

Supplementary material

Suppl. Table S1: Composition of diets

| Feeding groups | Farm 1 (SIM) | | | | Farm 2 (SIM) | | Farm 3 (HOL) | | | |
|---|--------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 6.1/150 | 6.1/250 | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 | 6.1/150 | 6.1/250 | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 |
| Diet provided as | PMR | | | | PMR | | TMR | | | |
| Dry matter [g/kg] | 476 | 514 | 450 | 476 | 466 | 514 | 547 | 601 | 523 | 580 |
| Chemical composition [g/kg of dry matter] | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude ash | 64 | 65 | 64 | 65 | 71 | 70 | 66 | 65 | 67 | 65 |
| Crude protein | 148 | 159 | 153 | 158 | 158 | 159 | 129 | 138 | 135 | 142 |
| Crude fat | 36 | 36 | 37 | 37 | 45 | 44 | 37 | 39 | 38 | 40 |
| Crude fibre | 208 | 190 | 183 | 177 | 177 | 167 | 205 | 184 | 188 | 173 |
| NDF om | 417 | 387 | 377 | 368 | 377 | 362 | 404 | 366 | 372 | 345 |
| ADF om | 251 | 234 | 223 | 217 | 222 | 212 | 241 | 221 | 221 | 207 |
| Energy [MJ/kg DM] | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE _L | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.2 |
| ME | 10.8 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 11.5 | 11.3 | 11.7 |

Feeding groups: 6.1/150: 6.1 MJ NE_L energy concentration of the roughage/kg DM and 150 g concentrate supply /kg ECM; 6.1/250: 6.1 MJ NE_L energy concentration of the roughage/kg DM and 250 g concentrate supply /kg ECM; 6.5/150: 6.5 MJ NE_L energy concentration of the roughage/kg DM and 150 g concentrate supply /kg ECM; 6.5/250: 6.5 MJ NE_L energy concentration of the roughage/kg DM and 250 g concentrate supply /kg ECM;

Diets provided either as total mixed ration (TMR; roughage and concentrate mixed) or partial mixed ration (PMR; roughage and concentrate as separate components); NDF - Neutral detergent fibre; ADF - Acid detergent fibre; om - organic matter; NE_L – net energy of lactation; ME – metabolizable energy

Reference: Urh C. Denissen J. Harder I. Koch C. Gerster E. Ettle T. Kraus N. Schmitz R. Kuhla B. Stamer E. Spiekers H and Sauerwein H 2019.

Circulating adiponectin concentrations during the transition from pregnancy to lactation in high-yielding dairy cows: testing the effects of farm, parity, and dietary energy level in large animal numbers. Domestic Animal Endocrinology 69. 1-12

Composition of reference standard mixture:

- Even chain saturated fatty acids: C8:0, C10:0, C12:0, C14:0, C16:0, C18:0, C20:0, C22:0, C24:0, C26:0
- Odd chain saturated fatty acids: C11:0, C13:0, C15:0, C17:0, C21:0, C23:0
- Branched chain fatty acids: *iso*C13:0, *anteiso*C13:0, *iso*C14:0, *iso*C15:0, *anteiso*C15:0, *iso*C16:0
- Monounsaturated fatty acids: C14:1, C16:1, C17:1, C18:1*trans*-9, C18:1*trans*-11, C18:1*cis*-9, C18:1*cis*-11, C20:1, C22:1, C24:1
- Polyunsaturated fatty acids: C18:2*trans*, C18:2*n*-6, C18:3*n*-6, C18:3*n*-3, CLAcis-9, *trans*-11, C20:2*n*-6, C20:3*n*-6, C20:3*n*-3, C20:4*n*-6, C22:2*n*-6, C22:4*n*-6, C22:6*n*-3

Suppl. Table S2: Descriptive statistic of fatty acid composition (% of total fatty acids) of hair samples taken in weeks 4 and 8 of lactation in farm 1, 2 and 3 (mean +sd)

| Hair sample | Farm 1 (SIM) | | Farm 2 (SIM) | | Farm 3 (HOL) | |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | week 4 | week 8 | week 4 | week 8 | week 4 | week 8 |
| n | 44 | 62 | 37 | 59 | 36 | 55 |
| C10:0 | 5.85±0.93 | 6.06±1.3 | 5.25±1.01 | 5.45±1.02 | 9.02±4.44 | 6.41±1.91 |
| C12:0 | 4.48±0.59 | 4.77±0.69 | 3.96±0.67 | 4.38±0.61 | 4.02±0.79 | 4.08±0.59 |
| C14:0 | 31.06±4.32 | 31.01±5.39 | 28.48±5.2 | 28.91±3.87 | 26.22±5.44 | 24.15±3.83 |
| C16:0 | 22.57±1.96 | 22.2±1.78 | 22.30±2.6 | 20.64±1.98 | 21.49±2.20 | 22.29±1.79 |
| C18:0 | 12.29±1.66 | 12.37±1.98 | 12.84±1.82 | 12.75±1.47 | 13.29±1.69 | 15.37±2.14 |
| C20:0 | 2.80±0.49 | 2.78±0.62 | 3.66±0.65 | 3.26±0.57 | 2.38±0.29 | 2.33±0.29 |
| C22:0 | 1.47±0.19 | 1.50±0.21 | 1.64±0.20 | 1.64±0.26 | 1.95±0.27 | 1.88±0.19 |
| C24:0 | 2.34±0.30 | 2.24±0.32 | 2.43±0.46 | 2.62±0.44 | 2.63±0.50 | 2.55±0.35 |
| C26:0 | 0.54±0.10 | 0.52±0.09 | 0.83±0.19 | 0.85±0.18 | 0.49±0.11 | 0.51±0.09 |
| C13:0 | 0.28±0.05 | 0.26±0.04 | 0.22±0.04 | 0.23±0.04 | 0.30±0.07 | 0.31±0.05 |
| C15:0 | 0.76±0.09 | 0.74±0.09 | 0.70±0.13 | 0.70±0.11 | 0.89±0.14 | 0.98±0.13 |
| C17:0 | 0.75±0.11 | 0.74±0.13 | 1.10±0.17 | 1.06±0.13 | 0.68±0.10 | 0.75±0.10 |
| C21:0 | 0.20±0.04 | 0.20±0.04 | 0.23±0.03 | 0.23±0.04 | 0.21±0.03 | 0.23±0.03 |
| <i>iso</i> C14:0 | 0.32±0.15 | 0.29±0.11 | 0.36±0.24 | 0.38±0.16 | 0.37±0.09 | 0.38±0.10 |
| <i>anteiso</i> C15:0 | 0.23±0.05 | 0.24±0.05 | 0.20±0.05 | 0.23±0.08 | 0.25±0.05 | 0.34±0.10 |
| C16:1 | 0.77±0.13 | 0.78±0.20 | 0.79±0.19 | 0.76±0.17 | 0.71±0.09 | 0.81±0.14 |
| C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | 6.13±1.51 | 6.16±1.80 | 5.99±1.82 | 6.54±2.52 | 6.40±1.49 | 7.01±1.48 |
| C18:1 <i>cis</i> -11 | 2.77±0.67 | 2.67±0.71 | 3.04±0.76 | 2.75±0.57 | 2.50±0.68 | 2.75±0.56 |
| C20:1 | 0.76±0.19 | 0.75±0.21 | 0.94±0.24 | 0.94±0.24 | 0.55±0.15 | 0.56±0.12 |
| C22:1 | 0.21±0.05 | 0.22±0.06 | 0.27±0.06 | 0.27±0.07 | 0.22±0.05 | 0.24±0.05 |
| C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | 2.55±0.82 | 2.91±0.84 | 3.34±1.01 | 4.32±1.20 | 3.69±0.56 | 4.36±0.81 |
| C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | 0.31±0.14 | 0.32±0.12 | 0.43±0.19 | 0.49±0.19 | 0.47±0.13 | 0.52±0.13 |

