



## Trace Mineral Bioavailability

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*What it means to cow performance*

Heather A. Tucker  
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### Agenda

- Different categories of trace minerals
- Why do we need trace minerals?
- How to measure bioavailability?
- Functionality of trace minerals
  - Health
  - Structural Integrity
  - Reproduction
  - Methionine value




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## General overview of types of trace minerals



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## Classification

### Trace Minerals

- Inorganic (ITM)
  - Metal ion bound to a salt
    - Sulfate or chloride
- Organic (OTM)
  - Metal ions chemically linked to an organic molecule
  - Has unique characteristics
    - Enhanced bond strength



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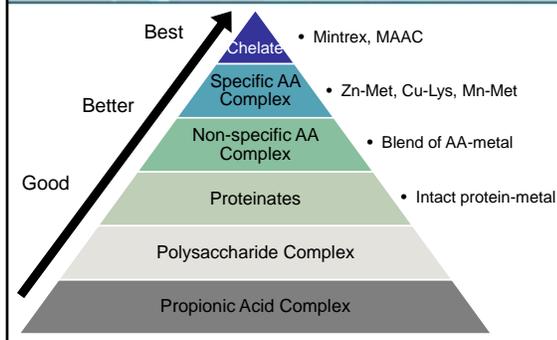
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## Types of OTMs



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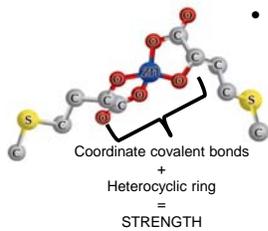
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## Mintrex

### Unique AAFCO definition



X-ray Crystallography done by Dr. N. Rath



- Metal Methionine Hydroxy Analogue Chelate
- Product resulting from reaction of a metal salt with HMTBa
- Chelated molar ratio of one mole of metal to two moles of HMTBa
- Forms coordinate covalent bonds

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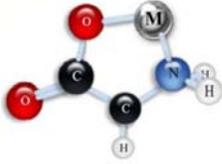
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## MAAC

*Separate AAFCO definition*



- Metal Amino Acid Chelate
  - Product resulting from reaction of a metal salt with glycine
  - Chelated molar ratio of one mole of metal to one mole of glycine
  - Forms coordinate covalent bonds



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## Absorption and Bioavailability of Trace Minerals

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## Measuring bioavailability

*Trace minerals*

- Accumulation in tissues
  - Bone ash
  - Liver



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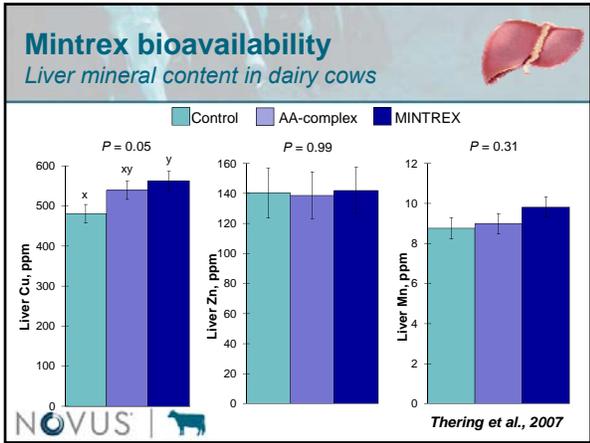
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### Measuring bioavailability

- Accumulation in tissues
  - Bone ash
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- Proxy measures for tissue accumulation
  - Plasma/Serum
  - Expression of mineral transporters
    - Metallothionein (MT)

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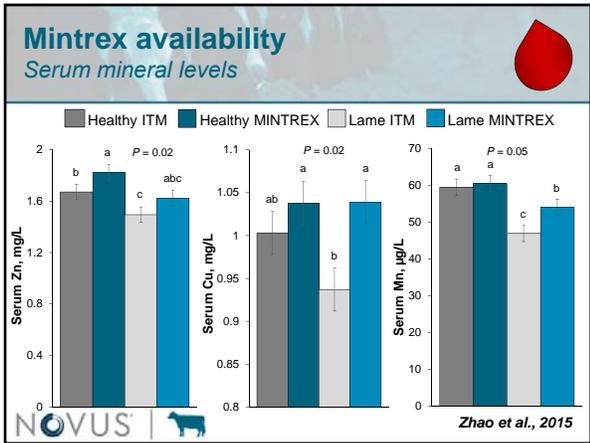
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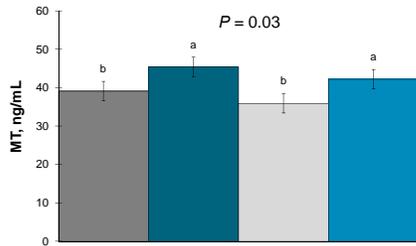
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## Mintrex bioavailability

