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The impacts of trace minerals in the feedlot: from transit to finishing

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Key takeaways

HOW DO TM IMPACT BEEF PRODUCTION AT VARIOUS POINTS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN?

- **NASEM recommendations:**
 - Copper – 10 mg/kg diet DM
 - Manganese – 20 mg/kg diet DM
 - Zinc – 30 mg/kg diet DM
- Samuelson et al. (2016): Various TM (Zn, Mn, Cu, etc) are supplemented at greater than NASEM recommendations.

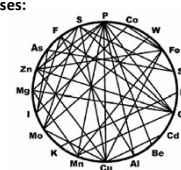
QUESTION OF THE DAY:
Is this the right move? Is "more" always better?

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General Introduction - Trace Minerals

- Small component of diet.... **BUT they're important!**
- **Essential for MANY physiological and metabolic processes:**
 - Skeletal development
 - Protein synthesis
 - Energy metabolism
 - Immune response
 - Antioxidant capacity
 - And more!



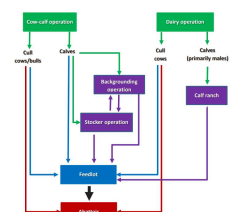
Proper TM nutrition is ESSENTIAL for optimal performance!

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Beef Production Cycle

- VERY segmented industry – transit is necessary! **BUT**
- **Transit can induce stress** → influence feedlot performance
 - High shrink → poor performance and greater morbidity (Camp et al., 1981).
- **Preconditioning + shorter duration transport** → lower shrink, higher DMI, and improved ADG in the first month post-transport (Schwarzkopf-Genswein et al., 2007)
- **Can TM nutrition impact performance and response to these stressors?**



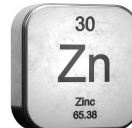
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Introduction - Zinc

Zinc:
The most utilized trace mineral in biological processes.

- Enzyme cofactor; more than 300 Zn metalloenzymes
- Extracellular matrix remodeling
- Antioxidant capacity
- Component of transcription factors.
- Immune function
- Satellite cell proliferation and differentiation (Paskavitz et al., 2018).



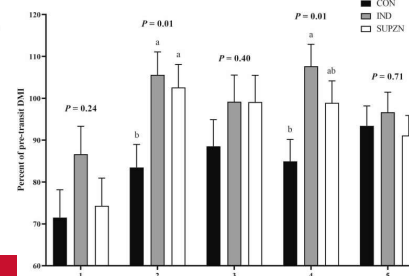
- Zn is not well stored or recycled well in the body. **Must be constantly supplemented.**

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Introduction – Previous Zinc x Transit work

- Following 18 h transit event, Zn supplementation of 70 and 120 mg Zn/kg DM improved DMI recovery compared to control (Heiderscheidt and Hansen, 2022).



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TRANSIT:
Zinc supplementation prior to transit and transit duration effects on feedlot performance and muscle fatigue on beef steers
A.M. Baumhover¹, B.M. Ortner¹, D.U. Thompson¹, K.S. Schwartzkopf-Genswein² and S.L. Hansen¹
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Study Design

- Day -41:** 80 steers were selected and stratified by BW into a 2 × 2 factorial
 - 20 steers per treatment
- Dietary Treatments (DIET): Pre-Conditioning**
 - Zn0** – no supplemental Zn (basal diet containing 39.5 mg Zn/kg DM)
 - NRC recommendation is 30 mg Zn/kg DM
 - Zn100** – 100 mg supplemental Zn (Zn as ZnSO₄; analyzed at 139 mg Zn/kg DM)

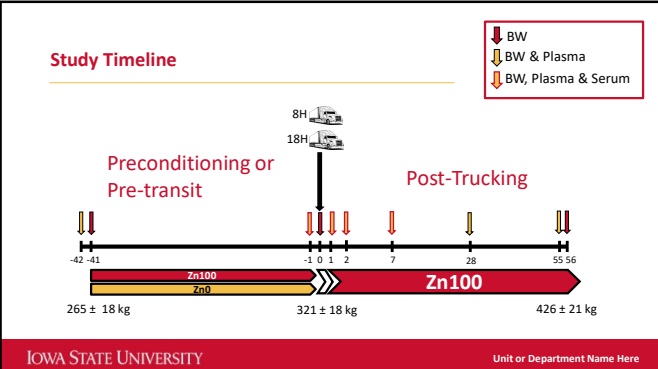
All moved to Zn100 diet post transit
- Transit Duration (DUR):**
 - 8H** – 8-hour transit (~707 km)
 - 18H** – 18-hour transit (~1608 km)