Suppl. Table S3: Farm-specific effects of energy concentration of the roughage (R), amount of concentrate supply (C), lactation week (lwo), lactation number class (Lactation) on fatty acid composition (% of total fatty acids) of hair taken in week 8 of lactation

| | Farm 1 (SIM) | | | | | | | | Farm 2 (SIM) | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| | Feeding group | | | | p-values | | | | Feeding group | | p-values | |
| | 6.1/150 | 6.1/250 | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 | R | C | Lactation | RxC | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 | C | Lactation |
| C10:0 | 5.5±0.35 | 6.2±0.32 | 6.1±0.31 | 5.8±0.32 | 0.686 | 0.564 | 0.009 | 0.142 | 5.4±0.2 | 5.6±0.21 | 0.486 | 0.295 |
| C12:0 | 4.7±0.18 | 4.9±0.18 | 4.8±0.17 | 4.4±0.19 | 0.388 | 0.634 | 0.254 | 0.074 | 4.4±0.12 | 4.4±0.13 | 0.687 | 0.166 |
| C14:0 | 30.4±1.45 | 31.6±1.36 | 30.7±1.33 | 29.6±1.39 | 0.530 | 0.996 | 0.067 | 0.392 | 28.7±0.72 | 29.3±0.80 | 0.507 | 0.066 |
| C16:0 | 22.9±0.50 | 21.9±0.45 | 21.7±0.45 | 22.9±0.49 | 0.776 | 0.906 | 0.303 | 0.022 | 20.8±0.38 | 20.0±0.41 | 0.143 | 0.444 |
| C18:0 | 12.7±0.54 | 12.3±0.55 | 12.5±0.52 | 12.6±0.52 | 0.934 | 0.733 | 0.136 | 0.628 | 12.8±0.28 | 12.6±0.31 | 0.682 | 0.146 |
| C20:0 | 2.8±0.17 | 2.8±0.16 | 2.8±0.16 | 2.9±0.16 | 0.971 | 0.690 | 0.172 | 0.820 | 3.3±0.10 | 3.1±0.11 | 0.468 | 0.015 |
| C22:0 | 1.5±0.06 | 1.6±0.06 | 1.5±0.05 | 1.4±0.06 | 0.019 | 0.977 | 0.945 | 0.270 | 1.6±0.05 | 1.6±0.05 | 0.947 | 0.708 |
| C24:0 | 2.3±0.09 | 2.3±0.09 | 2.2±0.08 | 2.2±0.09 | 0.070 | 0.998 | 0.734 | 0.869 | 2.6±0.09 | 2.6±0.09 | 0.611 | 0.531 |
| C26:0 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.5±0.02 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.283 | 0.806 | 0.699 | 0.985 | 0.8±0.04 | 0.9±0.04 | 0.402 | 0.849 |
| C13:0 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.433 | 0.745 | 0.661 | 0.451 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.238 | 0.804 |
| C15:0 | 0.8±0.02 | 0.7±0.02 | 0.7±0.02 | 0.7±0.02 | 0.487 | 0.175 | 0.016 | 0.057 | 0.7±0.02 | 0.7±0.02 | 0.872 | 0.067 |
| C17:0 | 0.8±0.04 | 0.7±0.03 | 0.8±0.03 | 0.7±0.03 | 0.880 | 0.373 | 0.039 | 0.593 | 1.1±0.03 | 1.0±0.03 | 0.339 | 0.393 |
| C21:0 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.637 | 0.503 | 0.068 | 0.991 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.310 | 0.491 |
| isoC14:0 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.486 | 0.727 | 0.088 | 0.368 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.697 | 0.353 |
| anteisoC15:0 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.533 | 0.787 | 0.028 | 0.042 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.02 | 0.527 | 0.526 |
| C16:1 | 0.8±0.05 | 0.7±0.05 | 0.8±0.05 | 0.8±0.05 | 0.369 | 0.415 | 0.071 | 0.295 | 0.7±0.04 | 0.8±0.04 | 0.586 | 0.756 |
| C18:1cis-9 | 6.1±0.46 | 5.7±0.45 | 6.3±0.42 | 6.9±0.44 | 0.131 | 0.785 | 0.028 | 0.266 | 6.4±0.50 | 7.1±0.52 | 0.291 | 0.270 |
| C18:1cis-11 | 2.9±0.20 | 2.6±0.19 | 2.6±0.19 | 2.9±0.19 | 0.948 | 0.921 | 0.490 | 0.113 | 2.8±0.11 | 2.6±0.12 | 0.372 | 0.781 |
| C20:1 | 0.7±0.06 | 0.8±0.06 | 0.7±0.05 | 0.8±0.06 | 0.664 | 0.303 | 0.621 | 0.865 | 0.9±0.05 | 0.9±0.05 | 0.782 | 0.188 |
| C22:1 | 0.2±0.02 | 0.2±0.02 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.02 | 0.894 | 0.848 | 0.317 | 0.889 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.992 | 0.558 |
| C18:2-6 | 2.7±0.22 | 2.6±0.20 | 3.3±0.20 | 3.1±0.21 | 0.006 | 0.532 | 0.161 | 0.698 | 4.5±0.24 | 4.3±0.25 | 0.722 | 0.681 |
| C18:3n-3 | 0.3±0.03 | 0.3±0.03 | 0.4±0.03 | 0.4±0.03 | 0.004 | 0.565 | 0.037 | 0.710 | 0.5±0.04 | 0.5±0.04 | 0.418 | 0.967 |

