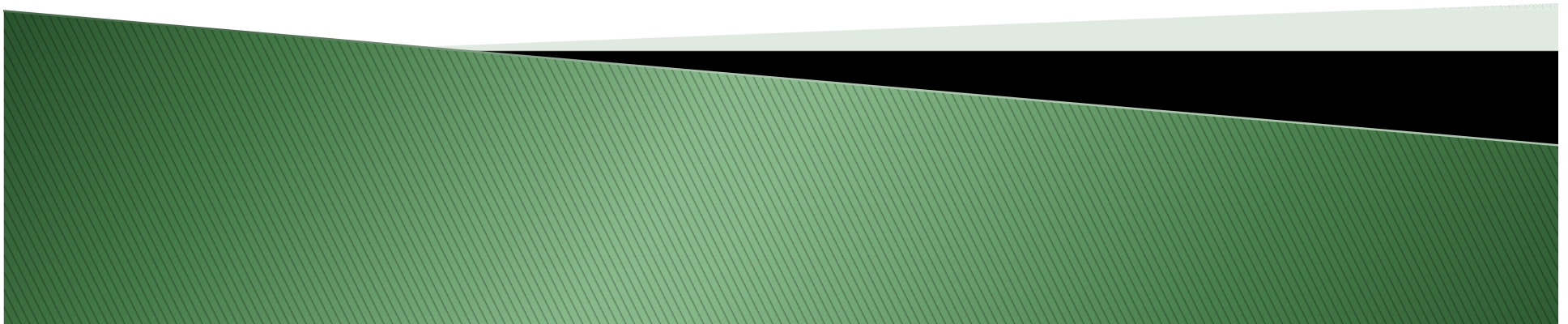


# Feed Value of Barley : An update from the Feed Evaluation NIRS project

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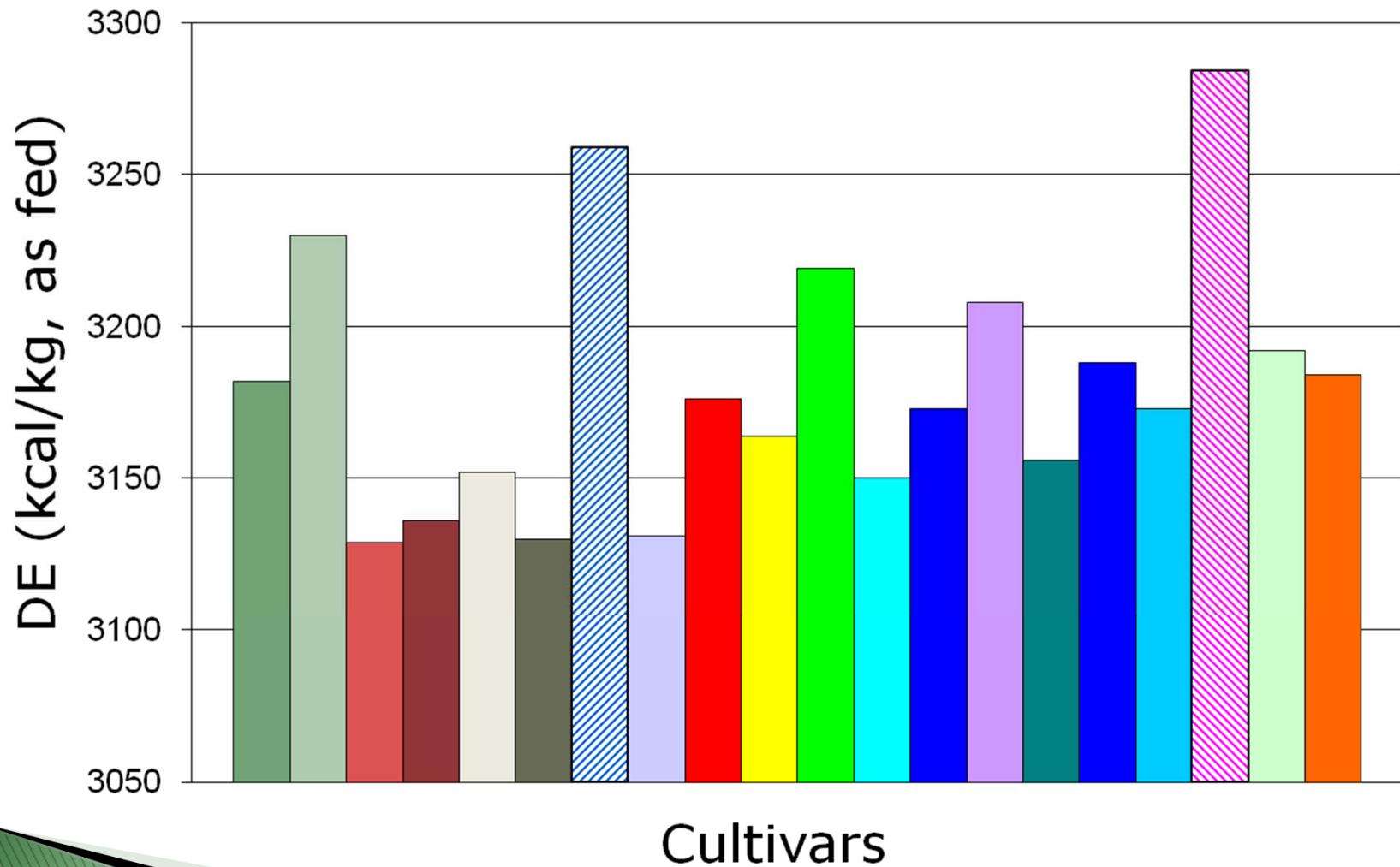
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# CURRENT SITUATION

