

Table S1. PRISMA 2020 Checklist.

PRISMA 2020 Checklist

Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	1
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	1
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	2-3
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	3
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	3-4
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	3-4
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	3-4
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	3-4
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	4
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	3-4
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	3-4
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	4
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	Table 1

Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	3-4
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	3-4
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	4
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	6-7
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	6
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	6
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	No missing results in data set
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	6-7



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RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	Figure 1
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	3-4
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	Included as Supplemental Materials
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	7-8
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	Supplemental Table 1
	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	7-8

Results of syntheses	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	Table 2-6
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	Table 3
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	Table 6
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	No missing results
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	Table 6
DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	12
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	14-15
	23c	Discuss any limitations of the review processes used.	14-15
	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	12-16
OTHER INFORMATION			
Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	Not registered
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	Not prepared
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	N/A
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	16
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	16
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	Included as Supplemental Materials

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Table S2. Compiled data of 51 experiments used to develop and compare predictive equations for urinary nitrogen excretion.

Citation	Training/ Test set	Exp. Design ¹	Breed ¹	Diet ¹	n	Diet CP ¹	Diet NDF ¹	DMI ¹	BW ¹	MUN ¹	UN ¹	UN/BW SEm
[1]	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	12.9	31.3	23.7	646	10.3	115	0.012
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	13.4	30.6	23.6	646	10.8	133	0.012
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	15.4	31.6	25.2	646	14.4	188	0.012
[2]	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	16.4	26.3	24.8	660	16.2	227	0.015
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	16.5	32.4	24.8	660	16.8	233	0.015
[3]	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	15.2	29.5	24.1	669	11.8	168	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	15.9	29.2	22.1	669	12.9	179	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	15.8	30.1	23.7	669	13.9	201	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	15.8	29.7	23.8	669	13.6	207	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	15.7	30.3	23.3	669	14	213	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	16.5	30.1	22.3	669	15.4	232	0.011
[4]	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	15.4	27.3	24	637	14.3	197	0.02
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	16.5	27.6	24.7	640	14.9	229	0.02
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17.2	27.9	25	639	15.2	241	0.02
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17.4	28.1	24.8	639	15.4	248	0.02
[5]	Training	CRD	H	TMR	3	18.4	26.2	21.6	773	13.6	235	0.019
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	3	18	25.8	21.8	773	13.2	236	0.019
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	3	18	26.2	22.4	773	13.5	242	0.019
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	3	18.2	26	22.2	773	14.1	249	0.019
[6]	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	16.8	24.7	19.9	630	15.5	195	0.019
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	17.3	28.6	20.6	628	15.5	198	0.019
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	17.4	32.2	21.4	627	17.4	211	0.019
[7]	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.2	32.3	23.4	705	11.1	204	0.012
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.4	33.8	24.4	707.5	10	209	0.012
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.5	36.3	24.8	710.5	9.9	213	0.012
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.9	37.8	25.2	714	10.6	223	0.012
[8]	Test	LS	H	TMR	9	16.3	35.4	24.9	728	14	222	0.011
	Test	LS	H	TMR	9	16.1	32.4	26.2	734	12.7	224	0.011
	Test	LS	H	TMR	9	16.9	37.8	21.9	732	15.8	228	0.011
[9]	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.3	35.6	23.3	712.5	6.36	157	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.5	36.2	23.8	714.7	10.51	174	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.4	28.2	21.7	718.5	14.05	241	0.011
	Training	LS	H	TMR	12	16.6	29.6	23.8	710.4	14.93	256	0.011
[10]	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	17.9	31.3	23.4	703	10.6	215	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	17.9	31.3	22.6	703	10.7	214	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	17.9	31.3	23.8	703	10.4	215	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	17.9	31.3	23.2	703	10.4	221	0.008