Continued Suppl. Table S3

| | Farm 3 (HOL) | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | Feeding group | | | | P-values | | | |
| | 6.1/150 | 6.1/250 | 6.5/150 | 6.5/250 | R | C | Lactation | RxC |
| C10:0 | 6.2±0.59 | 6.4±0.53 | 6.9±0.51 | 6.3±0.54 | 0.547 | 0.745 | 0.266 | 0.431 |
| C12:0 | 4.0±0.17 | 4.1±0.16 | 4.0±0.16 | 4.1±0.15 | 0.891 | 0.456 | 0.017 | 0.789 |
| C14:0 | 23.4±1.13 | 24.4±1.04 | 24.8±1.00 | 23.6±1.05 | 0.753 | 0.912 | 0.046 | 0.336 |
| C16:0 | 22.3±0.55 | 22.4±0.5 | 22.2±0.48 | 22.6±0.53 | 0.938 | 0.616 | 0.190 | 0.750 |
| C18:0 | 15.3±0.63 | 15.4±0.63 | 15.5±0.60 | 15.4±0.59 | 0.885 | 0.973 | 0.119 | 0.814 |
| C20:0 | 2.4±0.09 | 2.3±0.08 | 2.4±0.08 | 2.3±0.08 | 0.856 | 0.417 | 0.150 | 0.844 |
| C22:0 | 1.9±0.06 | 1.8±0.06 | 1.9±0.05 | 1.9±0.05 | 0.542 | 0.533 | 0.992 | 0.651 |
| C24:0 | 2.5±0.11 | 2.5±0.10 | 2.6±0.09 | 2.5±0.10 | 0.624 | 0.465 | 0.127 | 0.509 |
| C26:0 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.5±0.02 | 0.5±0.02 | 0.5±0.02 | 0.760 | 0.691 | 0.208 | 0.428 |
| C13:0 | 0.3±0.02 | 0.3±0.02 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.3±0.02 | 0.965 | 0.978 | 0.145 | 0.596 |
| C15:0 | 1.0±0.04 | 1.0±0.04 | 1.0±0.04 | 1.0±0.04 | 0.484 | 0.652 | 0.681 | 0.956 |
| C17:0 | 0.8±0.03 | 0.8±0.03 | 0.8±0.03 | 0.7±0.03 | 0.450 | 0.682 | 0.117 | 0.695 |
| C21:0 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.748 | 0.790 | 0.715 | 0.848 |
| isoC14:0 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.127 | 0.894 | 0.494 | 0.803 |
| anteisoC15:0 | 0.3±0.03 | 0.4±0.03 | 0.3±0.03 | 0.3±0.03 | 0.927 | 0.619 | 0.611 | 0.893 |
| C16:1 | 0.9±0.04 | 0.8±0.04 | 0.8±0.03 | 0.8±0.04 | 0.406 | 0.903 | 0.001 | 0.083 |
| C18:1cis-9 | 7.0±0.45 | 7.6±0.41 | 6.5±0.39 | 7.1±0.40 | 0.265 | 0.163 | 0.269 | 0.976 |
| C18:1cis-11 | 2.8±0.17 | 2.9±0.16 | 2.6±0.14 | 2.8±0.15 | 0.295 | 0.370 | 0.033 | 0.985 |
| C20:1 | 0.6±0.04 | 0.6±0.03 | 0.6±0.03 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.861 | 0.417 | 0.040 | 0.584 |
| C22:1 | 0.3±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.2±0.01 | 0.125 | 0.413 | 0.423 | 0.873 |
| C18:2-6 | 4.3±0.24 | 4.2±0.23 | 4.3±0.22 | 4.6±0.23 | 0.426 | 0.758 | 0.506 | 0.383 |
| C18:3n-3 | 0.5±0.04 | 0.5±0.04 | 0.5±0.03 | 0.5±0.04 | 0.294 | 0.382 | 0.526 | 0.967 |

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Suppl. Table S4: Pearson correlation coefficients (r) and P-values (in brackets) between fatty acids (% of total fatty acids) of hair in week 4 and 8 and parameters of energy availability in week 2 to 6 on farm 1 (SIM)

| Hair sample week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Lactation week 2 | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.20 (0.20) | 0.20 (0.19) | 0.18 (0.25) | -0.23 (0.14) | -0.24 (0.13) | -0.15 (0.34) | 0.26 (0.09) | 0.27 (0.08) | | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.18 (0.25) | 0.19 (0.23) | 0.17 (0.28) | -0.19 (0.22) | -0.25 (0.10) | -0.13 (0.40) | 0.27 (0.08) | 0.26 (0.10) | | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.21 (0.19) | 0.20 (0.21) | 0.21 (0.18) | -0.34 (0.03) | -0.23 (0.14) | -0.15 (0.33) | 0.35 (0.02) | 0.40 (0.01) | | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.20 (0.21) | 0.19 (0.24) | 0.21 (0.18) | -0.31 (0.04) | -0.26 (0.10) | -0.14 (0.36) | 0.37 (0.02) | 0.39 (0.01) | | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.06 (0.69) | 0.00 (1.00) | -0.04 (0.79) | -0.09 (0.58) | 0.04 (0.81) | -0.03 (0.83) | 0.32 (0.04) | 0.31 (0.05) | | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.09 (0.59) | -0.06 (0.70) | -0.15 (0.34) | 0.25 (0.11) | 0.01 (0.95) | 0.14 (0.37) | -0.09 (0.56) | -0.14 (0.38) | | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.12 (0.44) | 0.16 (0.32) | 0.09 (0.57) | -0.08 (0.63) | -0.08 (0.60) | -0.07 (0.64) | -0.06 (0.68) | -0.05 (0.77) | | | | |
| BCS | -0.06 (0.74) | 0.02 (0.91) | -0.05 (0.75) | 0.12 (0.48) | -0.05 (0.76) | 0.15 (0.35) | 0.07 (0.67) | 0.01 (0.96) | | | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.09 (0.55) | -0.03 (0.84) | -0.05 (0.77) | 0.04 (0.80) | 0.00 (0.98) | 0.10 (0.54) | 0.01 (0.95) | 0.01 (0.93) | | | | |
| Delta BCS | -0.04 (0.84) | 0.07 (0.73) | 0.01 (0.96) | 0.07 (0.69) | 0.06 (0.76) | -0.18 (0.34) | -0.04 (0.84) | -0.11 (0.55) | | | | |
| Hair sample week 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lactation week 2 | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.01 (0.95) | 0.16 (0.25) | 0.06 (0.67) | -0.03 (0.84) | 0.03 (0.84) | -0.21 (0.11) | -0.09 (0.50) | -0.06 (0.68) | | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.02 (0.91) | 0.15 (0.27) | 0.06 (0.67) | -0.02 (0.90) | 0.02 (0.91) | -0.20 (0.14) | -0.10 (0.47) | -0.07 (0.63) | | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.06 (0.67) | 0.09 (0.54) | -0.01 (0.97) | -0.08 (0.54) | 0.06 (0.64) | -0.12 (0.39) | 0.04 (0.74) | 0.08 (0.54) | | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.05 (0.70) | 0.08 (0.57) | 0.00 (0.97) | -0.07 (0.60) | 0.05 (0.71) | -0.10 (0.45) | 0.03 (0.81) | 0.07 (0.60) | | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.05 (0.70) | 0.03 (0.84) | 0.04 (0.77) | -0.13 (0.35) | -0.03 (0.80) | -0.07 (0.61) | 0.08 (0.55) | 0.12 (0.37) | | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.02 (0.88) | 0.04 (0.75) | 0.04 (0.77) | 0.15 (0.29) | -0.07 (0.63) | -0.05 (0.75) | -0.10 (0.48) | -0.17 (0.22) | | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | -0.13 (0.35) | -0.07 (0.59) | -0.07 (0.61) | 0.15 (0.27) | 0.13 (0.34) | 0.06 (0.67) | -0.21 (0.12) | -0.15 (0.27) | | | | |
| BCS | 0.09 (0.53) | 0.14 (0.34) | 0.03 (0.85) | 0.05 (0.73) | 0.02 (0.87) | -0.09 (0.51) | -0.31 (0.03) | -0.30 (0.04) | | | | |
| Delta body weight | 0.10 (0.46) | 0.19 (0.18) | 0.15 (0.26) | -0.03 (0.83) | -0.19 (0.16) | -0.17 (0.21) | -0.05 (0.72) | -0.08 (0.58) | | | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.08 (0.61) | -0.05 (0.77) | 0.12 (0.44) | -0.02 (0.92) | -0.12 (0.46) | -0.07 (0.66) | 0.05 (0.78) | -0.08 (0.64) | | | | |
| Lactation week 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.05 (0.74) | -0.07 (0.62) | 0.02 (0.86) | 0.10 (0.49) | 0.02 (0.86) | 0.03 (0.82) | 0.08 (0.58) | 0.00 (0.99) | | | | |

| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.09 | (0.51) | -0.09 | (0.52) | -0.03 | (0.84) | 0.15 | (0.30) | 0.06 | (0.65) | 0.07 | (0.59) | 0.08 | (0.57) | 0.01 | (0.96) | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.07 | (0.61) | -0.10 | (0.50) | -0.01 | (0.97) | 0.05 | (0.73) | 0.04 | (0.77) | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.22 | (0.11) | 0.13 | (0.34) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.12 | (0.37) | -0.12 | (0.39) | -0.06 | (0.65) | 0.11 | (0.45) | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.14 | (0.33) | 0.21 | (0.11) | 0.14 | (0.31) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.02 | (0.91) | -0.14 | (0.34) | -0.15 | (0.29) | 0.07 | (0.63) | -0.05 | (0.73) | 0.09 | (0.52) | 0.27 | (0.05) | 0.20 | (0.15) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.11 | (0.43) | -0.01 | (0.95) | 0.08 | (0.58) | 0.04 | (0.79) | -0.12 | (0.40) | -0.08 | (0.59) | -0.14 | (0.32) | -0.25 | (0.07) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.04 | (0.78) | -0.04 | (0.79) | 0.14 | (0.30) | 0.11 | (0.45) | -0.01 | (0.97) | 0.03 | (0.81) | -0.25 | (0.06) | -0.22 | (0.10) | | | |
| BCS | 0.14 | (0.34) | 0.16 | (0.27) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.06 | (0.70) | -0.13 | (0.36) | -0.28 | (0.05) | -0.29 | (0.04) | | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.09 | (0.49) | -0.27 | (0.06) | -0.01 | (0.95) | 0.07 | (0.64) | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.04 | (0.78) | -0.04 | (0.75) | -0.07 | (0.62) | | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.18 | (0.23) | -0.04 | (0.81) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.29 | (0.05) | -0.03 | (0.83) | 0.07 | (0.61) | -0.08 | (0.61) | | | |
| Lactation week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.12 | (0.40) | -0.11 | (0.44) | -0.02 | (0.91) | 0.13 | (0.35) | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.11 | (0.44) | 0.22 | (0.12) | 0.14 | (0.34) | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.10 | (0.50) | -0.08 | (0.60) | 0.04 | (0.81) | 0.14 | (0.34) | -0.01 | (0.95) | 0.13 | (0.36) | 0.27 | (0.05) | 0.18 | (0.20) | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.13 | (0.37) | -0.10 | (0.49) | 0.00 | (0.99) | 0.07 | (0.65) | 0.02 | (0.89) | 0.15 | (0.31) | 0.37 | (0.01) | 0.24 | (0.09) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.11 | (0.46) | -0.08 | (0.58) | 0.04 | (0.81) | 0.07 | (0.63) | -0.02 | (0.89) | 0.16 | (0.28) | 0.37 | (0.01) | 0.25 | (0.07) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.19 | (0.20) | -0.17 | (0.26) | -0.24 | (0.09) | 0.25 | (0.09) | 0.04 | (0.77) | 0.26 | (0.07) | 0.45 | (0.00) | 0.39 | (0.01) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.04 | (0.76) | -0.07 | (0.62) | 0.03 | (0.86) | 0.10 | (0.50) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.01 | (0.92) | -0.07 | (0.62) | -0.10 | (0.46) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.19 | (0.19) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.24 | (0.09) | -0.07 | (0.65) | -0.09 | (0.53) | -0.14 | (0.31) | -0.24 | (0.09) | -0.31 | (0.03) | | | |
| BCS | 0.08 | (0.59) | 0.06 | (0.68) | 0.07 | (0.65) | 0.15 | (0.32) | -0.03 | (0.82) | -0.09 | (0.55) | -0.25 | (0.07) | -0.30 | (0.03) | | | |
| Delta body weight | 0.18 | (0.20) | 0.24 | (0.09) | 0.00 | (0.99) | -0.21 | (0.15) | -0.09 | (0.54) | -0.02 | (0.88) | 0.10 | (0.48) | 0.15 | (0.28) | | | |
| Delta BCS | -0.05 | (0.76) | -0.26 | (0.08) | -0.02 | (0.89) | 0.28 | (0.06) | -0.12 | (0.43) | 0.03 | (0.85) | 0.05 | (0.73) | -0.01 | (0.97) | | | |
| Lactation week 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.21 | (0.12) | -0.12 | (0.38) | -0.12 | (0.38) | 0.24 | (0.07) | 0.12 | (0.37) | 0.22 | (0.09) | 0.23 | (0.08) | 0.29 | (0.02) | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.23 | (0.08) | -0.12 | (0.38) | -0.12 | (0.38) | 0.25 | (0.06) | 0.12 | (0.37) | 0.21 | (0.10) | 0.19 | (0.15) | 0.23 | (0.07) | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.33 | (0.01) | -0.18 | (0.17) | -0.23 | (0.09) | 0.17 | (0.20) | 0.22 | (0.11) | 0.29 | (0.03) | 0.27 | (0.04) | 0.33 | (0.01) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.33 | (0.01) | -0.17 | (0.21) | -0.23 | (0.10) | 0.20 | (0.13) | 0.19 | (0.15) | 0.31 | (0.02) | 0.26 | (0.05) | 0.32 | (0.01) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.06 | (0.66) | -0.05 | (0.71) | -0.11 | (0.43) | -0.06 | (0.67) | -0.12 | (0.37) | 0.19 | (0.16) | 0.32 | (0.01) | 0.39 | (0.00) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.01 | (0.92) | -0.05 | (0.71) | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.12 | (0.39) | -0.09 | (0.52) | 0.01 | (0.96) | 0.11 | (0.42) | 0.00 | (0.99) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.06 | (0.67) | -0.02 | (0.90) | 0.11 | (0.40) | 0.16 | (0.25) | 0.09 | (0.51) | -0.07 | (0.61) | -0.27 | (0.04) | -0.25 | (0.06) | | | |
| BCS | 0.13 | (0.32) | 0.10 | (0.48) | 0.08 | (0.56) | 0.02 | (0.91) | -0.02 | (0.88) | -0.11 | (0.40) | -0.10 | (0.45) | -0.19 | (0.15) | | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.03 | (0.85) | 0.05 | (0.71) | 0.02 | (0.86) | -0.06 | (0.67) | -0.20 | (0.14) | -0.05 | (0.72) | 0.24 | (0.07) | 0.22 | (0.10) | | | |

| Delta BCS | 0.05 | (0.71) | -0.17 | (0.22) | -0.01 | (0.96) | 0.02 | (0.87) | -0.05 | (0.71) | 0.06 | (0.67) | 0.17 | (0.20) | 0.06 | (0.68) |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Lactation week 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.05 | (0.70) | -0.10 | (0.47) | -0.14 | (0.30) | 0.17 | (0.22) | 0.04 | (0.79) | 0.09 | (0.49) | 0.30 | (0.02) | 0.27 | (0.04) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.09 | (0.50) | -0.07 | (0.60) | -0.14 | (0.29) | 0.24 | (0.08) | 0.01 | (0.94) | 0.11 | (0.41) | 0.25 | (0.06) | 0.24 | (0.08) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.09 | (0.50) | -0.17 | (0.22) | -0.14 | (0.28) | 0.12 | (0.37) | 0.07 | (0.63) | 0.07 | (0.62) | 0.13 | (0.34) | 0.05 | (0.72) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.19 | (0.16) | -0.17 | (0.21) | -0.21 | (0.12) | 0.18 | (0.19) | 0.12 | (0.39) | 0.18 | (0.17) | 0.18 | (0.17) | 0.20 | (0.15) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.00 | (0.98) | 0.01 | (0.92) | -0.04 | (0.75) | 0.16 | (0.24) | 0.02 | (0.86) | 0.01 | (0.92) | 0.18 | (0.19) | 0.19 | (0.17) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.03 | (0.84) | 0.07 | (0.60) | 0.05 | (0.73) | -0.08 | (0.54) | -0.05 | (0.69) | 0.03 | (0.82) | 0.03 | (0.81) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | -0.02 | (0.86) | -0.04 | (0.79) | -0.05 | (0.70) | 0.04 | (0.78) | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.05 | (0.73) | -0.04 | (0.76) | -0.10 | (0.44) |
| BCS | 0.14 | (0.30) | 0.14 | (0.31) | 0.09 | (0.48) | 0.04 | (0.78) | 0.00 | (0.97) | -0.20 | (0.13) | -0.16 | (0.24) | -0.24 | (0.07) |
| Delta body weight | 0.00 | (0.99) | 0.02 | (0.91) | 0.03 | (0.82) | 0.04 | (0.75) | -0.11 | (0.44) | -0.03 | (0.80) | -0.08 | (0.57) | -0.05 | (0.70) |
| Delta BCS | -0.03 | (0.82) | -0.08 | (0.54) | 0.00 | (0.98) | 0.10 | (0.45) | -0.07 | (0.61) | 0.06 | (0.63) | 0.10 | (0.46) | 0.20 | (0.13) |

