

Minor data updates in MINDA – September 2024

We've been working on updates in the background that ensures your animal data is as accurate as possible. Some of the updates will be noticeable to you, so we wanted to provide an explanation.

[Here is what has changed as from Wednesday 18 September 2024](#)

New 'Days in Milk' calculation

Your animals' 'Days in Milk' data will change as we are aligning the way we calculate this with International Committee for Animal Recording Standards. This also means we will be aligned with how it is calculated for Animal Evaluation and Genomic Evaluation.

As we make this change, you may notice an additional 1-2 days in milk on your animals' records, as well as additional litres and kgs of milk solids for the lactation.

New method for assessing 'Abnormal Herd Test Results'

For animals that receive an 'Abnormal Herd Test Result' we will use a new formula to make an assumption on what the test result could have been, based on previous Herd Test results when applicable.

New 'Lactation Value' and 'Lactation Worth' calculation

Your animals' Lactation Value and Lactation Worth will now be calculated for the current lactation, and previous lactation if there is a recorded calving within the last 730 days (provided there is Herd Test data for the lactation). Previously this was calculated on the current/most recent lactation only.

Currently, Lactation Value and Lactation Worth are calculated even if the animal has yet to have its first Herd Test. This doesn't make much sense for farmers, so they will only be calculated if there is Herd Test data for the lactation.

You may also see an increase in the range of Lactation Worth's for your animals. The new calculation is doing a better job of assessing your animals' performance and better aligns with the other indices - BW & PW.

If you'd like to seek advice or have questions about these changes, please don't hesitate to email herdimprovement@lic.co.nz