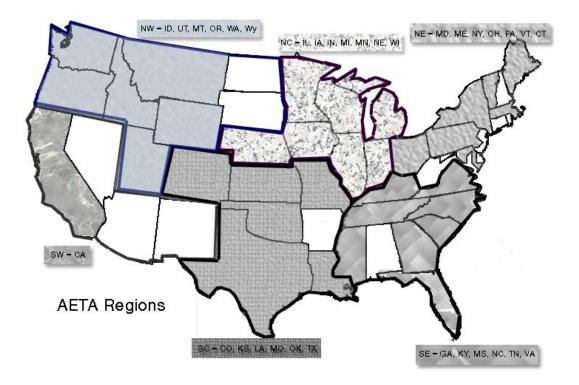
Annual Report of the AETA Statistics Committee For Calendar Year 2006

Embryo production is still on the rise in both dairy and beef cattle! Take a look and compare your ETB's data to others in your region.



Fewer ETBs Reporting Data for 2006 (Down 8 from 2005)

	# ETBs	# ETBs	# ETBs	
Region	2004	2005	2006	
NorthEast	21	28		29
SouthEast	15	18		18
NorthCentral	28	39	↓ 2	37
SouthCentral	19	30	↓ 6	24
NorthWest	13	15	↓1	14
SouthWest	5	4	,	4
Totals	101	134	↓ ↓8	126

There were 113 certified ETBs reporting in 2006 as compared to 115 in 2005. Most of the reduction in reporting was non-certified companies, which dropped from 19 in 2005 to 13 in 2006. Diversification is inching into the ET industry. 63 ETBs reported being full time, and nearly as many, 61, claim to professionally devote only part time to ET. Data also indicate only 1.01 professional per ETB, while the average ETB employs 2.1 support staff. There could be some confusion about what defines support staff. For example, for those ETBs housing donors (69 in all), do they count outside employees who feed cattle as support staff, or do they count lab support staff only? Also, what about clerical or secretarial staff? Should they be included as support staff? Our committee will try to define support staff more precisely before next year's questionnaire is sent to the membership.

Dairy Data Collection

Dairy data collection remains stable with a slight increase in stimulated recoveries and embryos collected.

Region	Non-	Mean # of		Viable	Mean # of	Total
0	stimulated	embryos	Dairy	embryos	viable	transferable
	dairy	Collected	donors	collected	embryos	embryos
	donors	from Non-	stimulated	from	collected	collected from
	flushed	Stim Dairy	& flushed	stimulated	from stim.	dairy donors
		Donors		dairy	dairy	
				donors	donors	
NorthEast	143	0.42	5579	29919	5.4	29979
SouthEast	22	0.55	975	5955	6.1	5967
NorthCentral	140	0.47	7616	41716	5.5	41782
SouthCentral	10	0.50	525	2449	4.7	2454
NorthWest	16	0.69	931	5381	5.8	5392
SouthWest	3	0.67	428	2310	5.4	2312
Totals	334	0.47	16054	87730	5.5	87886

2005 Dairy Collection Data by Region

2006 Dairy Collection Data by Region

Region	Non- stimulated dairy donors flushed	Mean # of embryos recovered from non- stimulated dairy collections	Dairy donors stimulated & flushed	Viable embryos collected from stimulated dairy donors	Mean # of viable embryos recovered from stimulated dairy donors	Total transferable embryos collected from dairy donors
NorthEast	123	0.41	5473	28683	5.24	28604
SouthEast	16	0.75	1149	6464	5.63	6476
NorthCentral	122	0.62	7777	43937	5.65	44013
SouthCentral	4	1.00	437	2202	5.04	2206
NorthWest	2	1.00	724	4593	6.34	4595
SouthWest	2	1.00	1010	4508	4.46	4510
Totals	269	0.55	16570	90387	5.46	90404

Nation wide, single egg collections decreased, but stimulated dairy collections increased for the second consecutive year. Viable embryos collected also increased by about 2600. The northeast, south central, and northwest dropped slightly in the number of stimulated collections, but the north central and southwest regions had healthy increases in dairy activity.

