

NIRS Consortium Membership NEWS

September/ October, 2001

2002 Annual Conference

Plans are underway to develop the 2002 Annual NIRS Consortium Conference. A committee of advisors and members is working on the program to develop speakers, topics, and a training segment. The conference will be two days, held on February 12th and 13th, 2002. The location will again be Madison, WI, sponsored by the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center on the University of Wisconsin campus. One day will be dedicated to discussions, speakers, and annual business. A second day will be dedicated to training.

If you or your lab has any input on what you would like to see at the conference, please let us know.

Update on Corn Silage NDFd Equation Work

An equation is currently being developed from the approximately 90 samples submitted by participating Consortium members. With the further collaboration of AgSource and Dairyland labs, a total of approximately 350 samples are being used to develop the equation. We expect to have the first version of this equation available before the end of the year. More samples submitted by Consortium members are still being processed and are expected to be added to the equation next year.

Eight labs have agreed to participate in cost-sharing in order to receive the equation.

The total estimated cost is around \$12,000. Any labs with questions or wishing to join the project, please contact Paolo Berzaghi or Patty Laskowski.

Coors/Lauer Unfermented Corn Silage Equation

The Consortium is working to get an equation developed by Jim Coors and Joe Lauer from the University of Wisconsin available to Consortium members. At this time, licensing with WARF is being pursued. This equation is a quality assessment for unfermented corn silage and includes predictions for DM, CP, ADF, NDF, NDFD, and Starch.

Fiscal Year 2001/2002 Consortium Budget

The Consortium has developed its budget for the next fiscal year. We have included current projects in progress and those that are planned over the next year. Please see [Consortium Budget](#).

For further information on any of these topics, please contact Patty Laskowski.

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Consortium Budget:

NIRS Forage and Feed Testing Consortium Budget October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002

	July 1, 1998- June 30, 1999	July 1, 1999- June 30, 2000	July 1, 2000- Sep 30, 2000	Oct 1, 2000 Sep 26, 2001	Oct 1, 2001 Sep 30, 2002 Budget
EXPENSES					
1 Personnel					
2 U of WI visiting scientist*	\$39,013.09	\$6,519.00		\$4,404.00	\$6,519.00
3 Living expense agreement#		\$20,322.00	\$5,504.64	\$16,700.64	\$20,322.00
4 Business Manager Agreement		\$17,000.00	\$4,250.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
5 Travel	\$1,304.00	\$5,000.00	\$821.50	\$416.45	\$5,000.00
6 Office/postage/supplies	\$544.00	\$750.00	\$10.20	\$253.58	\$750.00
7 Telephone Conference calls	\$661.00	\$500.00	\$113.20	\$351.40	\$500.00
8 Monitoring & Standardization					
9 New ISI check cells				\$4,042.00	
10 instrument maintenance				\$419.20	\$300.00
11 Corn silage standardization					\$2,000.00
12 Chemistry Update calibrations	\$4,470.00	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
13 Chemistry-Update Breeders cals				\$6,437.50	\$5,000.00
14 Chemistry-Update Breeders RUP cal				\$3,555.00	\$1,500.00
15 Chemistry Update RUP calibrations					\$3,000.00
16 Chemistry CS NDFD calibration					\$12,000.00
17 Chemistry Alf Breeders NDFD calibration					\$8,000.00
18 Chemistry Update legume NDFD calibration					\$3,000.00
19 Monitoring program (instr + calibration)					
20 NFTA subscription	\$548.00	\$325.00		\$325.00	\$325.00
21 Annual Conference	\$1,173.00	\$6,000.00		\$2,522.42	\$6,000.00
22 Training (Conference)					\$1,000.00
23 Preparation Tax report				\$500.00	\$0.00
24 U of M Administration (5% of Income)	\$0.00	\$5,077.06			
25 Bank charges		\$0.00	\$56.25	\$296.81	\$0.00
26 Articles of Incorporation/MN registration				\$35.00	\$0.00
27 TOTAL EXPENSES	\$47,713.09	\$66,493.06	\$10,755.79	\$57,259.00	\$97,216.00
INCOME					
28 Initiation fee @ \$1000	\$2,000.00				
29 Annual fees @ \$2000	\$42,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$34,000.00	\$40,000.00
30 WARF payment (%20 of WARF gross)	\$200.00	\$500.00		\$1,201.00	\$500.00
31 U of M Consortium Personnel		\$0.00			\$0.00
32 U of M Consortium Balance		\$0.00			\$0.00
33 Annual Conference	\$4,720.00	\$8,000.00		\$3,979.50	\$8,000.00
34 Training (Conference etc.)					\$15,000.00
35 Chemistry Update Breeders cals	\$3,725.00	\$6,000.00		\$3,862.50	\$6,000.00
36 Chemistry Update Breeders RUP cal		\$1,800.00		\$4,118.00	\$1,800.00
37 Chemistry CS NDFD calibration					\$14,400.00
38 Chemistry Alf Breeders NDFD calibration					\$9,600.00
39 Chemistry Update legume NDFD calibration					\$3,600.00
40 New ISI check cells		\$0.00		\$3,237.00	
41 Bank interest		\$0.00	\$86.78	\$262.67	\$600.00
42 uncatagorized income				\$520.00	
43 TOTAL INCOME	\$52,645.00	\$56,300.00	\$1,586.78	\$51,180.67	\$99,500.00
44 BALANCE	\$4,931.91	-\$10,193.06	-\$9,169.01	-\$6,078.33	\$2,284.00
45 YEAR PRIOR BALANCE**		\$0.00	\$35,217.32	\$26,048	\$19,969.98
46 CONSORTIUM CHECKBOOK BALANCE		\$35,217.32	\$26,048.31	\$19,969.98	\$22,253.98

* Visiting Scientist Salary + Fringe for October 1, 2001 to March 14, 2002, \$6519 + \$12667 for new contract (February 1, 2002 to September 30,

Living expense agreement to support Consortium portion of Visiting Scientist, \$7,655 + new NIR specialist agreement, \$12,667

** Balance for July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999 was added to Admin cost for July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000 (absorbed into U of M account).

Payments of \$2000 (annual dues) paid by each for FY 01-02 unless otherwise noted: ABI Allfla, AgSource Coop, Calwest Seeds, Dairyland Labs, Dairyland Seed, Dairy Tech Labs, FFR Cooperative, Forage Genetics, LandO'Lakes/Sure Tech Labs, Michigan Dept. of Ag., Olson Biochemistry Labs, Pioneer HiBred, Rock River Lab, SDK Labs, Servi-Tech Labs, Stearns DHIA Central Laboratory, University of Nebraska, Ward Laboratories