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Study Timeline

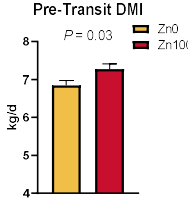


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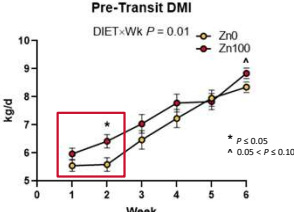
Pre-Transit: Performance

Pre-Transit DMI



$P = 0.03$

Pre-Transit DMI



DIET-Wk $P = 0.01$

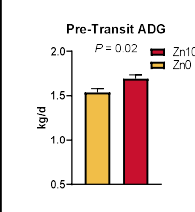
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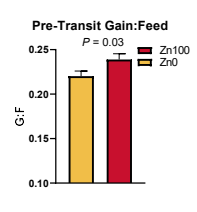
Pre-Transit: Performance

Pre-Transit ADG



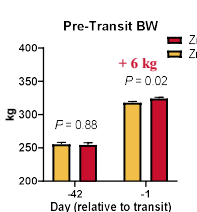
$P = 0.02$

Pre-Transit Gain:Feed



$P = 0.03$

Pre-Transit BW



$P = 0.88$ at Day -42
 $P = 0.02$ at Day -1
 + 6 kg

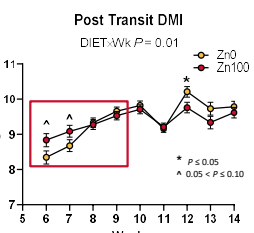
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Post-Transit: Performance

All treatments receiving Zn100 diet

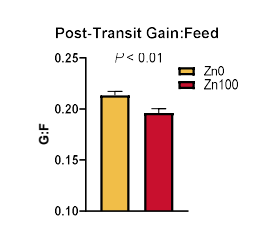
Post Transit DMI



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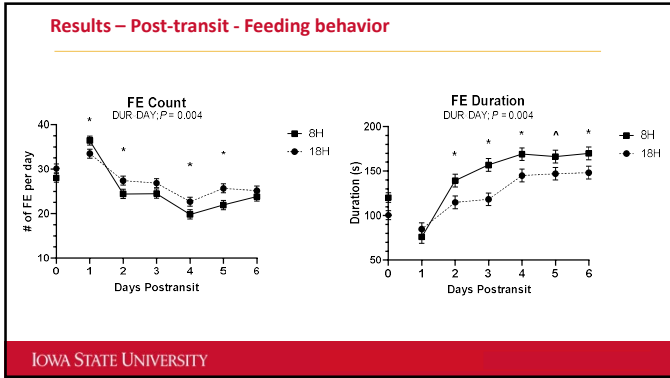
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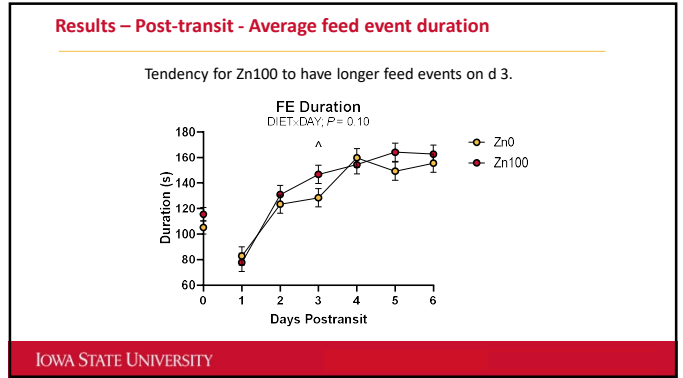
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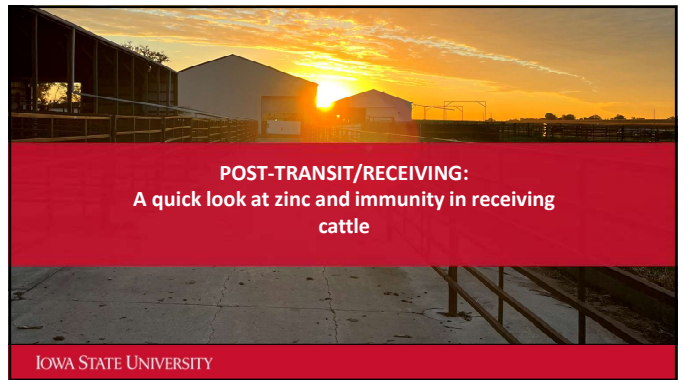


