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Interpretation of Pregnancy Test results

The number that you see under the column heading "Sample" is the calculation result after the test is completed and the sample is compared to the controls. This is the number that is used to identify the cow as negative (open) or positive (bred) or "suspect". Suspect is a new result that IDEXX is asking the lab to identify to customers for samples with a result of 0.3 to 1.0. Suspect in a few words is pregnant but recheck.

However, in order to better explain "suspect", I am attaching a graph of the sample result before, during and after gestation for a couple of head. Across the bottom of each chart is a line at the sample cut-off of 0.30. This is the absolute cut-off, and any sample result below this is identified as open. But as you can see, there is a lot of space between 0.30 and the sample result which does not dip below 1.50 during these pregnancies. Therefore, IDEXX is asking the lab to bring to your attention cows that fall into this suspect area.

IDEXX has asked labs to give these results based on much new research and a desire to most accurately result the status of the pregnancy. I hope this information enables you to make more informed decisions about your herd. If you receive suspect results, you can make an individual choice whether to retest or not based on your observations of your cattle.

As always, please call if you have any questions.

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Figure 3b. Cow #72, Plasma

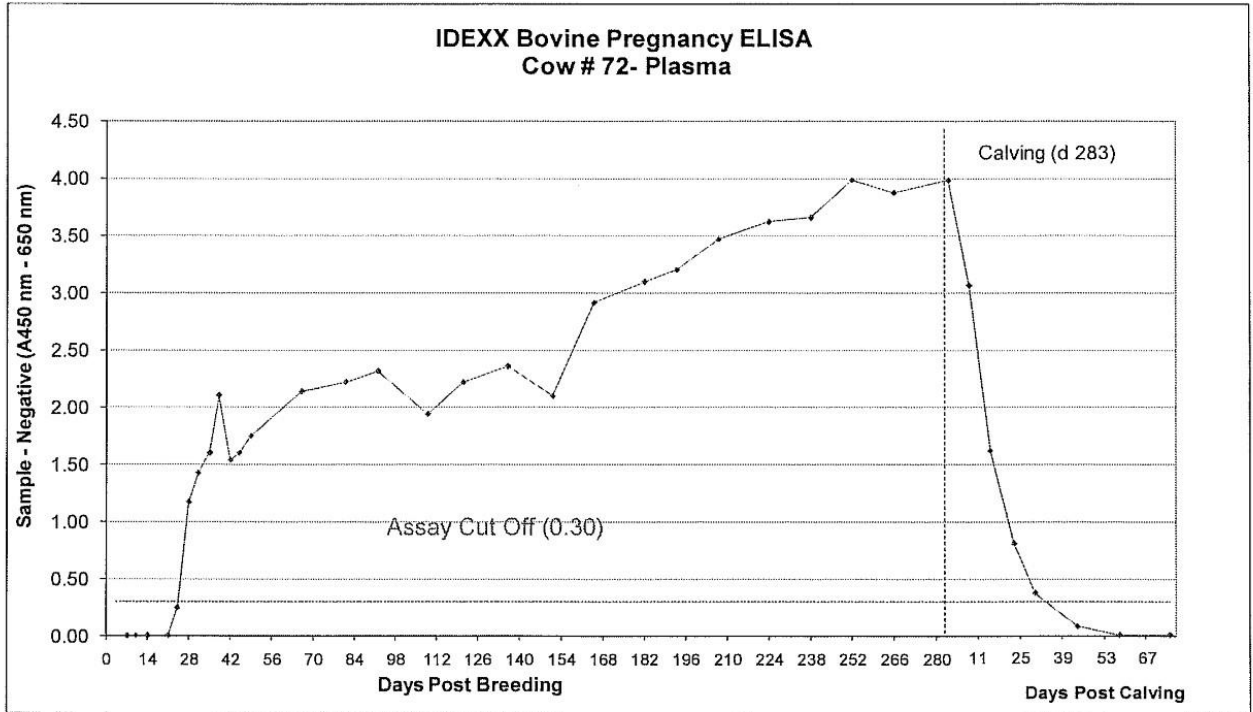


Figure 3c. Cow #71, Serum