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[11]	Training	CO	H	TMR	32	16.6	30.2	26.1	647	10.8	193	0.011
	Training	CO	H	TMR	32	16.6	30.2	26.0	647	10.5	199	0.011
[12]	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	16.5	33.7	24.9	682	11.1	204	0.006
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	16.5	33.7	23.7	682	10.5	206	0.006
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	16.5	33.7	24.8	682	10.5	211	0.006
	Training	LS	H	TMR	32	16.5	33.7	24.3	682	9.3	203	0.006
[13]	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	16.2	38.4	20.2	658	9.7	133	0.014
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	19.9	40.2	21.3	658	15.7	252	0.014
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	20.1	38.3	20.7	658	16.7	257	0.014
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	19.7	36.1	22	658	17.1	261	0.014
[14]	Training	LS	H	TMR	28	16.3	24.1	23.7	644	14.4	188	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	28	16.6	23.8	25.4	644	14.1	201	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	28	17	23.5	26.5	644	13.9	215	0.008
	Training	LS	H	TMR	28	17.4	23.3	26.8	644	13.8	217	0.008
[15]	Training	LS	F	Pasture	8	13.2	45.7	15.3	418	5.6	81	0.006
	Training	LS	F	Pasture	8	13.2	45.7	14.3	418	7.73	100	0.006
	Training	LS	F	Pasture	8	17.6	46	15.6	418	11.75	157	0.006
	Training	LS	F	Pasture	8	17.6	46	14.5	418	16.23	187	0.006
[16]	Training	CRD	HF	Pasture	8	15.2	58.9	16	549	19.26	153.7	0.011
	Training	CRD	HF	Pasture	8	15.2	58.9	14.8	549	20.1	165	0.011
[17]	Training	LS	H	TMR	20	19.9	35.4	21.7	563	13.39	237	0.03
	Training	LS	H	TMR	23	20.6	38.9	20.6	563	17.48	289	0.03
	Training	LS	H	TMR	21	19.6	34.9	21.4	563	14.46	364	0.03
	Training	LS	H	TMR	22	20.6	40.4	20.1	563	16.96	396	0.03
[18]	Training	CRD	NS	TMR	8	17.3	38.2	17.8	639.3	14.3	187.5	0.02
	Training	CRD	NS	TMR	8	17.3	38.2	19.9	663.9	14.5	202.5	0.019
[19]	Training	LS	F	TMR	6	16	36.6	20	600	10.7	138	0.01
	Training	LS	F	TMR	6	17	35.8	20	600	11.9	157	0.01
	Training	LS	F	TMR	6	16.8	37	18.2	600	12.9	158	0.01
[20]	Training	LS	SR	TMR	14	16.8	35.2	19.1	607	13.669	187	0.011
	Training	LS	SR	TMR	14	17.7	35.2	20.1	607	16.86	237	0.011
	Training	LS	SR	TMR	14	17.7	35.1	20	607	16.33	244	0.011
[21]	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	18	25.6	18.6	487	12.4	173	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17	26	22.7	578	11.9	194	0.017
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17.7	25.4	21.1	575	12.6	202	0.017
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	18.1	26.9	24.4	581	12.5	213	0.017
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	18.9	23.9	23.6	577	13.4	223	0.017
	Training	LS	H	TMR	4	17.9	25.6	27.3	669	12.8	243	0.016