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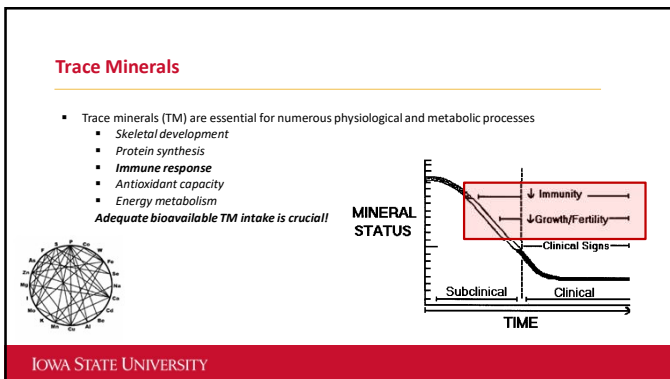
Conclusion

- Zn supplementation (100 mg Zn/kg DM) was beneficial to performance during the pre-conditioning and receiving period.
 - Particularly for the previously unsupplemented steers entering the feedlot.
- Transit duration matters.
 - Alters metabolism and recovery rate!
 - May influence feeding behavior post-transit.
 - Prior dietary treatment may influence recovery and feeding behavior post-transit.

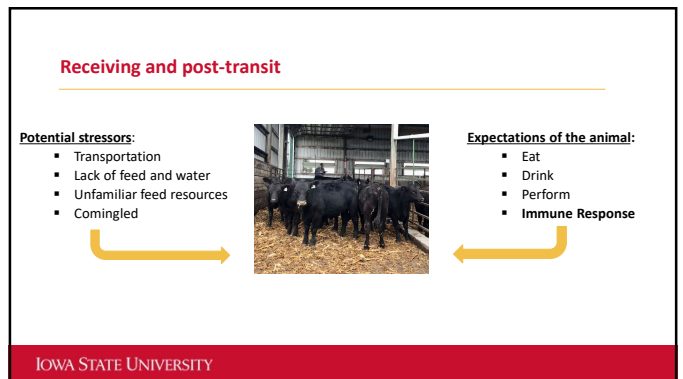
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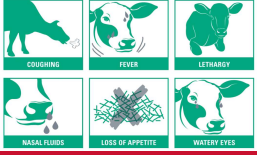


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Bovine respiratory disease

Bovine respiratory disease (BRD) complex

- Single largest health issue faced by the feedlot industry
 - 75% of morbidity (Edwards, 1996)
 - 50% to 70% of mortality in feedlots (Loneragan et al., 2001).
- It is estimated that **over \$3 billion is spent annually on prevention, treatment, and production losses for this disease.**
 - HUGE!**

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OUR GOAL

Better understand how TM can influence parameters of immune response.

- Immune cell population
- Cell function

→ IMMUNE FUNCTION → response to challenge?

Identify indicators of Zn status in relation to immune function.

- Plasma Zn concentrations are a poor indicator of Zn status (won't discuss today)
 - immune cell Zn content and Zn transporter expression

REFERENCE:
Franco, C. E., E. L. Rientis, F. E. Diaz, S. L. Hansen, and J. L. McGill. 2024. Dietary Zinc Supplementation in Steers Modulates Labile Zinc Concentration and Zinc Transporter Gene Expression in Circulating Immune Cells. *Biological Trace Element Research*:1-13.

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Experimental Design – Effects of supplemental Zn concentration and source on performance and biomarkers of immune status in receiving steers

Cattle and logistics

- 72 **low-risk weaned Angus crossbred steers** (initial BW = 284 ± 24.5 kg)
- 42 d feedlot receiving study (Early Nov. – Mid Dec.)