Suppl. Table S5: Pearson correlation coefficients (r) and p -values (in brackets) between fatty acids (% of total fatty acids) of hair in week 4 and 8 and parameters of energy availability in week 2 to 6 on farm 2 (SIM)

| Lactation week 2 | Hair sample week 4 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.31 (0.07) | 0.31 (0.07) | 0.33 (0.05) | -0.46 (0.00) | -0.29 (0.08) | -0.10 (0.55) | 0.18 (0.30) | 0.21 (0.22) | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.27 (0.10) | 0.28 (0.10) | 0.30 (0.07) | -0.43 (0.01) | -0.27 (0.11) | -0.07 (0.69) | 0.23 (0.17) | 0.26 (0.12) | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.22 (0.20) | 0.21 (0.22) | 0.21 (0.22) | -0.37 (0.03) | -0.16 (0.35) | -0.04 (0.83) | 0.28 (0.10) | 0.30 (0.08) | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.16 (0.33) | 0.20 (0.24) | 0.18 (0.28) | -0.36 (0.03) | -0.17 (0.33) | -0.01 (0.95) | 0.34 (0.04) | 0.33 (0.05) | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.21 (0.23) | 0.11 (0.54) | 0.10 (0.55) | -0.13 (0.44) | -0.06 (0.72) | 0.03 (0.85) | -0.06 (0.71) | -0.11 (0.51) | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.18 (0.31) | 0.13 (0.47) | 0.21 (0.22) | -0.12 (0.48) | -0.29 (0.10) | -0.07 (0.70) | -0.13 (0.46) | -0.12 (0.51) | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.22 (0.21) | 0.33 (0.05) | 0.27 (0.11) | -0.33 (0.05) | -0.35 (0.04) | -0.16 (0.35) | 0.35 (0.03) | 0.34 (0.04) | | |
| BCS | -0.20 (0.27) | -0.18 (0.33) | -0.07 (0.70) | 0.25 (0.18) | 0.14 (0.46) | -0.08 (0.67) | -0.36 (0.04) | -0.35 (0.05) | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.03 (0.89) | -0.06 (0.74) | -0.06 (0.77) | 0.13 (0.49) | 0.18 (0.36) | 0.01 (0.96) | -0.25 (0.19) | -0.32 (0.09) | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.14 (0.47) | 0.13 (0.49) | 0.20 (0.30) | -0.15 (0.44) | -0.15 (0.44) | -0.15 (0.43) | 0.05 (0.80) | -0.11 (0.59) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lactation week 2 | Hair sample week 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.07 (0.67) | 0.12 (0.46) | 0.12 (0.45) | 0.00 (0.98) | 0.13 (0.43) | -0.25 (0.12) | 0.26 (0.10) | 0.45 (0.00) | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.05 (0.78) | 0.16 (0.33) | 0.17 (0.29) | -0.03 (0.84) | 0.11 (0.49) | -0.31 (0.05) | 0.27 (0.09) | 0.46 (0.00) | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.07 (0.68) | 0.15 (0.35) | 0.15 (0.36) | -0.06 (0.72) | 0.19 (0.25) | -0.37 (0.02) | 0.26 (0.10) | 0.41 (0.01) | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.06 (0.71) | 0.20 (0.20) | 0.16 (0.30) | -0.07 (0.66) | 0.16 (0.32) | -0.37 (0.02) | 0.29 (0.06) | 0.45 (0.00) | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.01 (0.93) | 0.13 (0.45) | 0.01 (0.94) | 0.18 (0.27) | 0.17 (0.30) | -0.16 (0.32) | -0.17 (0.31) | -0.06 (0.73) | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.17 (0.30) | -0.07 (0.70) | 0.04 (0.80) | 0.11 (0.49) | -0.12 (0.47) | 0.12 (0.46) | -0.23 (0.17) | -0.12 (0.45) | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.05 (0.74) | 0.18 (0.27) | 0.17 (0.29) | -0.26 (0.11) | -0.17 (0.28) | -0.25 (0.11) | 0.36 (0.02) | 0.30 (0.06) | | |
| BCS | 0.00 (1.00) | -0.14 (0.42) | 0.03 (0.85) | -0.11 (0.54) | -0.12 (0.50) | 0.16 (0.34) | -0.14 (0.39) | -0.21 (0.21) | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.21 (0.27) | 0.02 (0.94) | -0.04 (0.84) | 0.17 (0.35) | 0.09 (0.61) | -0.07 (0.72) | -0.18 (0.32) | -0.33 (0.06) | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.03 (0.85) | 0.14 (0.46) | 0.10 (0.58) | 0.06 (0.74) | 0.10 (0.58) | -0.35 (0.05) | -0.14 (0.46) | -0.08 (0.68) | | |