Beef Donor Collection Data

		Beef Donor	· Collection	Data 2005		
Regions	Non Stim. Beef Donors Flushed	Mean # Embryos Collected From Non- Stim. Beef Donors	Beef Donors Stim. & Flushed	Viable Embryos Collected From Stim. Beef Donors	Mean # Viable Embryos Collected From Stim. Beef Donors	Total Viable Embryos Collected From Beef Donors
NorthEast	2	0.50	1665	10237	6.15	10238
SouthEast	1	0.00	5021	43084	8.58	43084
NorthCentral	18	0.56	10323	65334	6.33	65344
SouthCentra I	26	0.77	12170	77739	6.39	77759
NorthWest	7	0.43	2765	19049	6.89	19052
SouthWest	0		235	1956	8.32	1956
Totals	54	0.63	32179	217399	6.76	217433

Beef Donor Collection Data 2006

Region	Non Stim. Beef Donors Flushed	Mean # Embryos Collected From Non- Stim. Beef	Beef Donors Stim. & Flushed	Viable embs. Collected From Stim. Beef Donors	Mean # of Viable Embryos Collected From Stim. Beef	Total Viable Embryos Collected From Beef Donors
NorthEast	0	Donors	1840	10951	Donors 6.03	10951
SouthEast	3	1.00	7605	53706	7.06	53709
NorthCentral	19	0.47	10818	68972	6.38	68981
SouthCentral	10	0.60	11969	73658	6.15	73664
NorthWest	4	0.75	2850	19840	6.96	19843
SouthWest	0		241	2189	9.08	2189
Totals	36	0.58	35323	229316	6.50	229337

Beef stimulated donor collections showed a modest increase of 3100 and viable embryos collected increased by almost 12,000. Every region, with the exception of the

southcentral, showed growth in both the numbers of donors collected and embryos recovered. The southeast region had the largest increases in both categories. It was up over 2600 collections and 10,000 viable embryos produced.

Fresh Transfers

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Fresh Transfers - Dairy					
14128					
2373					
15562					
1106					
2610					
849					
36628					

Fresh Transfers - Dairy 2005

Fresh Transfers - Dairy 2006

Region	Fresh Transfers - Dairy
NorthEast	13009
SouthEast	2775
NorthCentral	16158
SouthCentral	1142
NorthWest	1971
SouthWest	2382
Totals	37437

Overall, there was only a small increase in the number of fresh dairy embryos transferred in 2006.

Fresh Transfers Beef

Fresh Transfers - Beef 2005

Regions	Fresh Transfers - Beef
NorthEast	3107
SouthEast	15243
NorthCentral	15154
Southcentral	29325
NorthWest	5475

Southwest	345
Totals	68649

Fresh Transfers - Beef 2006

Beef fresh transfers were from 2005. This should not to the industry. It is due to		Region		Fresh Transfers - Beef		down slightly (about 1500)	
		NorthEast			3418	be construed as a negative	
		SouthEast			20098	increased confidence in	
freezing and the desire for		NorthCentral		11843		controlled breeding/calving	
seasons by the producers.		South	Central		27318		
	0	North	West		4608		
Total Fresh Trans	sters	South	West		0	Beef and Dairy Combined	
		Totals			67285		
			2005 To	4-1	2006]		
Region			2005 To Fresh Transfe Beef & I	rs -	Fresh Trans Beef & Dairy	fers -	
	NorthEa	ast		17343		16417	
	SouthE					23049	
NorthC		entral		30879 28273		28273	
SouthC		entral	:	30656	0656 28753		
NorthWe		est		8085		6599	
SouthW		lest		1194		2382	
	Totals		1	05805	1	05519	

Combined beef and dairy fresh transfers = no significant change.