Expression of MT in serum



Healthy ITM Healthy MINTREX Lame ITM Lame MINTREX



Zhao et al., 2015

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## Key takeaways

- More bioavailable source of trace minerals
- Increased bioavailability suggests
  - Decreased dietary inclusion rate
  - Improved response in key measures



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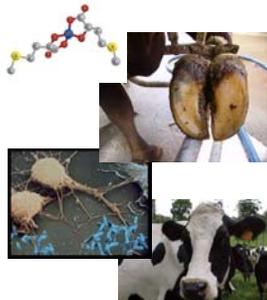
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## Benefits in ruminants

- Structural Integrity
  - Improved hoof hardness
  - Reduced lameness
- Improved reproduction
- Health and Immunity
  - Reduced SCC
  - Developed immune response
  - Improved antioxidant status
- Methionine value
  - Improved milk components



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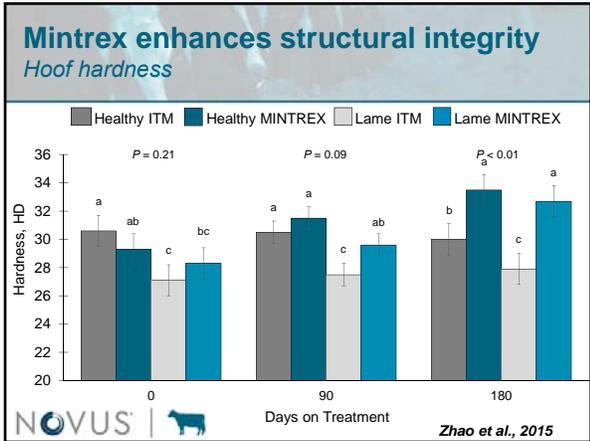
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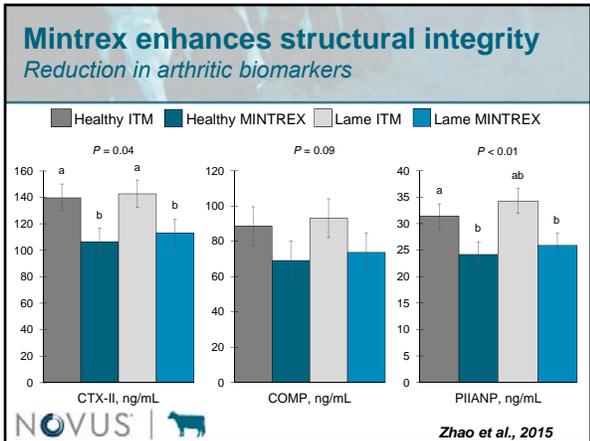
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## Reproductive Performance