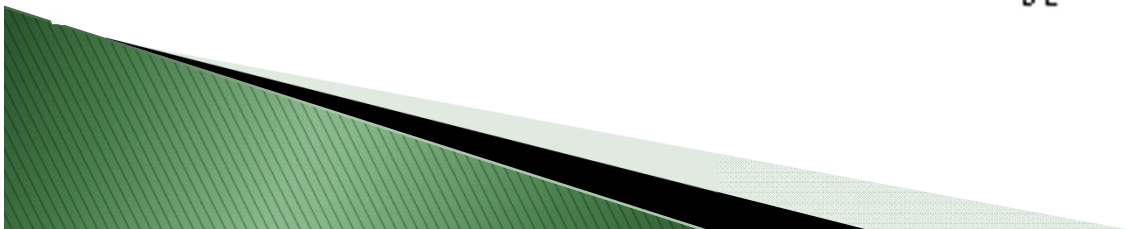
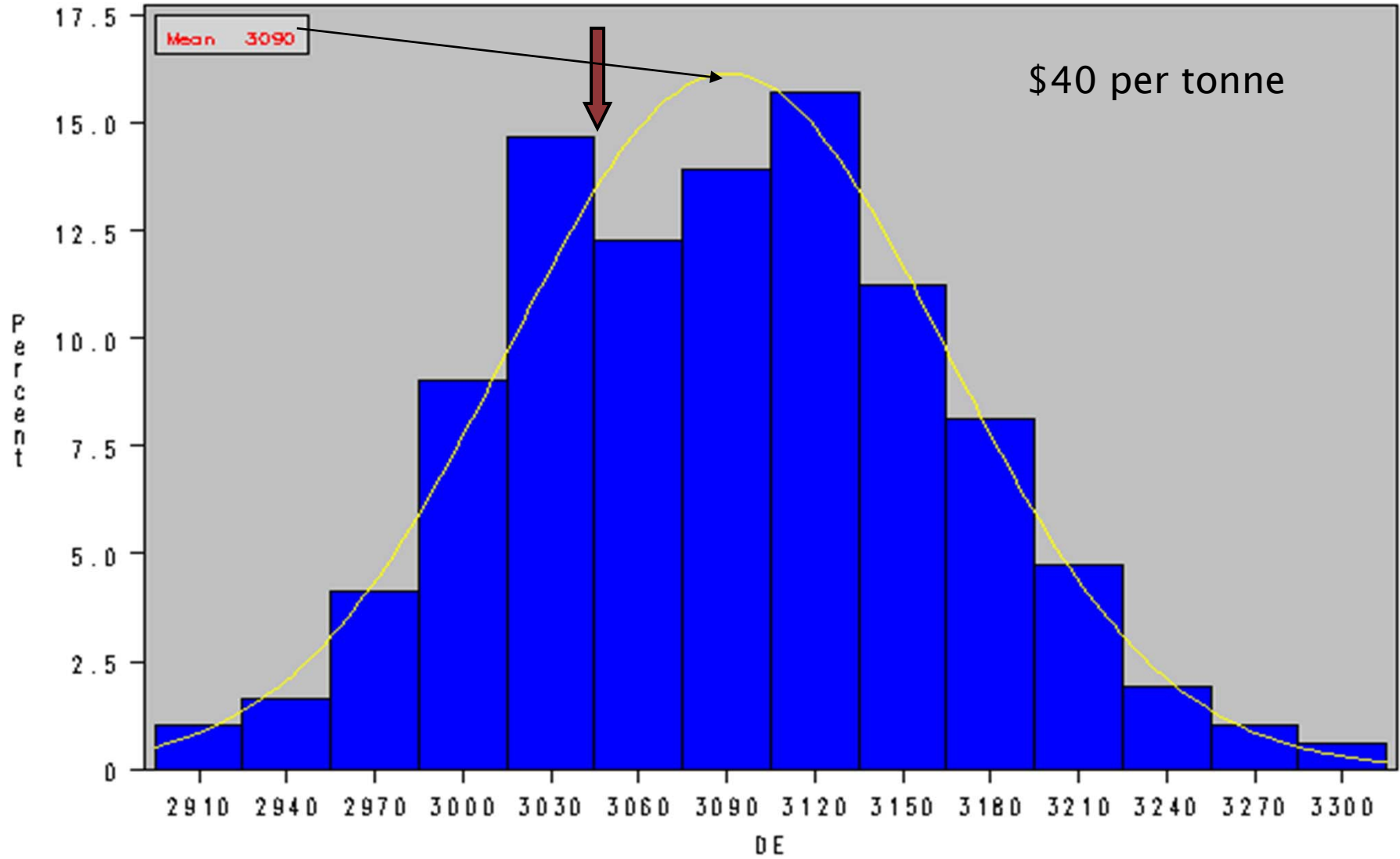
- Commodity
  - Not used by malting/food industry
- End users price as commodity
  - energy cost per kg product produced;
- Few wet chemistry laboratories
  - Turnover time, cost, blending
- Book values for nutritional composition