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[22]	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	16.4	35.9	20.4	687	10.4	163	0.006
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	17.3	38.5	21	687	13.8	186	0.006
	Training	LS	H	TMR	6	17.8	39.1	20.4	687	13.7	193	0.006
[23]	Training	CO	H	TMR	8	15.2	35.7	20.7	721	11.9	227	0.02
	Training	CO	H	TMR	8	16.3	34.6	21	721	13.3	272	0.02
[24]	Training	CRD	H	TMR	6	17.6	17.9	20.85	685	12.4	179.8	0.022
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	6	17.9	14	20	685	12.4	227.1	0.022
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	6	17.7	15.1	22.2	685	12.7	239.8	0.022
[25]	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	16.2	29.7	23	688	11.8	185	0.013
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	15.7	28.6	22.8	688	13.4	188	0.013
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	16.8	30.7	21.7	688	13.8	216	0.013
[26]	Test	CRD	HF x J	Pasture	5	18.4	43.1	19.1	520	11.01	168	0.021
	Test	CRD	HF x J	Pasture	5	18.4	43.1	18.7	520	15.69	215	0.021
[27]	Training	CO	H	TMR	4	19.7	39.6	23.1	768	22.1	301	0.008
	Training	CO	H	TMR	4	19.7	39.6	24.4	768	24.2	309	0.008
[28]	Training	CO	H	TMR	4	19.1	34.1	21.5	715	15.6	233	0.025
	Training	CO	H	TMR	4	19.5	26.1	24.2	715	18.2	279	0.025
[29]	Training	CO	H and H x SR	Pasture	12	16.4	43.2	20.7	579	18.9	193	0.019
	Training	CO	H x SR	Pasture	6	17	43.3	20.4	573	20.7	202	0.018
	Training	CO	H and H x SR	Pasture	12	17	43.3	21	582	20.9	208	0.019
	Training	CO	H	Pasture	6	16.8	43.3	21.5	583	20.7	220	0.018
	Training	CO	H and H x SR	Pasture	12	17.4	43.3	21	571	22.5	231	0.019
	Training	CRD	BS and H	TMR	6	17.4	47.4	20.3	671	14.2	169	0.013
	Training	CRD	BS and H	TMR	6	15.7	50.7	17.2	679	11	103	0.013
[30]	Training	CRD	BS and H	TMR	6	12.8	52.9	14	670	8.22	76	0.013
	Training	CRD	BS and H	TMR	6	14.5	45.4	19	663	11.5	100	0.013
	Training	CO	J	TMR	12	18.9	43.4	16.7	480.1	20.1	215	0.024
	Training	CO	J	TMR	12	19	44.2	17.1	483	20.9	218.7	0.024
[31]	Training	LS	H and J	TMR	8	13.3	33.6	20.1	574	6.09	93	0.01
	Training	LS	H and J	TMR	8	14	40.9	20.5	574	6.83	101	0.01
	Training	WP/SP	J	TMR	4	15.2	37.1	16.9	470	9.47	118	0.013
	Training	WP/SP	H	TMR	4	15.3	37.1	24.4	678	9.44	166	0.009
	Training	LS	H and J	TMR	8	16.5	41.6	21.2	574	12.36	185	0.01
	Training	LS	H and J	TMR	8	17.2	32.4	20.8	574	12.55	190	0.01

