



# CDCB Milking Speed Evaluations Task Force

## 1. Background

The Milking Speed Evaluations Task Force (MS-TF) is appointed by the CDCB Board of Directors to review the possibility of implementing genetic evaluations for milking speed in all dairy breeds and make recommendations to the CDCB Board of Directors regarding the necessary steps to ensure data flow, data quality and publication standards.

Considering that the MS-TF is eminently technical, its appointed members are professionals with knowledge and experience in the field.

## 2. Purpose

MS-TF exists to review and guide the CDCB Board of Directors on the feasibility of implementing routine genetic evaluations for milking speed in all dairy breeds.

## 3. Scope

- Evaluate the economic importance of providing milking speed evaluations for dairy herds.
- Review the existing data types and develop a clear definition of the trait to be adopted by CDCB and member sectors.
- Assess the status of milking speed data availability and access within the dairy records providers and dairy records processing centers.
- Identify the steps needed to develop a milking speed data pipeline into the national cooperator database.
- Suggest quality standards for milking speed data.
- Provide a full implementation plan, defining roles and responsibilities, costs, timeline, and deliverables.

## 4. Term

These Terms of Reference are effective for six months starting October 19, 2021. The MS-TF term may be extended by the CDCB Board of Directors if necessary.

## 5. Membership

The following MS-TF members were nominated by the CDCB chair considering both technical expertise and association with the CDCB member sectors:

- Asha Miles (AGIL) - Chairperson
- Sophie Eaglen (NAAB)
- Steven Sievert (DRPs)
- Jeff Bewley (PDCA)
- Robert Fourdraine (DRPC)
- Kristen Gaddis (CDCB)
- Joao Durr (CDCB) - Secretary

## 6. Accountability

The MS-TF is a non-executive body appointed by and reporting back to the CDCB Board of Directors.

## 7. Roles and responsibilities

### MS-TF:

- To serve as a technical panel to review the feasibility of developing the milking speed genetic evaluations by CDCB and make recommendations to the CDCB Board of Directors.
- To recommend an implementation plan that can be adopted by the CDCB Board.

### Membership:

- To put the interests of the CDCB above any personal or corporate interests or preferences when making recommendations.
- To attend all scheduled MS-TF meetings and conference calls.
- To keep confidentiality on all MS-TF discussions, except from the necessary consultations to their respective sectors when requested by the MS-TF.

### Chair:

- To facilitate the schedule of MS-TF meetings and conference calls.
- To establish the agenda and organize the materials for the MS-TF meetings and conference calls.
- To prepare reports with MS-TF recommendations to the CDCB Board of Directors in due time.
- To chair meetings and calls.
- The CDCB staff will provide logistic support to the Chair.

## 8. Timeline

- Appoint MS-TF members and chairperson on October 19, 2021, CDCB Board conference call.
- Schedule meetings and conference calls as necessary.
- Preliminary report: CDCB Board meeting, December 15-16, 2021
- Final report: CDCB Board meeting, April 2022.