# Barley Genotype Differences in Swine DE (kcal/kg) Content

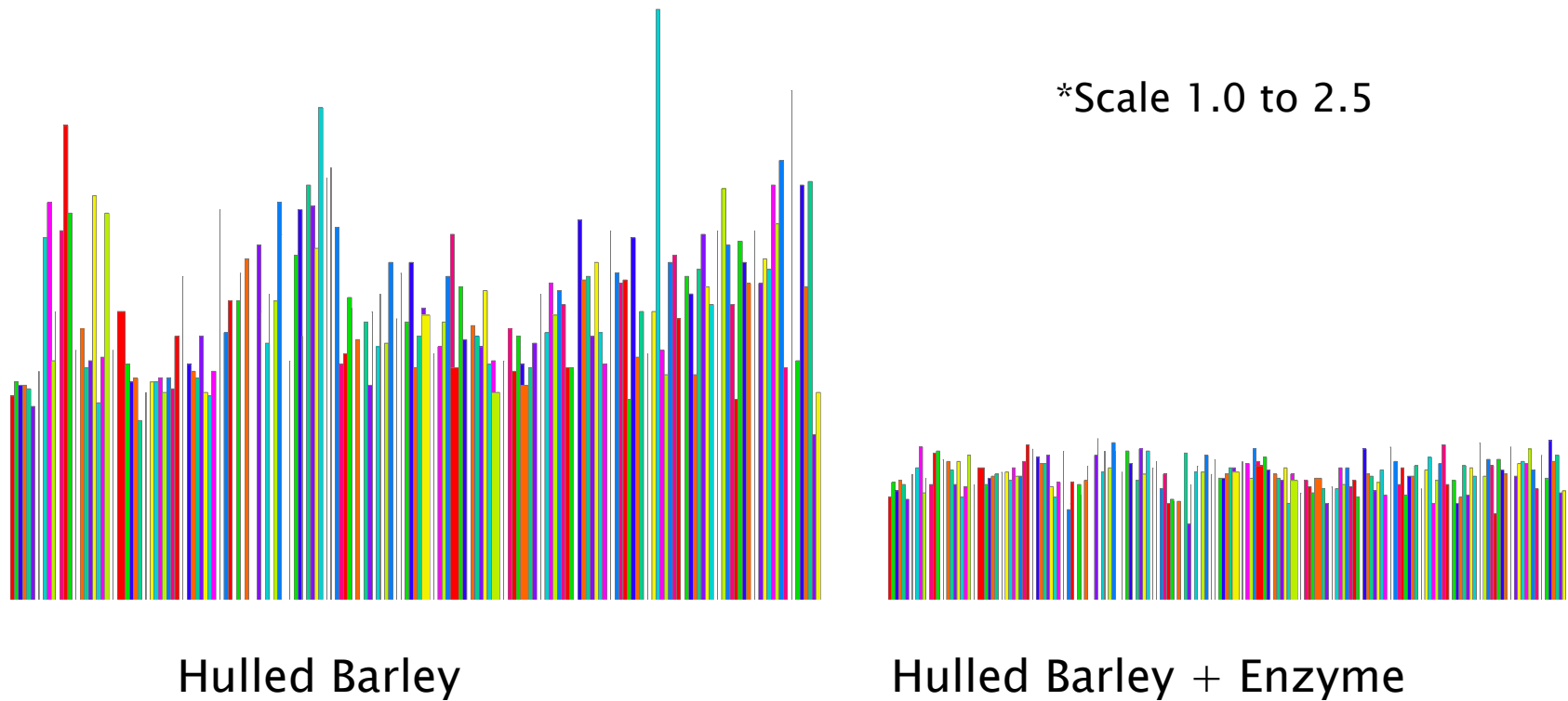


Helm et al., 2000

Distribution analysis — Seebe Barley (n=673) Data from FCDC Database



# Variation in Feed:Gain of Broilers fed Diets Containing Hulled Barley



# Feed Quality Evaluation/NIRS Project

300 Samples each of 6 products

BARLEY

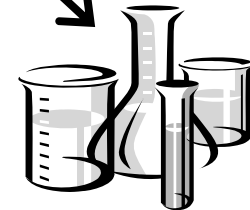
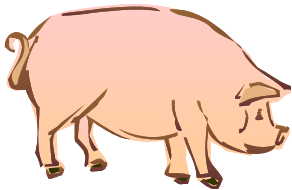
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BYPRODUCT



- DE
- NE

- Starch
- Fiber

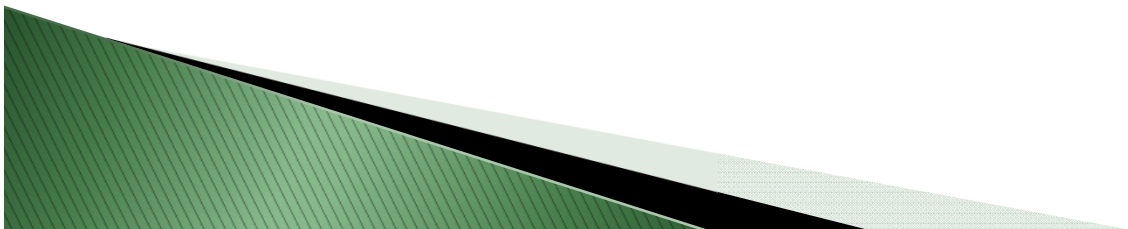
- AME

- Proximates
- AA
- Physical

Animal (In-vivo) and In-vitro Measurements

# What Is the Target?

- ▶ **DEFINE FEED VALUE!**
- ▶ Develop robust, timely, inexpensive ways to predict/estimate feed value
- ▶ **Work with industry leaders to use these predictors of feed value in formulation systems**
- ▶ Develop rapid method to “estimate the estimate”





