

CAFRE Dairy Herd Colostrum Quality

Within the CAFRE Dairy herd a total of 43 cows and 18 heifers were sampled for colostrum quality during winter 2018. Samples were analysed using a Brix digital refractometer. A Brix reading of $\geq 22\%$ indicates good quality colostrum i.e. immunoglobulin (IgG) content of 50g/l. The results found that over 90% of colostrum sampled were good quality (samples above red line). Colostrum quality is tested on an ongoing basis during each calving season.

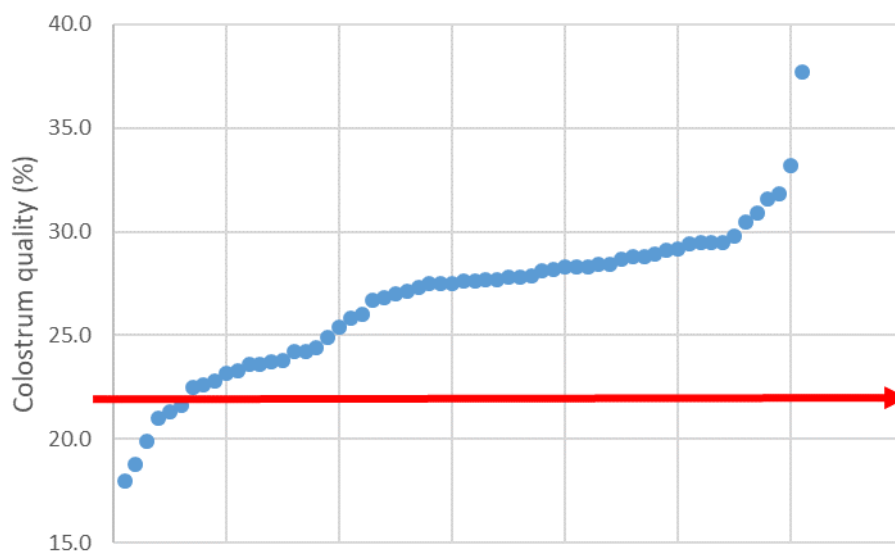


Figure 1- Colostrum quality within the CAFRE Dairy herd (winter 2018)