Embryos Frozen

Dairy Glycerol vs. I	DT vs.	Vitrified	2005
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Region	Embryos Frozen Glycerol - Dairy	Embryos Frozen DT - Dairy	Embryos Vitrified - Dairy	Total Embryos Frozen - Dairy
NorthEast	2221	14586	0	16719
SouthEast	405	3381	0	3786
NorthCentral	5796	20146	10	25952
SouthCentral	29	822	0	851
NorthWest	56	2487	0	2543
SouthWest	33	1357	0	1390
Totals	8540	42779	10	51241

Region	Embryos Frozen Glycerol - Dairy	Embryos Frozen DT - Dairy	Embryos Vitrified -Dairy	Total Embryos Frozen - Dairy
NorthEast	1169	13888	0	15025
SouthEast	226	3406	0	3632
NorthCentral	5774	22765	532	29071
SouthCentral	0	1035	0	1035
NorthWest	78	2501	0	2579
SouthWest	11	1286	0	1297
Totals	7258	44881	532	52639

Dairy Glycerol vs. DT vs. Vitrified 2006

It appears that more dairy embryos are being frozen DT than glycerol, with the total number of embryos frozen remaining stable. There was more vitrification activity in 2006, but, as of yet, very few embryos are being vitrified commercially.

Beel Glycerol vs. D1 vs. vitrified 2005					
	Embryos	Embryos	Embryos	Total Embryos	
	Frozen -	Frozen -	Vitrified	Cryopreserved	
Region	Glycerol	DT Beef	Beef	Beef	
	Beef				
Northeast	10	7021	0	7031	
Southeast	422	22485	182	23089	
NorthCentral	867	49492	0	50359	
Southcentral	1179	46704	0	47883	
NorthWest	993	12523	91	13607	
Southwest	106	1576	0	1682	
Totals	3577	139801	273	143651	

Beef Glycerol vs. DT vs. Vitrified 2005

Beef Glycerol	vs. DT vs.	Vitrified 2006

Region	Embryos Frozen - Glycerol Beef	Embryos Frozen - DT Beef	Embryos Vitrified Beef	Total Embryos. Cryopreserved Beef
NorthEast	16	7395	0	7411
SouthEast	300	33110	0	33410
NorthCentral	73	57139	0	57212
SouthCentral	598	41877	9	42484
NorthWest	1	15223	0	15224
SouthWest	0	0	0	0
Totals	988	154744	9	155741

Beef embryos frozen in glycerol are on a steady decline nationwide. DT is dominating the marketplace as the method of choice for cryopreservation. Overall, there were about 12,000 more embryos frozen in 2006 as compared to 2005.

Region	Total Embryos Frozen DT & Gly - Dairy & Beef
NorthEast	23750
SouthEast	26875
NorthCentral	76311
SouthCentral	48734
NorthWest	16150
SouthWest	3072
Totals	194892

Total Embryos Frozen Beef & Dairy 2005

Total Embryos Frozen Beef & Dairy 2006

Region	Total Embryos Frozen DT & Gly - Dairy & Beef
NorthEast	22436
SouthEast	37042
NorthCentral	86283
SouthCentral	43519
NorthWest	17803
SouthWest	1297
Totals	208380

Combining dairy and beef, there were over 14,000 more embryos frozen in 2006 than 2005.

Frozen Embryos Transferred

Dairy and Beef Combined Frozen Embryos Transferred 2005

Region	Embryos Thawed- Gly Dairy & Beef	Embryos Thawed- DT - Dairy & Beef	Total Emb. Thawed - Beef & Dairy
NorthEast	973	10178	11151
SouthEast	604	15606	16210

NorthCentral	3783	38454	42237
SouthCentral	1078	34967	36045
NorthWest	1057	11375	12432
SouthWest	1157	3090	4247
Totals	8652	113670	122322

Dairy and Beef Combined Frozen Embryos Transferred 2006

Region	Embryos Thawed-Gly Dairy & Beef	Embryos Thawed-DT - Dairy & Beef	Total Emb. Thawed - Beef & Dairy
NorthEast	735	10999	11734
SouthEast	616	15523	16139
NorthCentral	3395	41922	45317
SouthCentral	964	41472	42436
NorthWest	469	13239	13708
SouthWest	608	4071	4679
Totals	6787	127226	134013

There were roughly 1900 fewer glycerol embryos transferred in 2006, and 14,000 more DT's transferred than in 2005.