# Prediction of barley grain feed value for swine using NIRS

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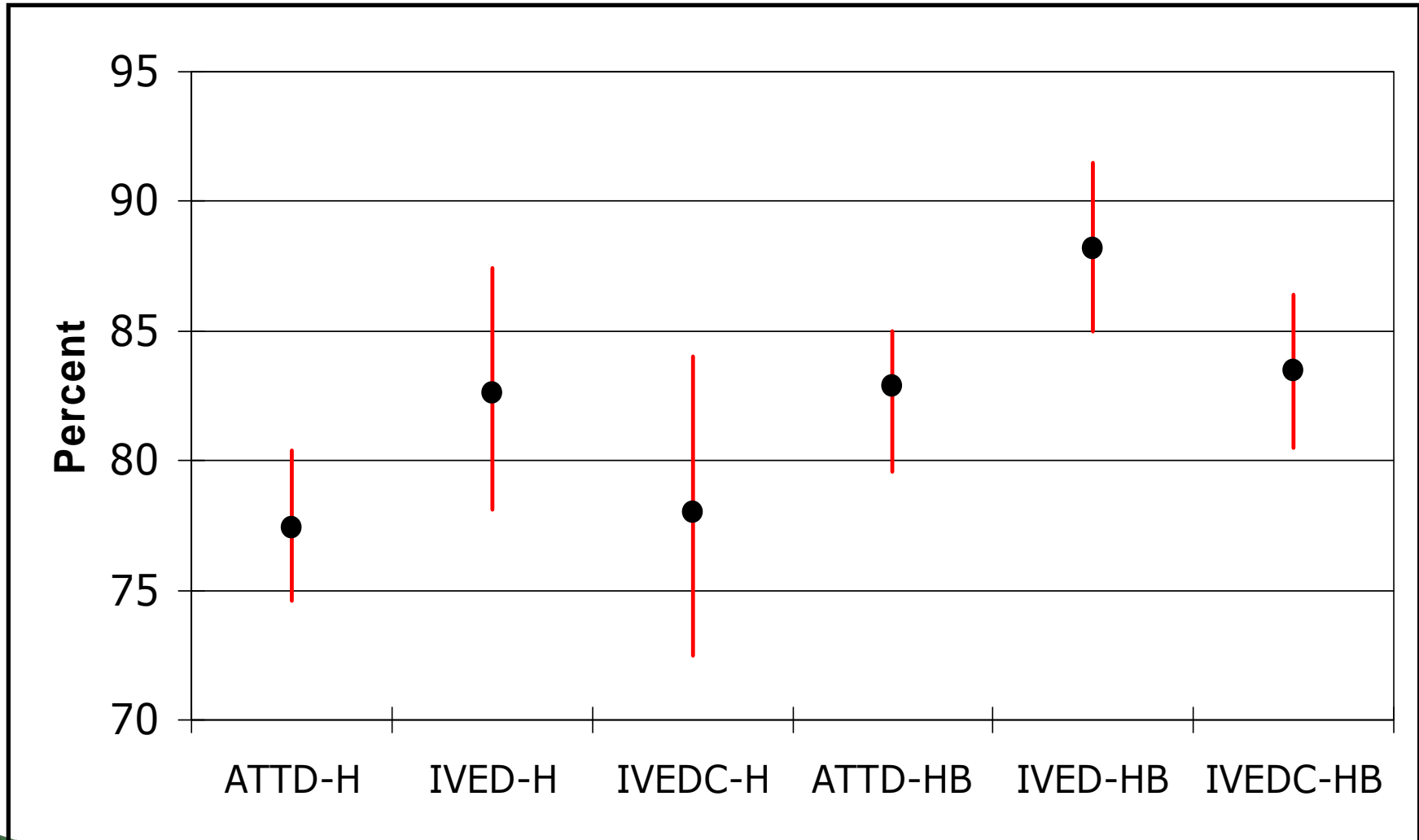
# Measurements

- ▶ **Apparent Total Tract Digestibility (ATTD) Energy**
  - 39 Hulled (+21)
  - 16 Hulless
  - Barrows (~33 kg)
  - 96% barley diet

- ▶ **In-vitro Assay**
  - 3 step enzymatic
  - Pepsin 6 h
  - Pancreatin 18 h
  - Cellulase 24 h
- ▶ **Physical, Chemical**
  - TW, KW, % Plump
  - CP, Starch, Lipid, Ash, Dietary Fiber, B-Glucan, Pentosan

(Regmi et al., 2008. JAS 86:2619)

