**Monitoring and assessment of ingestive chewing sounds for prediction of herbage intake rate in grazing cattle**

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## Supplementary Tables

# **Table S1.** *Characteristics of forages used in the experiment.*

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|  |  | Alfalfa | Fescue | Mean | RMSE | P value |
| Biomass (g DM/pot) | Tall | 6.5 | 8.4 | 7.5a | 1.31 | <0.001 |
|  | Short | 3.0 | 4.5 | 3.7b |  |  |
|  | Mean | 4.7b | 6.5a |  |  |  |
| Height (cm) | Tall | 23 | 26 | 25a | 3.02 | <0.001 |
|  | Short | 11 | 12 | 12b |  |  |
|  | Mean | 17 | 19 |  |  |  |
| Dry matter content (g/kg) | Tall | 179 | 189 | 184 | 30.1 | 0.292 |
|  | Short | 192 | 197 | 194 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 185 | 193 |  |  |  |
| NDF (g/kg DM) | Tall | 349 | 619 | 484 | 26.3 | <0.001 |
|  | Short | 371 | 643 | 507 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 360a | 631b |  |  |  |

N= 32. Values in parentheses are standard errors. DM= dry matter. NDF= neutral detergent fibre. Means followed by different letters differ significantly (Tukey-Kramer HSD, P < 0.05). RMSE= root of the mean squared error.

**Table S2***.* *Effect of forages on time per bite and allocation of jaw movements of cattle.*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Alfalfa | Fescue | Mean | RMSE | P value |
| Time per bite (s) | Tall | 2.09 | 3.04 | 2.57 | 0.51 | <0.001 |
| n= 48 | Short | 1.93 | 2.72 | 2.33 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 2.01b | 2.88a |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total jaw movement rate (min–1) | Tall | 57 | 58 | 58 | 6.40 | 0.774 |
| n= 47 | Short | 54 | 59 | 57 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 56 | 58 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chewing rate (min–1) | Tall | 48 | 52 | 50 | 6.02 | <0.001 |
| n= 47 | Short | 40 | 51 | 46 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 44b | 51a |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total jaw movement per bite | Tall | 2.04 | 2.98 | 2.51 | 0.35 | <0.001 |
| n= 47 | Short | 1.67 | 2.95 | 2.31 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 1.85b | 2.97a |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total chews per bite | Tall | 1.71 | 2.64 | 2.17 | 0.32 | <0.001 |
| n= 47 | Short | 1.18 | 2.55 | 1.87 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 1.45b | 2.60a |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exclusive chews per bite | Tall | 1.04 | 1.98 | 1.51 | 0.35 | <0.001 |
| n= 47 | Short | 0.67 | 1.95 | 1.31 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 0.85b | 1.97a |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chew-bites per bite | Tall | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65a | 0.13 | 0.004 |
| n= 47 | Short | 0.49 | 0.59 | 0.54b |  |  |
|  | Mean | 0.57 | 0.62 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proportion chew-bite (\*) | Tall | 0.36 | 0.23 | 0.29 | 0.09 | 0.015 |
| n= 47 | Short | 0.29 | 0.24 | 0.26 |  |  |
|  | Mean | 0.33a | 0.23b |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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(\*) Chew-bites as proportion of total jaw movements

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