Lactation week 3

| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.03 | (0.86) | -0.11 | (0.51) | -0.13 | (0.43) | -0.03 | (0.86) | 0.10 | (0.52) | -0.01 | (0.95) | 0.37 | (0.02) | 0.46 | (0.00) | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--|--|--|
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.04 | (0.82) | -0.12 | (0.46) | -0.11 | (0.50) | -0.02 | (0.92) | 0.08 | (0.61) | -0.01 | (0.96) | 0.36 | (0.02) | 0.43 | (0.00) | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.01 | (0.94) | -0.10 | (0.55) | -0.07 | (0.66) | -0.09 | (0.59) | 0.18 | (0.26) | -0.12 | (0.44) | 0.37 | (0.02) | 0.45 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.04 | (0.82) | -0.12 | (0.44) | -0.07 | (0.67) | -0.04 | (0.82) | 0.16 | (0.30) | -0.10 | (0.52) | 0.39 | (0.01) | 0.45 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.30 | (0.06) | -0.27 | (0.09) | -0.22 | (0.18) | 0.16 | (0.32) | 0.39 | (0.01) | 0.11 | (0.52) | 0.03 | (0.87) | 0.08 | (0.62) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.08 | (0.62) | 0.12 | (0.47) | -0.09 | (0.57) | 0.03 | (0.83) | -0.16 | (0.33) | 0.30 | (0.06) | -0.21 | (0.19) | -0.13 | (0.40) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.34 | (0.03) | 0.29 | (0.07) | 0.23 | (0.14) | -0.34 | (0.03) | -0.32 | (0.04) | -0.36 | (0.02) | 0.20 | (0.21) | 0.22 | (0.17) | | | |
| BCS | -0.02 | (0.92) | -0.07 | (0.70) | 0.07 | (0.68) | -0.14 | (0.42) | -0.11 | (0.50) | 0.06 | (0.74) | -0.05 | (0.78) | -0.14 | (0.40) | | | |
| Delta body weight | 0.10 | (0.53) | 0.20 | (0.22) | 0.25 | (0.12) | -0.15 | (0.35) | -0.02 | (0.90) | -0.39 | (0.01) | 0.08 | (0.63) | 0.10 | (0.53) | | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.29 | (0.09) | 0.35 | (0.05) | 0.22 | (0.21) | -0.17 | (0.34) | -0.18 | (0.30) | -0.09 | (0.59) | -0.06 | (0.75) | -0.14 | (0.41) | | | |
| Lactation week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.06 | (0.66) | 0.03 | (0.84) | 0.02 | (0.90) | -0.25 | (0.09) | 0.01 | (0.97) | -0.20 | (0.17) | 0.28 | (0.05) | 0.41 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.10 | (0.50) | -0.02 | (0.90) | 0.00 | (0.99) | -0.20 | (0.17) | 0.01 | (0.94) | -0.15 | (0.30) | 0.28 | (0.05) | 0.39 | (0.00) | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.14 | (0.33) | 0.01 | (0.95) | -0.02 | (0.88) | -0.06 | (0.70) | 0.17 | (0.23) | -0.27 | (0.05) | 0.31 | (0.03) | 0.37 | (0.01) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.15 | (0.30) | 0.04 | (0.81) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.06 | (0.66) | 0.18 | (0.19) | -0.27 | (0.05) | 0.33 | (0.02) | 0.39 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.27 | (0.06) | -0.04 | (0.77) | -0.12 | (0.40) | 0.29 | (0.04) | 0.26 | (0.06) | 0.04 | (0.80) | 0.10 | (0.50) | 0.09 | (0.54) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.09 | (0.54) | -0.09 | (0.55) | -0.05 | (0.75) | -0.04 | (0.80) | -0.18 | (0.22) | 0.21 | (0.16) | -0.05 | (0.75) | 0.03 | (0.82) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.21 | (0.15) | 0.11 | (0.46) | 0.17 | (0.25) | -0.39 | (0.00) | -0.19 | (0.19) | -0.22 | (0.12) | 0.16 | (0.27) | 0.23 | (0.10) | | | |
| BCS | -0.08 | (0.61) | -0.26 | (0.08) | -0.16 | (0.27) | 0.05 | (0.75) | 0.07 | (0.63) | 0.16 | (0.29) | -0.08 | (0.58) | -0.14 | (0.33) | | | |
| Delta body weight | 0.28 | (0.05) | 0.24 | (0.10) | 0.27 | (0.06) | -0.22 | (0.13) | -0.08 | (0.59) | -0.24 | (0.09) | -0.15 | (0.31) | -0.06 | (0.66) | | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.03 | (0.83) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.06 | (0.72) | -0.02 | (0.88) | -0.11 | (0.45) | 0.03 | (0.86) | 0.06 | (0.70) | | | |
| Lactation week 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.04 | (0.78) | 0.08 | (0.60) | 0.13 | (0.37) | -0.15 | (0.29) | -0.04 | (0.78) | -0.27 | (0.05) | 0.36 | (0.01) | 0.43 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.06 | (0.69) | 0.03 | (0.85) | 0.11 | (0.46) | -0.11 | (0.43) | -0.05 | (0.73) | -0.16 | (0.27) | 0.37 | (0.01) | 0.45 | (0.00) | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.06 | (0.66) | 0.17 | (0.24) | 0.14 | (0.34) | -0.13 | (0.37) | 0.07 | (0.63) | -0.33 | (0.02) | 0.33 | (0.02) | 0.39 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.07 | (0.64) | 0.14 | (0.32) | 0.11 | (0.45) | -0.11 | (0.44) | 0.07 | (0.61) | -0.30 | (0.03) | 0.31 | (0.02) | 0.38 | (0.00) | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.08 | (0.57) | 0.25 | (0.08) | 0.15 | (0.30) | 0.12 | (0.40) | -0.07 | (0.63) | -0.17 | (0.22) | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.09 | (0.52) | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.13 | (0.35) | -0.05 | (0.71) | 0.05 | (0.74) | -0.04 | (0.76) | -0.22 | (0.13) | 0.19 | (0.17) | 0.03 | (0.83) | 0.12 | (0.39) | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.18 | (0.20) | 0.07 | (0.63) | 0.16 | (0.26) | -0.38 | (0.00) | -0.09 | (0.50) | -0.19 | (0.17) | 0.34 | (0.01) | 0.39 | (0.00) | | | |
| BCS | -0.15 | (0.28) | -0.25 | (0.07) | -0.20 | (0.16) | 0.20 | (0.15) | 0.09 | (0.50) | 0.16 | (0.25) | -0.10 | (0.45) | -0.17 | (0.22) | | | |

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|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Delta body weight | 0.24 | (0.09) | 0.22 | (0.12) | 0.15 | (0.30) | 0.08 | (0.57) | -0.12 | (0.41) | -0.08 | (0.57) | 0.08 | (0.57) | 0.10 | (0.45) |
| Delta BCS | -0.09 | (0.55) | 0.07 | (0.63) | 0.04 | (0.81) | 0.17 | (0.24) | 0.01 | (0.97) | -0.03 | (0.86) | -0.06 | (0.67) | -0.05 | (0.71) |
| Lactation week 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.04 | (0.80) | -0.07 | (0.63) | 0.08 | (0.58) | -0.18 | (0.19) | -0.02 | (0.91) | -0.14 | (0.32) | 0.42 | (0.00) | 0.47 | (0.00) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.00 | (1.00) | -0.06 | (0.70) | 0.08 | (0.56) | -0.20 | (0.14) | -0.03 | (0.82) | -0.13 | (0.34) | 0.41 | (0.00) | 0.47 | (0.00) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.04 | (0.75) | -0.02 | (0.90) | 0.03 | (0.83) | -0.11 | (0.41) | 0.09 | (0.49) | -0.20 | (0.15) | 0.34 | (0.01) | 0.36 | (0.01) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.00 | (1.00) | 0.00 | (0.99) | 0.04 | (0.80) | -0.14 | (0.31) | 0.08 | (0.58) | -0.19 | (0.16) | 0.33 | (0.01) | 0.35 | (0.01) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.00 | (0.99) | 0.17 | (0.22) | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.11 | (0.45) | -0.01 | (0.92) | 0.01 | (0.94) | 0.00 | (1.00) | -0.02 | (0.88) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | 0.15 | (0.28) | -0.06 | (0.69) | 0.05 | (0.74) | -0.02 | (0.86) | -0.20 | (0.16) | 0.20 | (0.15) | 0.02 | (0.87) | 0.12 | (0.40) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.12 | (0.38) | 0.06 | (0.69) | 0.14 | (0.30) | -0.35 | (0.01) | -0.12 | (0.38) | -0.21 | (0.13) | 0.36 | (0.01) | 0.39 | (0.00) |
| BCS | -0.18 | (0.21) | -0.23 | (0.11) | -0.18 | (0.19) | 0.13 | (0.35) | 0.02 | (0.88) | 0.21 | (0.12) | -0.10 | (0.47) | -0.22 | (0.12) |
| Delta body weight | 0.09 | (0.54) | 0.04 | (0.75) | -0.01 | (0.95) | 0.07 | (0.60) | 0.26 | (0.06) | -0.01 | (0.96) | -0.20 | (0.15) | -0.15 | (0.27) |
| Delta BCS | 0.01 | (0.94) | 0.11 | (0.44) | 0.13 | (0.35) | -0.06 | (0.65) | -0.21 | (0.12) | 0.13 | (0.33) | 0.00 | (0.99) | -0.05 | (0.71) |