Biopsied Embryos

Biopsied Embryos 2005 Embryos Fresh Embryos Total Fresh **Biopsied &** Biopsied Embryos Biopsied **Biopsied &** Region Transferred -Frozen -Transferred Frozen -Biopsied -Dairy & Beef Dairy Dairy - Beef Beef 0 Northeast 42 0 66 108 Southeast 19 0 32 0 51 NorthCentral 0 9 27 11 47 SouthCentral 2 0 14 29 13 NorthWest 0 0 0 0 0 Southwest 0 0 0 0 0 14 Totals 85 59 77 235

Biopsied Embryos 2006

Region	Fresh Biopsied Transferred - Dairy	Embryos Biopsied & Frozen - Dairy	Fresh Biopsied Transferred - Beef	Embryos Biopsied & Frozen - Beef	Total Embryos Biopsied in Dairy & Beef
NorthEast	36	0	0	0	36
SouthEast	33	13	15	0	61
NorthCentral	70	34	68	14	186

SouthCentral	7	8	34	9	58
NorthWest	0	0	0	0	0
SouthWest	0	0	0	0	0
					0
Totals	146	55	117	23	341

There was an increase in the number of embryo biopsies in both beef and dairy, but overall it represented a very small percentage of the number of embryos collected.

Demi-embryos

	Demi Embryos in 2005							
Region	Fresh Demi Embryos Transferred - Dairy	Demi Embryos Frozen - Dairy	Fresh Demi Embryos Transferred - Beef	Demi Embryos Frozen - Beef	Total Demi Embryos Thawed			
Northeast	0	0	0	0	0			
Southeast	0	0	0	0	0			
NorthCentral	121	0	22	0	0			
SouthCentral	23	0	200	0	0			
NorthWest	0	0	0	0	0			
Southwest	0	0	0	0	0			
Totals	144	0	222	0	0			

Demi Embryos in 2006

Region	Fresh Demi Embryos Transferred - Dairy	Demi Embryos Frozen - Dairy	Fresh Demi Embryos Transferred - Beef	Demi Embryos Frozen - Beef	Total Demi Embryos Thawed
NorthEast	0	0	0	0	0
SouthEast	0	0	128	0	0
NorthCentral	134	0	0	0	0
SouthCentral	28	0	224	9	2
NorthWest	0	0	20	0	0
SouthWest	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	162	0	372	9	2

As with biopsied embryos, there was an increased number of both beef and dairy demi embryo activity, but only a small number of embryos were split in 2006.

Embryos in Storage

Dairy and Beef Embryos Stored in 2005

Region	Frozen Embryos In Storage - Dairy	Frozen Embryos In Storage - Beef	Total Embryos In Storage
NorthEast	5696	2759	8455

SouthEast	1323	5497	6820
NorthCentral	18078	66515	84593
SouthCentral	2108	53167	55275
NorthWest	1868	24855	26723
SouthWest	4354	3000	7354
Totals	33427	155793	189220

Dairy and Beef Embryos Stored in 2006

Region	Frozen Embryos in Storage - Dairy	Frozen Embryos in Storage - Beef	Total Embryos in Storage
NorthEast	6939	2157	9096
SoutheEast	615	8430	9045
NorthCentral	8884	22915	31799
SouthCentral	333	45314	45647
NorthWest	398	17710	18108
SouthWest	4886	3000	7886
Totals	22055	99526	121581

There was an overall decrease in the numbers of dairy and beef embryos reported being stored by ETBs.