DIETARY TREATMENTS

- ORG:** Supplemented TM from an organic at 7 g/steer⁻¹·d⁻¹ (n = 24 steers).
 - (Zn AA, Mn AA, Cu AA, and Co glucoheptonate; Availa4, Zinpro)
- ING:** Supplemented inorganic TM equivalent concentrations to ORG (n = 24 steers).
 - (ZnSO₄, MnSO₄, CuSO₄, and CoCO₃)
- ORG+Z:** ORG diet + additional AvailaZn to provide 1,000 mg Zn/steer⁻¹·d⁻¹ for first 14 d of study (n = 24 steers).
 - Further fortification for initial "receiving" phase.

Scenario:

- Feeding 7 g/steer⁻¹·d⁻¹ with a DMI of 8.6 kg/d adds:
 - Zn: 42 mg/kg DM
 - Mn: 23 mg/kg DM
 - Cu: 14.7 mg/kg DM
 - Co: 1.47 mg/kg DM

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Growth Performance – Overall (d 0 – 42) – Exp 1

	Treatments			SEM ²	P-value
	ING	ORG	ORG+Z		
Overall	n=24	n=24	n=24	-	-
Initial BW, kg ³	284	284	284	5.0	0.99
D 42 BW, kg ³	359	366	366	3.1	0.21
ADG, kg/d	1.78 ^y	1.94 ^x	1.99 ^x	0.07	0.07
DMI, kg/d ⁴	8.81	8.94	8.42	0.24	0.21
G:F ⁴	0.193 ^b	0.217 ^a	0.231 ^a	0.0091	0.01

¹Initial BW was used as a covariate for all growth performance calculations
²Greatest SEM reported
³BW presented as BW^{0.96}
⁴n = 18 for ING

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Markers of activation in immune cell populations on d 14. – Exp 1

	Treatments			SEM ¹	P-Value
	ING	ORG	ORG+Z		
CD16+ and CD44+ NK cells					
Steers	n = 24	n = 24	n = 24	-	-
CD8+ T Cells					
Freq. of live, %	4.43	4.55	4.56	0.572	0.98
% CD2+	97.58	97.84	97.43	0.275	0.52
% CD16+	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.770	0.52
% CD25+	0.38	0.35	0.31	0.068	0.81
% CD44+	75.81	79.99	79.19	2.080	0.31
% CD45RO+	26.91	24.53	23.17	2.303	0.50
CD16+ Crucial in antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC).					
Freq. of live, %	0.31	0.18	0.27	0.051	0.19
% CD2+	89.12	90.21	88.67	1.409	0.71
% CD16+	18.08 ^{ab}	14.32 ^a	21.70 ^a	2.115	0.05
% CD25+	5.57	5.23	4.36	1.434	0.81
% CD44+	41.62 ^a	55.06 ^a	38.78 ^b	4.819	0.04
% CD45RO+	40.53	37.97	44.24	3.633	0.45
NK Cells					
Freq. of live, %	2.49	2.62	3.27	0.423	0.36
% CD2+	88.12	87.33	89.83	1.863	0.61
% CD16+	22.23	15.45	21.53	2.136	0.39
% CD25+	0.47	0.83	0.200	0.200	0.23
% CD44+	8.71	9.51	8.13	1.076	0.64
% CD45RO+	35.79	31.58	34.46	3.346	0.65

¹Day 14 data are covariate adjusted using d 0 values.

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Experimental Design 2 – Zn x Receiving

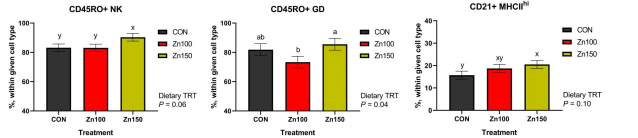
Emma Rientis, Carlos Franco, Fabian Diaz, Jodi McGill and Stephanie Hansen

72 Angus crossbred steers (261 ± 14 kg)

- CON – no supplemental Zn
- Zn100 – 100 mg supplemental Zn/kg DM
- Zn150 – 150 mg supplemental Zn/kg DM
 - supplemented as Zn sulfate.

Analyzed Zn concentration, mg/kg DM

Treatment	CON	Zn100	Zn150
CON	58		
Zn100		160	
Zn150			207



Crucial for the initiation and maintenance of robust and specific adaptive immune responses.