# Results – Energy Digestibility



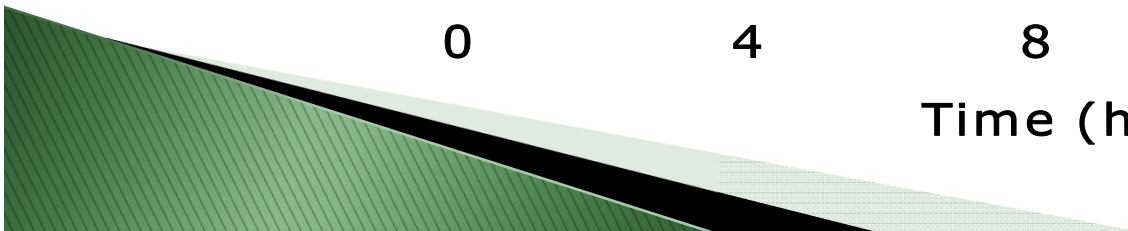
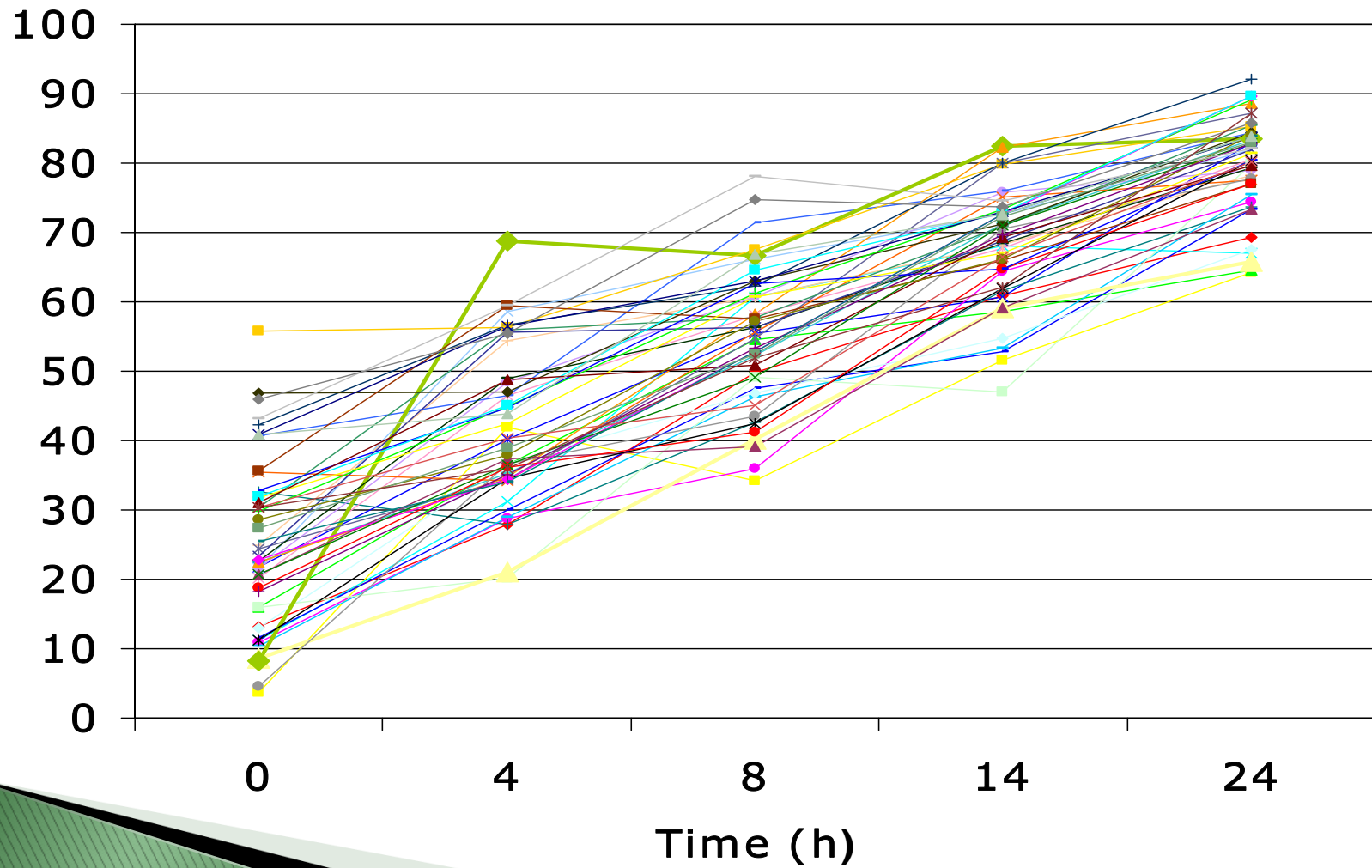
Correction  $Y=1.23x-25.33$  ( $x$ =In vitro value)