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[33]	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	14.2	39.4	19.8	566	11.23	156.4	0.013
	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	14.2	39.4	19	566	9.8	155.4	0.013
	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	11.8	39.9	18.9	566	7.46	94.5	0.019
	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	13.4	39.2	19.9	566	9.36	135.6	0.019
	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	14.9	39.2	19.6	566	11.68	182	0.019
[34]	Training	LS	NR	TMR	32	16.7	39.1	19.1	566	13.47	211.5	0.019
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	9	16.4	30	20.6	556.1	13.2	167.9	0.015
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	9	15.9	28.5	22.5	561.4	11.9	172	0.015
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	9	16.7	30.6	20.9	551.9	14.1	176.4	0.015
[35]	Training	CRD	H	TMR	9	16.7	28.5	23.5	573.9	15.7	184.3	0.014
	Training	LS	A	TMR	4	12.7	—	19.8	668	5.93	103	0.012
	Training	LS	A	TMR	4	15.7	—	19.7	668	12.3	156	0.012
	Training	LS	A	TMR	4	16.2	—	19.7	668	12.4	169	0.012
[36]	Training	LS	A	TMR	4	15.8	—	19.8	668	12.7	174	0.012
	Training	CO	H	TMR	8	18.4	34.6	21.9	717	10.82	201	0.016
[37]	Training	CO	H	TMR	8	18.3	34.6	22.6	717	12.31	240	0.016
	Training	CO	F	Pasture	6	22.1	46.3	10.5	410.3	18.2	200	0.021
	Training	CO	F	Pasture	6	23	47.3	10.3	410.3	20.17	203	0.021
	Training	CO	F	Pasture	6	23	47.3	14	410.3	21	232	0.021
[38]	Training	CO	F	Pasture	6	22.1	46.3	14.6	410.3	19.89	244	0.021
	Test	CRD	HF x J	Pasture	4	13.4	27.3	14.9	506	11.8	103.76	0.037
	Test	CRD	HF x J	Pasture	4	13.4	27.3	15.5	506	13.2	108.1	0.037
	Test	CRD	HF x J	Pasture	4	14.9	46.5	15.3	506	15.9	139.85	0.037
[39]	Training	Incomplete Cross-over	HF	Pasture	8	18.8	34.1	17.4	483	13.8	197	0.018
	Training	Incomplete Cross-over	HF	Pasture	8	20	36.5	16.8	483	15.06	224	0.018
	Training	Incomplete Cross-over	HF	Pasture	8	23.1	41.3	14.8	483	16.85	263	0.018
	Training	Incomplete Cross-over	HF	Pasture	8	21.9	38.9	16.5	483	16.55	271	0.018
[40]	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	15.4	30.1	21.54	595	14.8	108.2	0.037
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	15.4	32.4	21.21	595	16.3	134.1	0.037
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	15.4	30.9	21.91	595	15	147.5	0.037
[41]	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	18.5	31.1	23.5	578	15.9	173.9	0.03
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	18.5	31.8	24	578	16.6	184.3	0.03
	Training	LS	H	TMR	9	18.5	33.6	24.8	578	17.4	204.9	0.03

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[42]	Training	CO	J	TMR	12	15.7	20.7	17.3	467	9.78	123	0.014
	Training	CO	J	TMR	12	16.2	29.8	17.6	467	9.7	150	0.014
[43]	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	14.9	36.3	25.5	711	12.3	152.8	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	14.9	35.6	27	711	13	169.7	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17.4	38.6	27	711	16	248.5	0.023
[44]	Training	LS	H	TMR	8	17.8	37	25.2	711	19.5	263.9	0.023
	Test	LS	H	TMR	12	15.3	27.6	19.9	655	11.7	149	0.018
	Test	LS	H	TMR	12	16.9	24.4	20.2	656	13.8	181	0.018
	Test	LS	H	TMR	12	17.3	30.9	19.6	653	14.9	204	0.018
[45]	Test	LS	H	TMR	12	18.9	27.8	19.9	654	17	237	0.018
	Training	CRD	HF	Pasture	8	23.1	36.4	15.7	459	18.2	271	0.025
[46]	Training	CRD	HF	Pasture	8	23.1	36.4	15.2	459	21	271	0.025
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	8	9.4	35.9	16.8	614	4.8	39.5	0.017
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	8	11.1	35.6	19.9	614	6.3	51.6	0.017
[47]	Training	CRD	H	TMR	8	14.1	35.2	20	614	14	139.4	0.017
	Training	CRD	H	Pasture	4	14.2	51.8	19.9	560	14.09	141.6	0.027
	Training	CRD	H	Pasture	4	14.3	51.8	19.1	560	15.78	150.7	0.027
[48]	Test	LS	H	TMR	16	17	34.3	25.54	690	13.3	209.6	0.015
	Test	LS	H	TMR	16	17.4	34	25.73	690	14.3	233.9	0.015
	Test	LS	H	TMR	16	18.5	34.4	26.82	690	16.6	274	0.015
	Test	LS	H	TMR	16	19.6	34	26.27	690	18.7	289.3	0.015
[49]	Test	CO	F	Pasture	16	22.7	42.1	18.2	542	17.43	298.2	0.023
	Test	CO	F	Pasture	16	22.7	42.1	18.1	542	17.75	302.2	0.023
[50]	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	17.5	39.9	23.1	664	11.2	162	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	17.3	29.5	23.1	669	11.2	112	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	17.4	34.7	24.9	667	11.35	151	0.023
	Training	LS	H	TMR	16	17.3	26.6	24.1	671	11.3	167	0.023
[51]	Training	CRD	H	TMR	12	17.9	31.3	23.7	632	10.8	206	0.017
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	12	16.5	27.5	24.8	652	11.2	211	0.017
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	12	17.3	26.3	22.2	668	12.3	247	0.016
	Training	CRD	H	TMR	12	18	27.1	25.3	668	13.4	251	0.016