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OVERALL FINDINGS

- Organic TM supplementation improved growth performance during the receiving period.
- TM supplementation, regardless of source, influenced markers of immune function.
 - Exact relationship between TM and immune markers has not been fully elucidated.
 - More work is needed!

These studies indicate dietary Zn can influence immune cell population and markers of activation within both innate and adaptive immune cells. *Pretty cool!*

Still a developing and quickly evolving area of research.

- BRD = HUGE annual economic loss (over \$3 billion)
 - Small, real improvements = large returns/efficiency!

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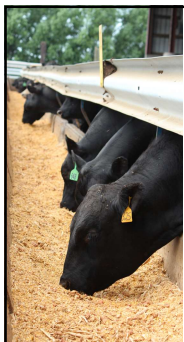
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FINISHING PHASE: Zinc, Manganese, and Copper....Is more always better?


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General Introduction

- Major advances:
 - Beef cattle genetics
 - Growth enhancing technology use
 - Precision cattle feeding


Increase in total pounds of beef produced
 (Drouillard, 2018).

- Achieved despite shrinking cow herd numbers.
 - Smallest cow herd since 1962

- From 1977 to 2007, a 44% increase in beef cattle growth rates occurred (Capper, 2011).

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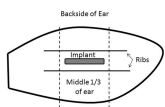
General Introduction - Steroidal Implants

Combination steroidal implant:
TBA (trenbolone acetate) + E₂ (estradiol)

- More than 90% of feedlot cattle are given at least one implant (APHIS, 2013).

Implants = consistent technology → valuable

- ADG: 16%–20%
- Feed efficiency 5% to 15%
- Lean tissue mass of the carcass 3% to 10%
 - ↑ Protein synthesis and ↑ muscle hypertrophy
 - TM support these processes and many others...



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TM supplementation in feedlot diets

As previously discussed:

- Samuelson et al. (2016): Various TM are supplemented at greater than NASEM recommendations: **Zn, Mn, Cu, etc.**

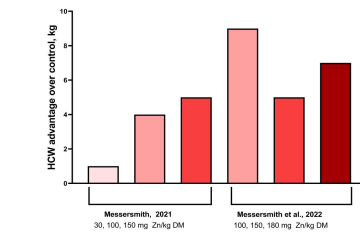
- Can TM further optimize growth steroidal implant-induced growth?
 - Niedermayer et al. (2018): Supp TM (Co, Cu, I, Mn, Se, and Zn) at industry concentrations.
 - Non-implanted cattle IND supplementation rates = 13 kg advantage in HCW over un-supplemented cattle.
 - When implanted = 17 kg advantage.



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Prior Work – Zn x Implant



Study	Zn Level (mg Zn/kg DM)	HCW Advantage (kg)
Messersmith, 2021	30	~1
	100	~4
	150	~5
	180	~5
Messersmith et al., 2022	100	~9
	150	~5
	180	~7

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Working model – Strategic TM supplementation

- Cattle growth rates have increased.
- Implants support and provide increased growth.
- TM are essential in supporting growth processes.
- Implants appear to influence TM homeostasis, possibly TM requirement.
- Greater concentrations of supplemental TM (Co, Cu, Mn, Se, and Zn) increased implant-induced growth.
- Work focused on Zn found greater concentrations of supplemental Zn further improves implant-induced growth.

7) Model aim: Strategic supplementation of TM to cattle given a steroidal implant → goal optimize growth and resource utilization.

Questions and gaps in the model:

- Are nutrient requirements (specifically TM) the same for this animal that continues to grow larger and faster?
 - Do NASEM recommendations (for TM) allow for optimal growth?
 - Current TM requirements were established nearly 40 years ago (NRC, 1984).
 - Consideration: *TM requirements are set to prevent deficiencies.*
- Is there an "optimal" concentration of available Zn (or other TM) needed in the diet to support a given growth rate.

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General Experimental Timeline (Zn and Mn)

Day of Zn study: -60, -55, -4, 0, 20, 28, 40, 56, 84, 90
 Day of Mn study: -55, -4, 0, 20, 29, 40, 56, 77, 89

- Dietary treatments begin; BW
- Blood collection + muscle biopsy + liver biopsy (n = 144)
- Implant administered; Double BW
- Single BW
- Double BW; Harvested at a commercial abattoir

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Experimental Design

- Angus-cross steers (n = 144; 362 kg ± 20.4) were housed in pens (n = 24) at the Beef Nutrition Farm (BNF) in Ames, IA from November 2021 – April 2022.
- Steers (n = 24 per treatment) were stratified by BW in a 3 × 2 factorial design.