# Barley Feed Value - Ruminant

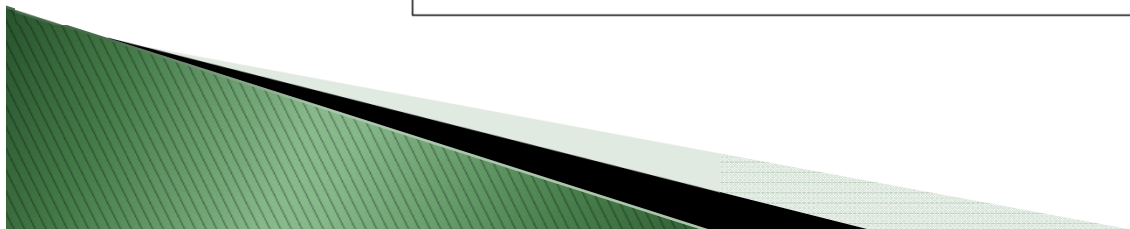
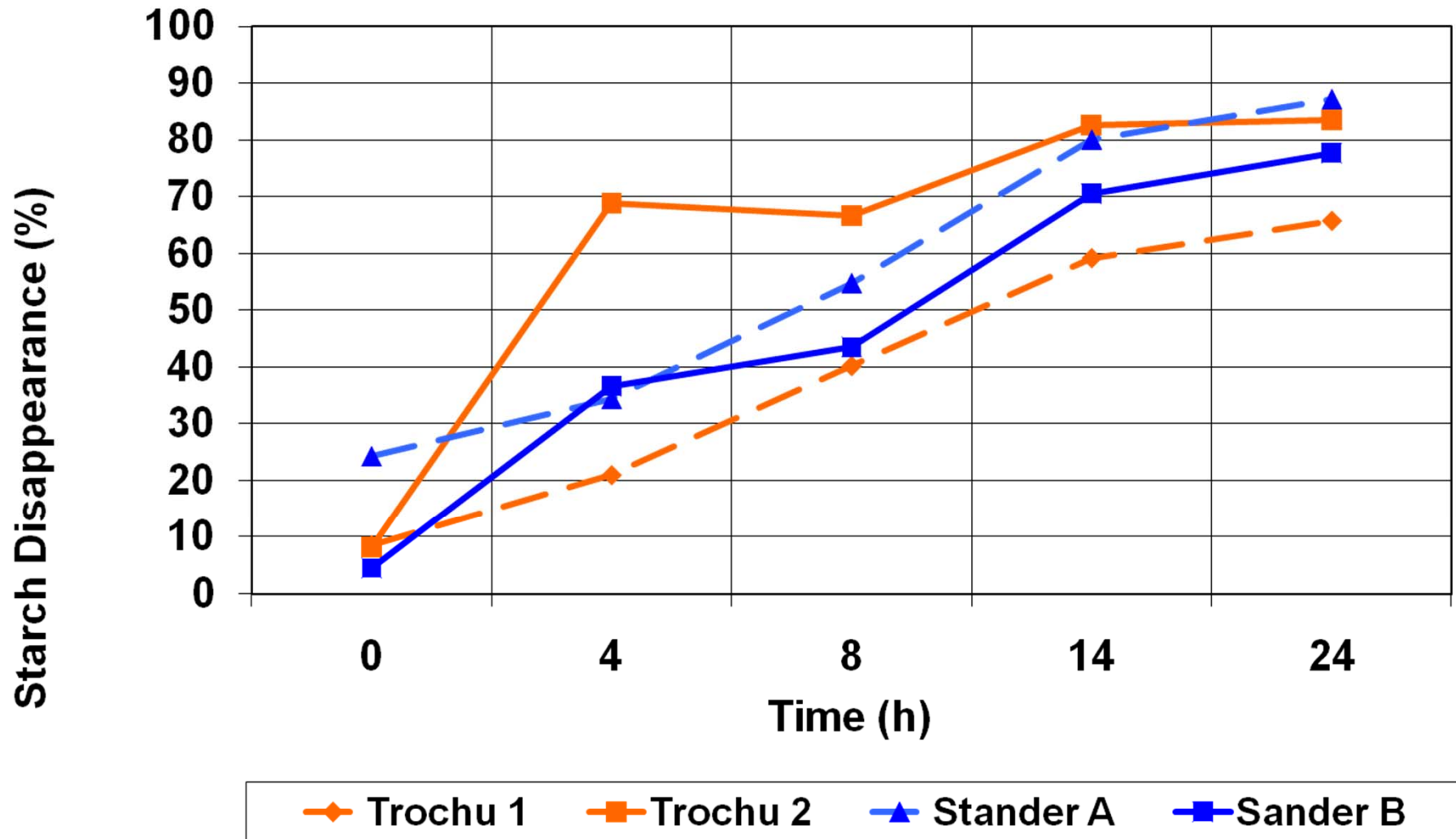
- ▶ Physical
  - BW, TW, Plumpness
- ▶ Proximates
- ▶ Nutrient Degradation
  - Dry Matter (DMD)
  - Starch
  - Fiber (ADF, NDF)