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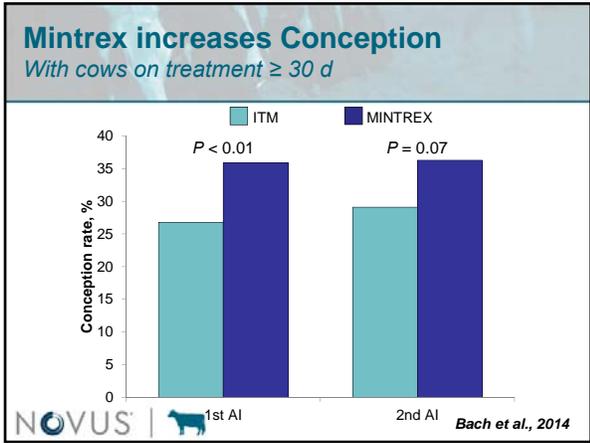
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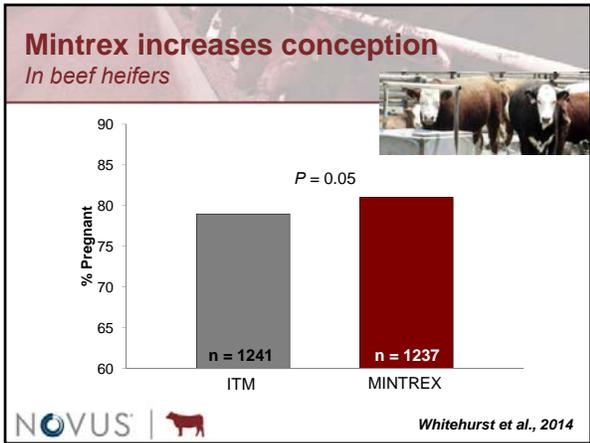
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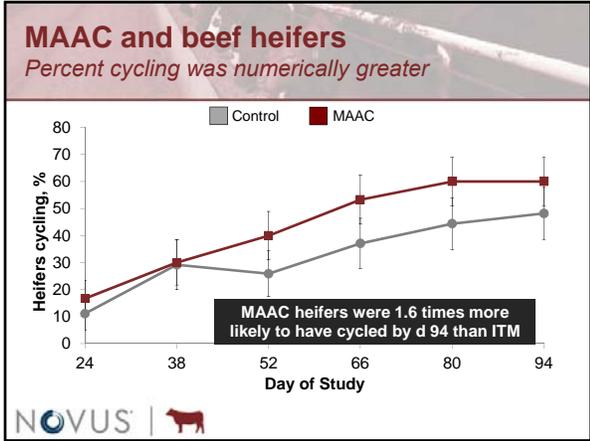
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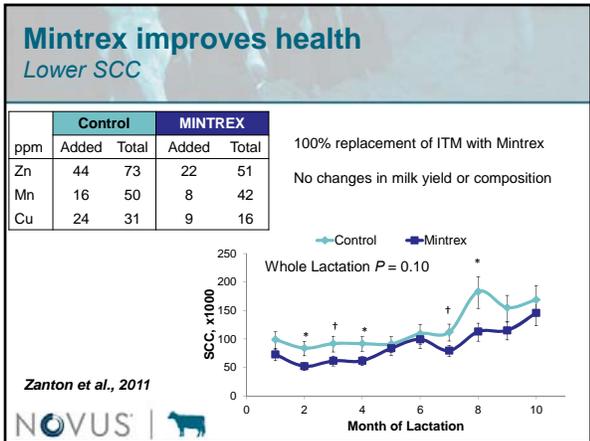
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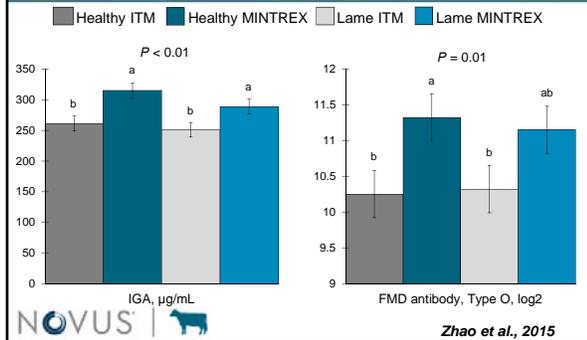
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## Mintrex and immune response

Status improved




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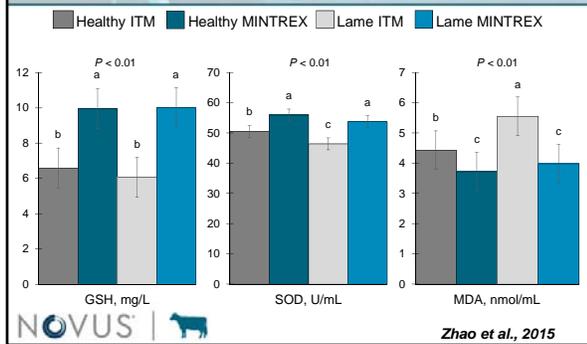
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## Mintrex and AOX

Status improved




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**Methionine Value**

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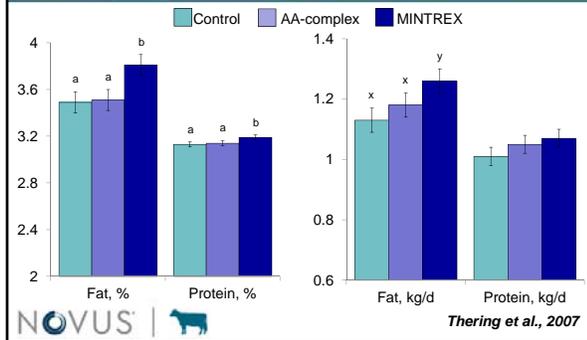
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## Mintrex provides Methionine

Increases milk components




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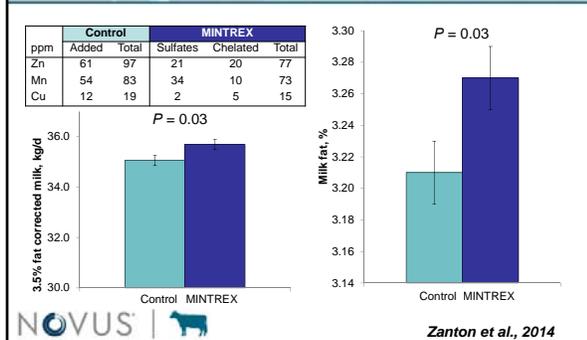
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# Questions?

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