Suppl. Table S6: Pearson correlation coefficients (r) and p -values (in brackets) between fatty acids (% of total fatty acids) of hair in week 4 and 8 and parameters of energy availability in week 2 to 6 on farm 3 (HOL)

| Lactation week 2 | Hair sample week 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.36 (0.03) | -0.03 (0.88) | 0.09 (0.60) | 0.23 (0.17) | 0.32 (0.06) | 0.08 (0.66) | 0.13 (0.44) | 0.12 (0.50) | | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.36 (0.03) | -0.01 (0.94) | 0.10 (0.56) | 0.22 (0.19) | 0.31 (0.07) | 0.07 (0.69) | 0.15 (0.39) | 0.12 (0.48) | | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | -0.30 (0.07) | -0.03 (0.88) | 0.03 (0.86) | 0.20 (0.24) | 0.32 (0.06) | 0.11 (0.53) | 0.30 (0.08) | 0.24 (0.17) | | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | -0.30 (0.08) | -0.01 (0.96) | 0.03 (0.88) | 0.19 (0.28) | 0.36 (0.04) | 0.08 (0.64) | 0.28 (0.10) | 0.21 (0.23) | | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.30 (0.07) | 0.10 (0.56) | 0.15 (0.38) | 0.09 (0.62) | 0.15 (0.39) | -0.01 (0.97) | 0.21 (0.23) | 0.21 (0.22) | | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.17 (0.34) | -0.18 (0.30) | -0.06 (0.73) | 0.33 (0.06) | 0.18 (0.31) | 0.16 (0.37) | -0.23 (0.19) | -0.22 (0.21) | | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | -0.01 (0.94) | 0.04 (0.83) | 0.01 (0.96) | 0.00 (1.00) | 0.02 (0.91) | -0.03 (0.87) | 0.10 (0.55) | -0.01 (0.95) | | | | |
| BCS | -0.06 (0.74) | -0.14 (0.41) | -0.05 (0.78) | 0.18 (0.30) | 0.10 (0.57) | 0.11 (0.51) | -0.26 (0.12) | -0.31 (0.07) | | | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.06 (0.74) | -0.18 (0.32) | -0.12 (0.49) | 0.09 (0.62) | 0.27 (0.13) | 0.17 (0.35) | 0.13 (0.46) | 0.10 (0.56) | | | | |
| Delta BCS | -0.09 (0.59) | -0.16 (0.37) | -0.13 (0.47) | 0.28 (0.10) | 0.21 (0.22) | 0.15 (0.40) | -0.22 (0.20) | -0.19 (0.28) | | | | |
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| Lactation week 2 | Hair sample week 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | C10:0 | C12:0 | C14:0 | C16:0 | C18:0 | C18:1 <i>cis</i> -9 | C18:2 <i>n</i> -6 | C18:3 <i>n</i> -3 | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | -0.03 (0.83) | -0.20 (0.15) | -0.18 (0.20) | 0.26 (0.07) | 0.23 (0.10) | 0.13 (0.34) | -0.08 (0.55) | -0.03 (0.84) | | | | |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | -0.04 (0.80) | -0.18 (0.20) | -0.12 (0.39) | 0.24 (0.10) | 0.19 (0.18) | 0.10 (0.48) | -0.10 (0.48) | -0.08 (0.58) | | | | |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.04 (0.77) | -0.09 (0.55) | -0.10 (0.46) | 0.14 (0.34) | 0.00 (1.00) | 0.04 (0.77) | 0.06 (0.69) | 0.01 (0.95) | | | | |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.06 (0.68) | -0.05 (0.74) | -0.07 (0.60) | 0.11 (0.47) | -0.03 (0.86) | 0.01 (0.95) | 0.05 (0.73) | -0.01 (0.93) | | | | |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | -0.04 (0.78) | -0.01 (0.92) | -0.08 (0.57) | 0.03 (0.82) | 0.03 (0.86) | -0.12 (0.41) | 0.00 (0.99) | 0.04 (0.76) | | | | |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.15 (0.31) | -0.34 (0.01) | -0.24 (0.10) | 0.21 (0.15) | 0.36 (0.01) | 0.27 (0.06) | -0.28 (0.04) | -0.16 (0.28) | | | | |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | -0.01 (0.93) | -0.04 (0.79) | 0.02 (0.86) | 0.10 (0.50) | 0.15 (0.29) | 0.11 (0.42) | 0.04 (0.77) | 0.03 (0.83) | | | | |
| BCS | -0.04 (0.76) | -0.30 (0.03) | -0.28 (0.05) | 0.08 (0.58) | 0.28 (0.04) | 0.23 (0.10) | -0.17 (0.21) | -0.11 (0.45) | | | | |
| Delta body weight | -0.01 (0.96) | -0.16 (0.28) | -0.13 (0.36) | 0.00 (1.00) | 0.10 (0.51) | 0.10 (0.51) | -0.03 (0.84) | 0.02 (0.91) | | | | |
| Delta BCS | 0.00 (0.97) | -0.20 (0.16) | -0.20 (0.16) | 0.20 (0.16) | 0.31 (0.03) | 0.18 (0.20) | -0.15 (0.28) | -0.12 (0.38) | | | | |

Lactation week 3

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|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.02 | (0.92) | -0.16 | (0.28) | -0.06 | (0.68) | 0.26 | (0.08) | 0.05 | (0.74) | 0.09 | (0.53) | -0.10 | (0.51) | -0.09 | (0.54) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.07 | (0.61) | -0.03 | (0.85) | 0.05 | (0.74) | 0.16 | (0.28) | 0.02 | (0.88) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.11 | (0.45) | -0.15 | (0.32) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.05 | (0.75) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.11 | (0.47) | 0.08 | (0.57) | -0.03 | (0.85) | -0.17 | (0.24) | 0.08 | (0.57) | 0.03 | (0.82) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.13 | (0.38) | 0.15 | (0.31) | 0.10 | (0.49) | 0.01 | (0.94) | -0.16 | (0.28) | -0.13 | (0.37) | 0.08 | (0.60) | 0.01 | (0.92) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.03 | (0.85) | 0.12 | (0.41) | 0.07 | (0.65) | -0.08 | (0.60) | -0.14 | (0.34) | -0.18 | (0.22) | 0.16 | (0.25) | 0.12 | (0.43) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.05 | (0.75) | -0.40 | (0.00) | -0.31 | (0.03) | 0.20 | (0.18) | 0.36 | (0.01) | 0.37 | (0.01) | -0.23 | (0.10) | -0.09 | (0.51) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | -0.01 | (0.93) | -0.10 | (0.50) | -0.04 | (0.79) | 0.22 | (0.13) | 0.20 | (0.15) | 0.17 | (0.23) | -0.19 | (0.18) | -0.14 | (0.32) |
| BCS | -0.08 | (0.57) | -0.32 | (0.02) | -0.28 | (0.05) | 0.12 | (0.41) | 0.30 | (0.03) | 0.24 | (0.08) | -0.22 | (0.12) | -0.16 | (0.27) |
| Delta body weight | 0.16 | (0.27) | 0.11 | (0.44) | 0.10 | (0.49) | -0.25 | (0.08) | -0.12 | (0.41) | -0.04 | (0.78) | 0.46 | (0.00) | 0.21 | (0.14) |
| Delta BCS | -0.10 | (0.48) | 0.09 | (0.55) | 0.15 | (0.28) | -0.04 | (0.81) | -0.18 | (0.21) | -0.06 | (0.69) | 0.03 | (0.82) | -0.10 | (0.49) |