Dairy Exports

Dairy Exports 2005

Argentina	Australia	Canada	Czech.	Denmark	France	German
165	103	349	4	7	411	646

Holland	Hungary	Ireland	Italy	Japan	Kenya	Mexico	Panama
587	13	15	149	1600	10	247	22

Poland	Romania	S. Africa	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Turkey	UK
0	404	40	00	E	45		204
ð	404	18	98	5	45	444	201

Total Dairy Exports 2005 = 5859 Total Dairy Exports 2006 = 6834

Dairy Exports 2006

Denmark	Czech.	China	Canada	Brazil	Australia	Argentina	Africa
32	250	86	822	14	113	394	30
	250	86	822	14	113	394	30

France Germany Ireland Italy Japan Mexico

343 652 87 153 1547 202

Netherlands	Nicaragua	Pakistan	Panama	Poland	Romania	S. Africa
781	14	22	19	75	95	12

Spain	Switzerland	Turkey	UK	Uruguay
93	39	335	551	73

There were roughly 1000 more dairy embryos exported in 2006 than in 2005. The committee did not ask for breed information.

Beef Exports 2005

Australia	Belgium	Brazil	Canada	Chile	C. Rica	GB	Italy	New Zea.	Panama
1306	14	570	267	16	21	5	18	217	8

Paraguay	Romania	Uruguay	Sweden	Thailand	Nicaragua	Unknown	Total
26	350	287	8	67	25	367	3572

Beef Exports 2006

Argen.	Australia	Brazil	Canada	C. Rica	Columbia	Czech.	Denmark
623	1357	1338	340	131	94	107	71

Finland	Equador	Great Britain	Pakististan	Panama	Uruguay	Sweden
15	205	208	16	125	75	55

Switzerland	Thailand	Nicaragua	Total
20	104	25	4936

Beef export activity increased substantially from 3572 in 2005 to 4936 in 2006.

IVF Activity

IVF 2005

Total Collections	Oocytes per Recovery	Embryos Frozen	Fresh Trans.	Fresh Transfers per Recovery	Total Embryos Produced	Viable Embryos per Recovery	Fresh Transfer Preg. Rate
1091	8.00	0	1305	1.20	1305	1.20	43

IVF 2006

							Fresh		Viable
							Trans.	Total	Emb.
Dairy	Beef	Total	Oocytes	Oocyts /	Embs.	Fresh	per	Emb.	per
Colls.	Colls.	Colls.	Recov.	Recovery	Frozen	Trans.	Recovery	Prod.	Recov

	460 180	368 2328	10984	4.72	1243	3472	1.49	4715	2.03	l
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Slaughter House IVF Embs Produced in 2006 (none reported in 2005)

Slaughter	Slaughter	Slaughter	Total
House-	House-	House-	Slaughter
Produced	Produced	Produced	House-
Embs. Trans.	Embs.	Embs. Frozen	Emb.
Fresh	Vitrified	DT	Produced
641	1525	141	2307

Combined Slaughterhouse and OPU IVF Embryos Produced 2006

Total IVF Embs. Trans.
Fresh
4113
Total IVF Embs. Frozen
2909
Total IVF Embryos
Produced
7022

IVF activity appears to be rising in the United States. However, compared to China and South America, there is still a very small amount of commercial IVF activity in the US.

Cloning

Commercial Cloning Activity 2005

# Cell Lines	# NT Trans	# Preg (60	60 Day Preg
	Fresh	Days)	Rate
100	928	134	14.44%

Commercial Cloning Activity 2006

		#		# NTs
# Cell	# NT Trans	" Preg (60	60 Day Preg.	Frozen &
Lines	Fresh	Days)	Rate	Thawed
79	4974		~30%	68

3 ETBs Reporting

The number of cell lines reported was down, but the number of transfers was up.