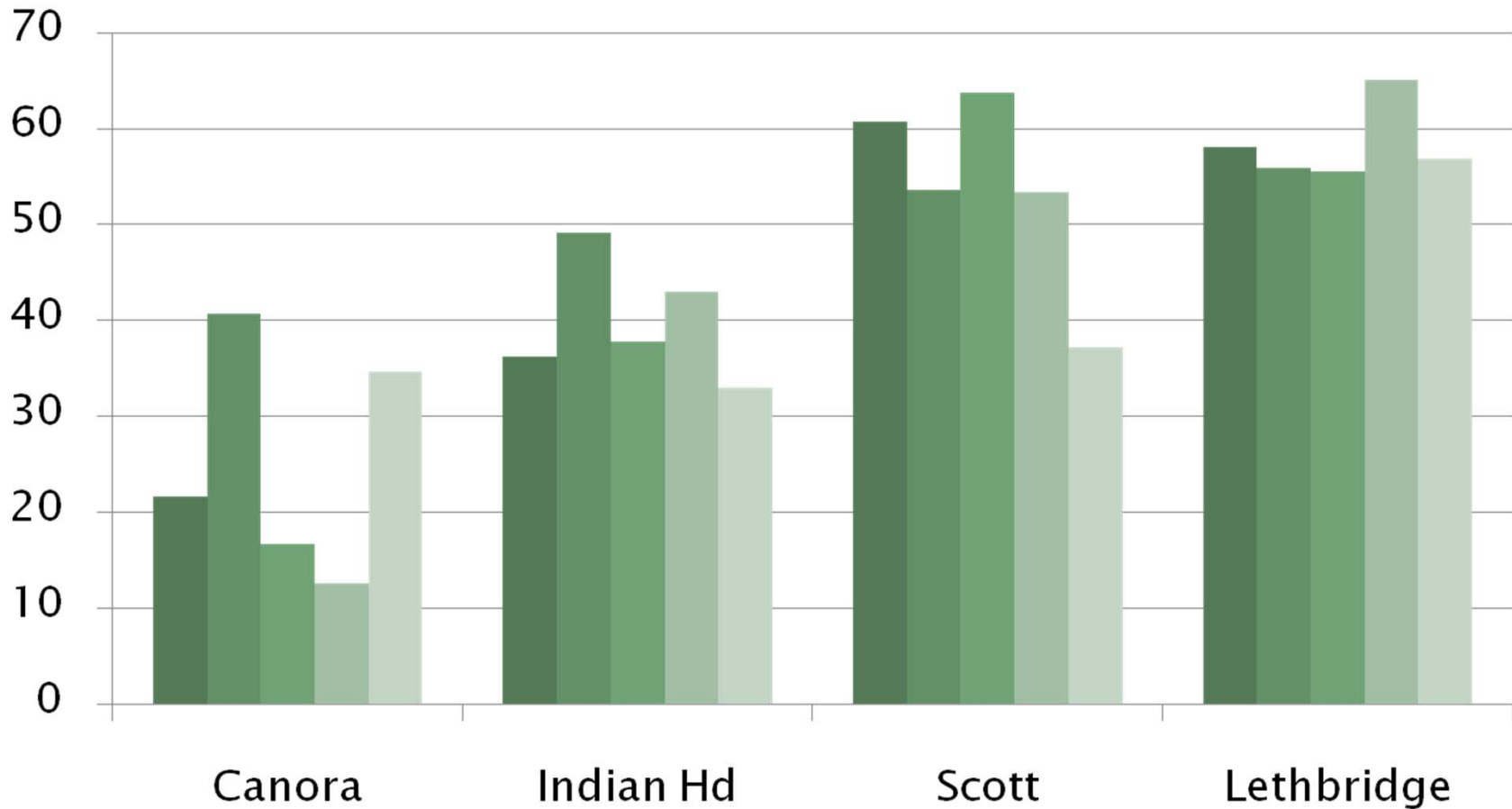
# Starch Disappearance In-Situ



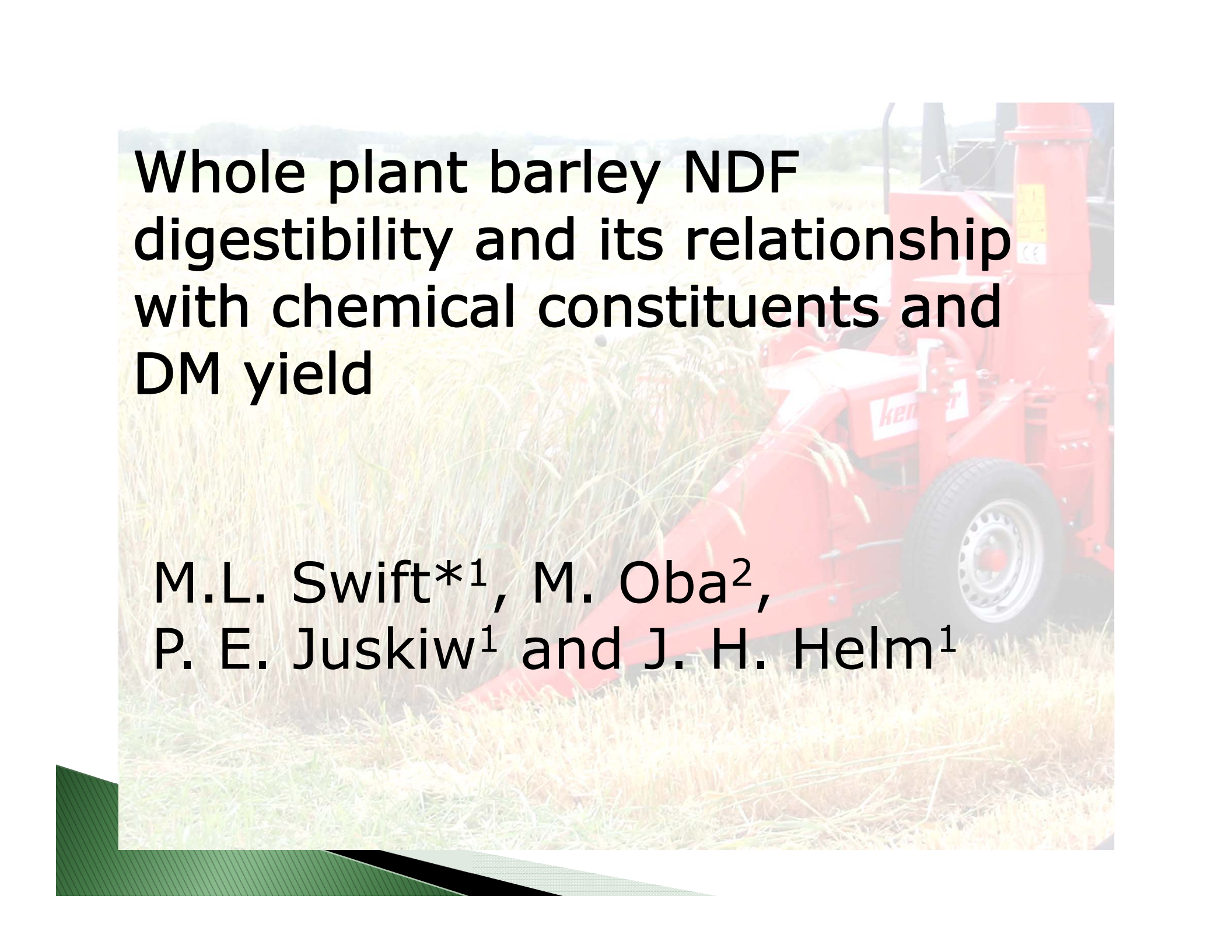
# Starch Disappearance



# Influence of site and N fertilization on 24h ruminal starch disappearance of Metcalfe Barley



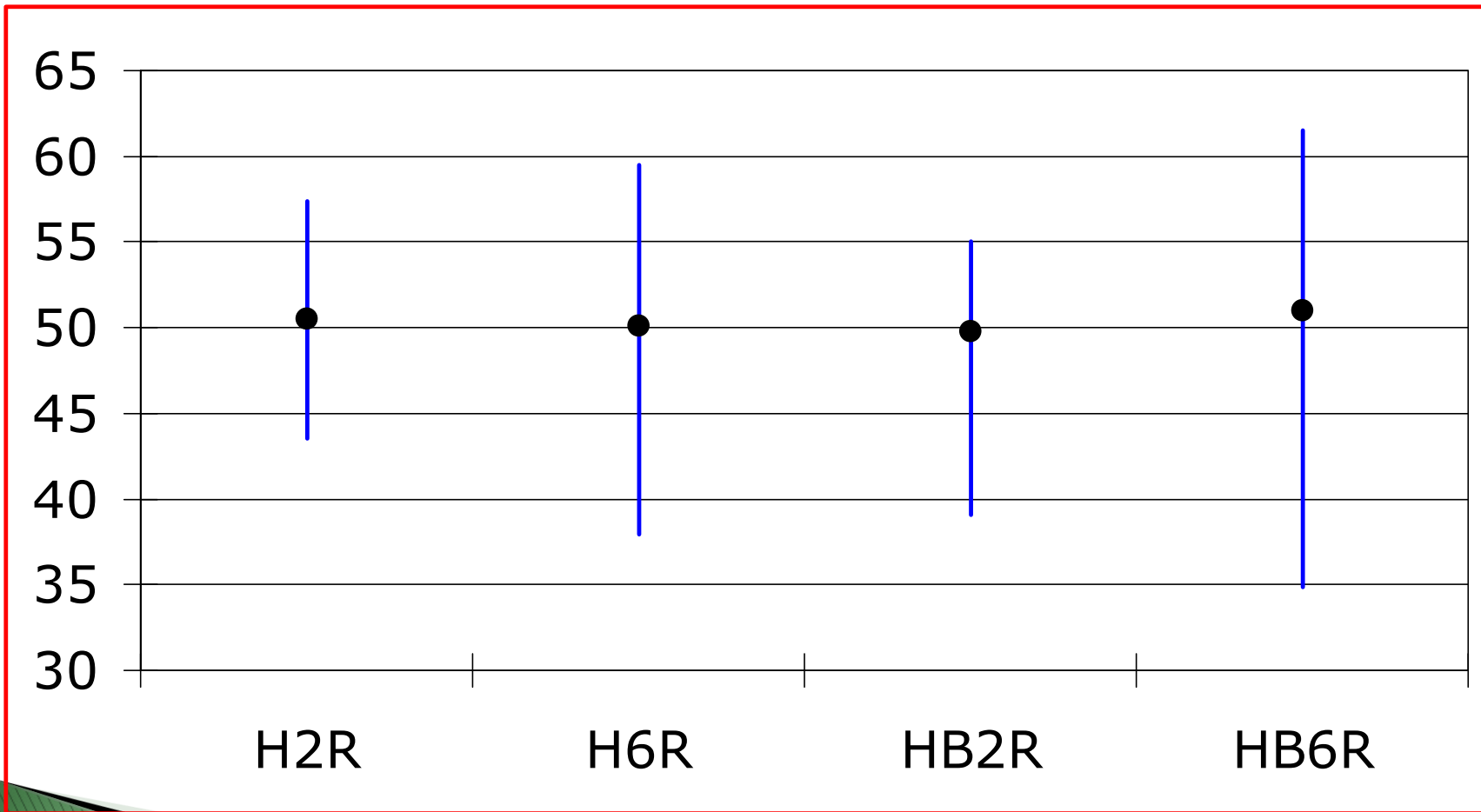




# Whole plant barley NDF digestibility and its relationship with chemical constituents and DM yield

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# In vitro Fiber Digestibility



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