Lactation week 4

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|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.16 | (0.26) | 0.00 | (1.00) | -0.02 | (0.92) | 0.00 | (1.00) | 0.01 | (0.96) | 0.02 | (0.91) | 0.12 | (0.41) | 0.03 | (0.81) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.16 | (0.27) | 0.00 | (1.00) | -0.01 | (0.94) | 0.00 | (1.00) | 0.01 | (0.92) | 0.02 | (0.92) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.03 | (0.83) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.26 | (0.07) | 0.21 | (0.15) | 0.11 | (0.46) | -0.15 | (0.29) | -0.26 | (0.06) | -0.16 | (0.26) | 0.26 | (0.07) | 0.14 | (0.35) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.25 | (0.08) | 0.21 | (0.14) | 0.11 | (0.43) | -0.15 | (0.31) | -0.26 | (0.06) | -0.17 | (0.23) | 0.27 | (0.06) | 0.15 | (0.30) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.18 | (0.21) | 0.22 | (0.12) | 0.06 | (0.69) | -0.22 | (0.13) | -0.32 | (0.02) | -0.25 | (0.08) | 0.17 | (0.23) | 0.04 | (0.78) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.13 | (0.36) | -0.42 | (0.00) | -0.30 | (0.04) | 0.20 | (0.16) | 0.38 | (0.01) | 0.39 | (0.01) | -0.21 | (0.15) | -0.09 | (0.55) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.07 | (0.64) | -0.15 | (0.31) | -0.02 | (0.91) | 0.13 | (0.37) | 0.22 | (0.14) | 0.22 | (0.14) | -0.09 | (0.53) | -0.09 | (0.55) |
| BCS | -0.11 | (0.43) | -0.31 | (0.03) | -0.26 | (0.07) | 0.14 | (0.34) | 0.33 | (0.02) | 0.24 | (0.09) | -0.24 | (0.10) | -0.17 | (0.23) |
| Delta body weight | -0.18 | (0.22) | 0.09 | (0.52) | 0.23 | (0.11) | -0.14 | (0.35) | 0.01 | (0.95) | -0.06 | (0.66) | 0.20 | (0.16) | 0.06 | (0.70) |
| Delta BCS | -0.09 | (0.54) | 0.08 | (0.60) | 0.14 | (0.33) | -0.03 | (0.82) | -0.21 | (0.14) | -0.04 | (0.80) | 0.04 | (0.79) | -0.02 | (0.87) |

Lactation week 5

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|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.23 | (0.10) | -0.10 | (0.50) | -0.05 | (0.72) | 0.01 | (0.95) | 0.12 | (0.42) | 0.04 | (0.79) | 0.06 | (0.68) | 0.00 | (0.97) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.25 | (0.08) | -0.13 | (0.37) | -0.09 | (0.54) | 0.01 | (0.93) | 0.01 | (0.92) | 0.10 | (0.47) | 0.08 | (0.58) | 0.03 | (0.84) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.34 | (0.02) | 0.13 | (0.36) | 0.10 | (0.51) | -0.16 | (0.28) | -0.16 | (0.26) | -0.18 | (0.22) | 0.18 | (0.20) | 0.07 | (0.61) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.37 | (0.01) | 0.10 | (0.50) | 0.05 | (0.75) | -0.16 | (0.26) | -0.22 | (0.13) | -0.10 | (0.49) | 0.21 | (0.13) | 0.09 | (0.54) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.03 | (0.82) | 0.05 | (0.71) | 0.04 | (0.77) | -0.13 | (0.37) | -0.03 | (0.81) | -0.18 | (0.21) | 0.04 | (0.76) | -0.01 | (0.94) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.15 | (0.28) | -0.43 | (0.00) | -0.31 | (0.03) | 0.23 | (0.11) | 0.32 | (0.02) | 0.42 | (0.00) | -0.23 | (0.10) | -0.10 | (0.48) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.20 | (0.16) | -0.06 | (0.68) | -0.02 | (0.86) | 0.07 | (0.64) | 0.12 | (0.41) | 0.15 | (0.31) | 0.04 | (0.80) | 0.01 | (0.96) |
| BCS | -0.16 | (0.28) | -0.29 | (0.04) | -0.24 | (0.09) | 0.12 | (0.43) | 0.27 | (0.06) | 0.25 | (0.09) | -0.12 | (0.41) | -0.08 | (0.59) |

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|---|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Delta body weight | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.06 | (0.69) | 0.09 | (0.51) | 0.01 | (0.94) | -0.07 | (0.65) | -0.13 | (0.37) | 0.00 | (0.99) | 0.02 | (0.87) |
| Delta BCS | 0.13 | (0.38) | 0.15 | (0.31) | 0.13 | (0.39) | -0.12 | (0.43) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.06 | (0.68) | 0.07 | (0.61) | 0.05 | (0.75) |
| Lactation week 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dry matter intake [kg DM] | 0.04 | (0.79) | -0.04 | (0.75) | 0.03 | (0.82) | 0.00 | (0.98) | -0.03 | (0.82) | 0.09 | (0.51) | 0.19 | (0.17) | 0.18 | (0.20) |
| Energy intake [MJ NE _L] | 0.10 | (0.46) | -0.11 | (0.42) | -0.02 | (0.88) | 0.02 | (0.87) | 0.03 | (0.81) | 0.11 | (0.43) | 0.15 | (0.30) | 0.12 | (0.40) |
| Dry matter intake per metabolic BW [kg DM/ BW ^{0.75}] | 0.27 | (0.06) | 0.04 | (0.81) | 0.04 | (0.75) | -0.14 | (0.32) | -0.15 | (0.30) | -0.08 | (0.60) | 0.28 | (0.04) | 0.19 | (0.17) |
| Energy intake per metabolic BW [MJ NE _L / BW ^{0.75}] | 0.28 | (0.04) | 0.05 | (0.72) | 0.05 | (0.71) | -0.17 | (0.24) | -0.16 | (0.25) | -0.07 | (0.60) | 0.27 | (0.05) | 0.18 | (0.19) |
| Energy balance [MJ NE _L] | 0.16 | (0.27) | -0.02 | (0.89) | 0.06 | (0.68) | -0.23 | (0.11) | -0.07 | (0.62) | -0.15 | (0.30) | 0.02 | (0.91) | -0.01 | (0.96) |
| Maintenance [MJ NE _L] | -0.14 | (0.32) | -0.44 | (0.00) | -0.32 | (0.02) | 0.23 | (0.10) | 0.37 | (0.01) | 0.41 | (0.00) | -0.23 | (0.09) | -0.10 | (0.46) |
| Milk [MJ NE _L] | 0.00 | (0.99) | -0.01 | (0.92) | -0.02 | (0.87) | 0.11 | (0.42) | 0.09 | (0.53) | 0.16 | (0.26) | 0.17 | (0.22) | 0.13 | (0.37) |
| BCS | -0.07 | (0.61) | -0.31 | (0.03) | -0.26 | (0.06) | 0.09 | (0.55) | 0.29 | (0.04) | 0.22 | (0.12) | -0.16 | (0.26) | -0.13 | (0.38) |
| Delta body weight | 0.10 | (0.47) | -0.02 | (0.87) | -0.10 | (0.49) | 0.02 | (0.91) | 0.07 | (0.62) | 0.02 | (0.89) | 0.02 | (0.86) | -0.03 | (0.82) |
| Delta BCS | 0.22 | (0.12) | -0.24 | (0.09) | -0.18 | (0.21) | -0.01 | (0.92) | 0.09 | (0.52) | 0.00 | (0.99) | -0.20 | (0.15) | -0.20 | (0.16) |