Other Species

Equine Collections/Transfers 2005

Donor Total	# Emb. Rec.	# Trans.	Fresh preg. rate	# Emb. Frozen	# Emb. Vitrified	# DT thawed	DT Preg. Rate
1278	1039	1073	72.2	1357	0	22	40.00%

Equine Collections/Transfers 2006

Donor Total	# Emb. Rec.	# Trans.	Fresh preg. rate	# Emb. Frozen	# Emb. Vitrified	# DT thawed	DT Preg. Rate	Gly. Thawed
713	537	535	72.6	2	0	4	75	2

Non-AETA members might interpret the drop in reported equine collections as significant. However, it should be noted that only a fraction of the equine data are included in this data set, both for 2005 and 2006. The number of equine embryos collected for 2006 very likely exceeds 10,000, and probably 15,000. The AETA does not have many members in the equine industry; therefore, the data collected are a poor representation of the industry's actual numbers. The same could be said for sheep and goats.

Goat Collections/Transfers 2005

Donors	# Emb	# Embryos	Fresh Pregnancy	No. Embryos
Total	Rec.	Trans.	Rate	Frozen
69	782	568	NA	NA

Goat Collections/Transfers 2006

Donors	# Emb	# Embryos	Fresh Pregnancy	No. Embryos
Total	Rec.	Trans.	Rate	Frozen
143	442	408	NA	34

Sheep Collection Data = None reported for 2006

ETB Information

	2005 Data								
REGION	ETBs Reporting	Full Time	Part Time	Pro Staff	Pro Staff / ETB	Support Staff	Support Staff / ETB	House Donors	Provide Recips
Northeast	28	11	17	22.0	0.78	19.0	0.7	5	2
Southeast	18	8	10	15.8	0.9	20.5	1.1	12	6
North Central	39	23	16	44.2	1.1	113.2	2.9	13	8

South									
Central	30	17	13	27.4	0.9	51.6	1.7	24	14
Northwest	15	7	8	9.2	0.6	22.5	1.5	22	7
Southwest	4	2	2	2.6	0.7	11.0	2.8	3	2
Totals	134	68	66	121.2	0.9	237.7	1.8	79	39

					2	2006 Dat	a				
Region	Cert YES	Cert NO	Total ETBs	Full Time	Part Time	Prof Staff	PRO Staff / ETB	Support Staff	Support Staff per ETB	House Donors	Provide Recips
NorthEast	26	3	29	10	19	23.01	0.8	14.0	0.5	4	4
SouthEast	16	1	17	10	8	19.1	1.1	25.6	1.5	12	6
NorthCentral	33	4	37	20	16	46.9	1.3	144.9	3.9	15	9
SouthCentral	21	3	24	15	9	24.7	1.0	59.2	2.5	18	15
NorthWest	12	1	13	6	8	11.0	0.8	16.6	1.3	18	5
SouthWest	3	1	4	2	1	2.1	0.5	4.0	1.0	2	2
Totals	113	13	126	63	61	126.8	1.0	264.2	2.1	69	41

2006 Data

Donor Collections per Professional 2005

Region	Dairy Donors Stimulated & Collected	Dairy Donors Collected per Professional	Beef Donors Stimulated & Collected	Beef Donors Collected per Professional	Total Donors Collected	Total Donors Collected per Professional
Northeast	5579	254	1665	76	7244	329
Southeast	975	62	5021	318	5996	379
NorthCentral	7616	172	10323	233	17939	405
Southcentral	525	19	12170	444	12695	463
NorthWest	931	102	2765	302	3696	404
Southwest	428	165	235	90	663	255
Totals	16054	120	32179	240	48233	398

Donor Collections per Professional 2006

Region	Total Dairy Donor Flushe s	Dairy Flushes per Profsnl	Total Beef Donor Flushes	Beef Flushes per Profesnl	Total Flushe s	Prof Staff	Flushes per Professiona I
NorthEast	5596	243	1840	80	7436	23.0	323
SouthEast	1165	61	7608	399	8773	19.1	461

NorthCentra							
1	7899	168	10837	231	18736	46.9	399
SouthCentra							
1	441	18	11979	485	12420	24.7	503
NorthWest	726	66	2854	261	3580	11.0	327
SouthWest	1012	482	241	115	1253	2.1	597
Totals	16839	133	35359	279	52198	126.8	412

ET professionals were busier in 2006 than in 2005 in every category.