¹ Exp. Design = Experimental Design: LS = Latin Square, CRD = Completely Randomized Design, CO = Cross-over, WP/SP = Whole Plot-Split Plot; Breed: H = Holstein, J = Jersey, F = Friesian, HF = Holstein-Friesian, NS = not specified, SR = Swiss Red, HF x J = Holstein-Friesian Jersey cross, H x SR = Holstein x Swiss Red cross, A = Ayrshire; Diet: TMR = total mixed ration, Pasture = Fresh forage fed; Diet CP = dietary Crude Protein, % of DM; Diet NDF = dietary neutral detergent fiber, % of DM; DMI = dry matter intake, kg; BW = body weight, kg; MUN = milk urea nitrogen, mg/dL; UN = urine nitrogen excretion, g/d; UN/BW SEM = the UN (g/d) per BW (kg) standard error of the mean, this value was used to calculate the weighting factor used in the meta-regression analyses.

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R Code used for analysis:

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library(tidyverse)
library(readxl)
library(DescTools)
library(lme4)
library(lmerTest)
library(chillR)
library(performance)
library(emmeans)

complete.dat <- read_xlsx("data4_10-24-22 update.xlsx", sheet = "All data", col_names = T)
complete.dat$Author.year <- as.factor(complete.dat$Author.year); complete.dat$doi.url <-
as.factor(complete.dat$doi.url); complete.dat$Diet.type <- as.factor(complete.dat$Diet.type)

mean(complete.dat$UN.g.d)

#####
##      Assessing Established Models      ##
#####

complete.dat$w1 <- as.numeric(1/(complete.dat$UN.SEM^2))
complete.dat$w2 <- as.numeric(complete.dat$w1/mean(complete.dat$w1))

#####
###   Eq 1   ##
#####

complete.dat$Eq.1 <- as.numeric(12.54*complete.dat$MUN.mg.dL) # Jonker 1998
complete.dat$res.Eq.1 <- complete.dat$UN.g.d - complete.dat$Eq.1

RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Eq.1)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Eq.1)

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RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
"TMR",]$Eq.1)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
"Pasture",]$Eq.1)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

complete.dat$Eq.1.MC <- as.numeric(complete.dat$Eq.1 - mean(complete.dat$Eq.1))
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.1 ~ Diet.type*Eq.1.MC + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
anova(m1)
emmeans(m1, pairwise~Diet.type)
emtrends(m1, pairwise ~ "Diet.type", var = "Eq.2")

#####
##      Eq 2      ##
#####

complete.dat$Eq.2 <- as.numeric(0.0259*complete.dat$MUN.mg.dL*complete.dat$bw.kg) #
Kauffman and St-Pierre, 2001
complete.dat$res.Eq.2 <- complete.dat$UN.g.d - complete.dat$Eq.2

RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Eq.2)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Eq.2)

RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
"TMR",]$Eq.2)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
"Pasture",]$Eq.2)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

complete.dat$Eq.2.MC <- as.numeric(complete.dat$Eq.2 - mean(complete.dat$Eq.2))
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.2 ~ Diet.type*Eq.2.MC + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
anova(m1)
emmeans(m1, pairwise~Diet.type)
emtrends(m1, pairwise ~ "Diet.type", var = "Eq.2.MC")

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#####
###      Eq 3      ##
#####

complete.dat$Eq.3 <- as.numeric(
  148.8+8.06*complete.dat$MUN.mg.dL+8.91*complete.dat$diet.CP.per+4.06*complete.dat$DM
) # Spek et al.,2013b
complete.dat$res.Eq.3 <- complete.dat$UN.g.d - complete.dat$Eq.3

RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
  complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Eq.3)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
  complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Eq.3)

RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d,
  complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
  "TMR",]$Eq.3)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
RMSE(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d,
  complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type ==
  "Pasture",]$Eq.3)/mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

complete.dat$Eq.3.MC <- as.numeric(complete.dat$Eq.3 - mean(complete.dat$Eq.3))
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.3 ~ Diet.type*Eq.3.MC + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
anova(m1)
emmeans(m1, pairwise~Diet.type)
emtrends(m1, pairwise ~ "Diet.type", var = "Eq.2.MC")

#####
###      MUN %      ##
#####

m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.1 ~ MUN.mg.dL + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)

m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.2 ~ MUN.mg.dL + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)

m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.3 ~ MUN.mg.dL + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)

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#####
###      CP %    ##
#####

m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.1 ~ diet.CP.per + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.2 ~ diet.CP.per + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.3 ~ diet.CP.per + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
#####
###      BW kg   ##
#####


```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.1 ~ bw.kg + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.2 ~ bw.kg + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.3 ~ bw.kg + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
#####
###      DMI    ##
#####


```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.1 ~ DMI + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.2 ~ DMI + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
m1 <- lmer(res.Eq.3 ~ DMI + (1|doi.url), weights = w2, data = complete.dat)
summary(m1)
```

```
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)
```

```
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per, na.rm = T)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)
```

```

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)

mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM, na.rm = T)
mean(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM, na.rm = T)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per, na.rm = T)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)

```

```

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)

sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM, na.rm = T)
sd(complete.dat[complete.dat$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM)

#####
##      Model Development      ##
#####

MUNvUN <- read_xlsx("data4_10-24-22 update.xlsx", sheet = "Training", col_names = T)
MUNvUN$Author.year <- as.factor(MUNvUN$Author.year); MUNvUN$doi.url <-
as.factor(MUNvUN$doi.url); MUNvUN$Diet.type <- as.factor(MUNvUN$Diet.type)

MUNvUN$W1 <- as.numeric(1/(MUNvUN$UN.BW.SEM^2))
MUNvUN$W2 <- as.numeric(MUNvUN$W1/mean(MUNvUN$W1))

## Eq. 4 Developement

this.lm <- lmer(UN.g.bw ~ -1+MUN.mg.dL:Diet.type + (1|doi.url), weights = W2, data =
MUNvUN)
summary(this.lm)
anova(this.lm)
r2_nakagawa(this.lm)

## Eq. 5 Development

this.lm <- lmer(UN.g.d ~ MUN.mg.dL + diet.CP.per + Diet.NDF.per + DMI +(1|doi.url),
weights = W2, data = MUNvUN)
summary(this.lm)
anova(this.lm)

## Eq. 6 Development

this.lm <- lmer(UN.g.d ~ MUN.mg.dL + diet.CP.per + Diet.NDF.per + DMI + bw.kg
+(1|doi.url), weights = W2, data = MUNvUN)
summary(this.lm)
anova(this.lm)

```

```
## Eq. 7 Development
```

```
this.lm <- lmer(UN.g.bw ~ MUN.mg.dL + diet.CP.per + (1|doi.url), weights = W2, data = MUNvUN)
summary(this.lm)
anova(this.lm)
```

```
this.lm <- lmer(UN.g.d ~ bw.kg + MUN.mg.dL:bw.kg + diet.CP.per:bw.kg + (1|doi.url), weights = W2, data = MUNvUN)
summary(this.lm)
anova(this.lm)
```

```
#####
##      Descriptive Stats      ##
#####
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per, na.rm=T)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)
```

```
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM, na.rm = T)
mean(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM, na.rm = T)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per, na.rm = T)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)
```

```
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM, na.rm = T)
sd(MUNvUN[MUNvUN$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM)
```