Embryos <u>Transferred per Professional 2006 (not tabulated for 2005)</u>

Region	Fresh Transfers per Pro	Frozen Transfers per Pro	Total Transfers per Pro
NorthEast	714	514	1228
SouthEast	1210	854	2064
NorthCentral	603	969	1572
SouthCentral	1164	1726	2890
NorthWest	603	1261	1864
SouthWest	1134	2273	3407
Totals	832	1059	1892

Embryos Frozen per Professional 2005

	Embryos
	Frozen per
Region	Professional
Northeast	1080
Southeast	1701
NorthCentral	1725
Southcentral	1779
NorthWest	1765
Southwest	1182
Totals	1608

Embryos Frozen per Professional 2006

Region	Embryos Frozen per Professional
NorthEast	973
SouthEast	1944
NorthCentral	1840

SouthCentral	1762
NorthWest	1626
SouthWest	618
Totals	1644

Total Ova, Unfertilized and Degenerates Collected

Percentages of UFOs, Degenerates, and Viable Embryos 2005

Cattle	UFOs	Degenerates	Viable
Dairy	31.3%	14.0%	52.0%
Beef	30.2%	15.8%	56.0%

Percentages of UFOs, Degenerates, and Viable Embryos 2006

Cattle	UFOs	Degenerates	Viable
Dairy	32.7%	12.9%	54.4%
Beef	29.7%	17.7%	52.6%

Total							
Ova						Trans.	
Collected	Ova /					Embryos	
From	Stim.	UFO'S	UFO's /	Degens.	Degens. /	Collected	
Stim	Dairy	Collected	Stim.	Collected	Stim.	From Stim.	Mean
Dairy	Donor		Dairy		Dairy	Dairy	Trans.
Donors			Donor		Donor	Donors	Embryos
168379	10.2	55075	3.4	21758	1.3	90387	5.5

UFOs, Degenerates, and Viable Embryos Dairy 2006

UFOs, Degenerates, and Viable Embryos Beef 2006

Tot Ova Collected From Beef Donors	Ova / Stim. Beef Donor	UFO'S Collected	UFOs / Stim. Beef Donor	Degens. Collected	Degens. / Stim. Beef Donor	Trans. Embryos Collected From Stim. Beef Donors	Mean Trans. Embryos
428918	12.1	127404	3.6	75837	2	229429	6.5

The numbers of UFOs and degenerates are perhaps the most overlooked and potentially important category of data that we collect. UFOs are costly to the industry and could be

turned into viable embryos in the future if we were able learn more about them. It will likely be a future generation that benefits from our data, but we should be good stewards and collect them diligently. Please keep accurate records whenever possible on a daily basis regarding the number of non-usable ova.

Embryo Transfer Conception Rates

Beef and Dairy Data Combined

Fresh Preg. Rate	Glyerol Preg. Rate	DT Preg. Rate
62.4	50.5	56.9

Over 90% of these data for conception rates are estimated. Since the mid 1980s, when ET practitioners started no longer being paid by the pregnancy, actual pregnancy data are difficult to acquire.

Conclusion

The statistical committee would again like to thank you, the members, for getting your stats in on time. For those who didn't, and haven't yet, it really slows down the process of gathering and assimilating the data. Each email that has to be written and each phone call made in behalf of these delinquent files is an added burden to the committee, the president, and to the AETA office – and it costs money.

The benefits are obvious. ET practitioners and ETBs can evaluate their volume relative to their geographical counterparts as well as a nation wide comparison. Those of us in and outside the industry can see the direction of the industry from year-to-year. These numbers are very beneficial to potential buyers of US genetics.

There were some very good comments on the questionnaire this year. One suggested that we ask for data on donors bred with sex sorted sperm. The committee will consider some clarifications and possible new questions, but there will likely be few changes in the questionnaire for 2007 data.

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