```
#####
##      Model validation and comparison TMR      ##
#####
```

```
test <- read_xlsx("data4_10-24-22 update.xlsx", sheet = "Test set")
```

```
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)
```

```

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)

mean(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM)
mean(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM, na.rm = T)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$diet.CP.per)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$diet.CP.per)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$Diet.NDF.per)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$Diet.NDF.per)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$per.forage.of.diet, na.rm = T)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$per.forage.of.diet)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$UN.g.d)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$UN.g.d)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MUN.mg.dL)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MUN.mg.dL)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$bw.kg)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$bw.kg)

```

```

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DMI)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DMI)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$N.int.g.d)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$N.int.g.d)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$MY)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$MY)

sd(test[test$Diet.type == "TMR",]$DIM)
sd(test[test$Diet.type == "Pasture",]$DIM)

test$Eq.4 <- as.numeric(test$bw.kg*test$MUN.mg.dL*(0.0214+0.0026*test$DT))

test$Eq.5 <- as.numeric(-209.4+6.8*test$MUN.mg.dL+12.4*test$diet.CP.per+4.8*test$DMI)

test$Eq.6 <- as.numeric(-281.3+6.7*test$MUN.mg.dL+13.2*test$diet.CP.per+2.8*test$DMI +
0.16*test$bw.kg)

test$Eq.7 <- as.numeric(-0.253*test$bw.kg + test$bw.kg*test$MUN.mg.dL*0.00932 +
test$bw.kg*test$diet.CP.per*0.026)

#Eq.4
CCC(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.4)
cor.test(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.4)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.4)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.4)/mean(test$UN.g.d)

#Eq.5
CCC(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.5)
cor.test(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.5)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.5)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.5)/mean(test$UN.g.d)

#Eq.6
CCC(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.6)
cor.test(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.6)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.6)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.6)/mean(test$UN.g.d)

#Eq.7
CCC(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.7)
cor.test(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.7)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.7)
RMSEP(test$UN.g.d, test$Eq.7)/mean(test$UN.g.d)

```

```

mean(test$UN.g.d)
mean(test$Eq.4)
mean(test$Eq.5)
mean(test$Eq.6)
mean(test$Eq.7)

sd(test$UN.g.d)
sd(test$Eq.4)
sd(test$Eq.5)
sd(test$Eq.6)
sd(test$Eq.7)

sd(test$UN.g.d)/mean(test$UN.g.d)
sd(test$Eq.4)/mean(test$Eq.4)
sd(test$Eq.5)/mean(test$Eq.5)
sd(test$Eq.6)/mean(test$Eq.6)
sd(test$Eq.7)/mean(test$Eq.7)

max(test$UN.g.d)
max(test$Eq.4)
max(test$Eq.5)
max(test$Eq.6)
max(test$Eq.7)

min(test$UN.g.d)
min(test$Eq.4)
min(test$Eq.5)
min(test$Eq.6)
min(test$Eq.7)

#####
##      Figure Plotting      ##
#####

mod.plot <- subset(test, select = c("UN.g.d", "Eq.4", "Eq.5", "Eq.6", "Eq.7"))
names(mod.plot) <- c("Actual", "Eq. 4", "Eq. 5", "Eq. 6", "Eq. 7")
mod.plot.long <- mod.plot %>% gather(key = "Models", value = "Predicted UN, g/d", 2:5)

mod.plot.long$Models <- factor(mod.plot.long$Models, levels = c("Eq. 4", "Eq. 5", "Eq. 6",
"Eq. 7"))

ggplot(mod.plot.long, aes(x = Actual, y = `Predicted UN, g/d`)) + geom_smooth(method = lm,
formula = y~x, color = "black", size = 1) + labs(x = "Actual UN, g/d") + geom_abline(slope = 1,
intercept = 0, size = 0.5) + scale_linetype_manual(values=c(1, 2, 3, 4)) + geom_point() +
theme_classic() + facet_grid(.~Models) + ggsave("Figure 2.jpeg", height = 4, width = 6, dpi =
1200)

```