Dietary treatments (ZINC; supplemented as ZnSO₄, starting on d -60):

- Zn0: no supplemental Zn (analyzed 53 mg Zn/kg DM)
- Zn30: 30 mg supplemental Zn/kg DM; (analyzed 83 mg Zn/kg DM)
- Zn100: 100 mg supplemental Zn/kg DM; (analyzed 157 mg Zn/kg DM)

Implant treatments (IMP; administered on d 0):

- NO: no implant
- TE200: High potency combination implant (TE-200, Elanco, Greenfield, IN; 200 mg TBA + 20 mg E₂)

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Plasma Zn and liver Mn concentration

Plasma Zn Concentration
 IMP x day; P = 0.08

Liver Mn Concentration
 IMP x day; P = 0.05

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Plasma Zn and liver Mn concentration

Plasma Zn Concentration
 NO = 3.6% ↓
 TE200 = 8.4% ↓
 IMP x day; P = 0.08

Liver Mn Concentration
 NO = 1.2% ↓
 TE200 = 13.8% ↓
 IMP x day; P = 0.05

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Growth Performance d 0-28

	NO			TE200			ZINC within NO			ZINC within TE200		Within TE200 No Zn vs Zn
	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	SEM	L	Q	L	Q	
Steers	24	24	24	24	24	24						
Day 0-28												
d 0 BW, kg	466	469	472	473	474	470	3.7	0.22	0.81	0.52	0.70	0.84
d 28 BW, kg	515	516	523	530	537	537	4.9	0.22	0.79	0.89	0.30	0.41
ADG, kg/d	1.74	1.74	1.80	2.02	2.20	2.21	0.072	0.55	0.87	0.12	0.19	0.04
DMI, kg/d	11.7	11.6	12.0	11.8	12.1	12.0	0.24	0.19	0.52	0.73	0.48	0.44
G:F	0.150	0.149	0.149	0.172	0.186	0.186	0.0058	0.90	0.90	0.14	0.17	0.04

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Growth Performance d 0-28

	NO			TE200			ZINC within NO			ZINC within TE200			Within TE200 No Zn vs Zn
	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	SEM	L	Q	L	Q	Zn	
Steers	24	24	24	24	24	24							
Day 0-28													
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d 28 BW, kg	515	516	523	530	537	537	4.9	0.22	0.79	0.89	0.30	0.41	
ADG, kg/d	1.74	1.74	1.80	2.02	2.20	2.21	0.072	0.55	0.87	0.12	0.19	0.04	
DMI, kg/d	11.7	11.6	12.0	11.8	12.1	12.0	0.24	0.19	0.52	0.73	0.48	0.44	
G:F	0.150	0.149	0.149	0.172	0.186	0.186	0.0058	0.90	0.90	0.14	0.17	0.04	

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Growth Performance Overall

	NO			TE200			ZINC within NO			ZINC within TE200			Within TE200 No Zn vs Zn
	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	SEM	L	Q	L	Q	Zn	
Steers	24	24	24	24	24	24							
OVERALL													
d 90 BW, kg	600	595	604	620	628	625	6.2	0.54	0.38	0.68	0.42	0.38	
ADG, kg/d	1.49	1.43	1.46	1.64	1.71	1.72	0.045	0.76	0.34	0.25	0.36	0.14	
DMI, kg/d	11.2	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.8	11.8	0.23	0.25	0.20	0.55	0.72	0.47	
G:F	0.135	0.122	0.126	0.141	0.146	0.146	0.0036	0.22	0.02	0.40	0.44	0.25	

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Carcass Characteristics

	NO			TE200			ZINC within NO			ZINC within TE200			Within TE200 No Zn vs Zn
	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	Zn0	Zn30	Zn100	SEM	L	Q	L	Q	Zn	
Steers	24	24	24	24	24	24							
Carcass Characteristics													
HCW, kg	379	380	385	397	402	398	4.0	0.29	0.99	0.95	0.37	0.51	
REA, cm ²	92.0	91.7	90.8	94.0	96.4	92.1	0.22	0.54	0.99	0.17	0.11	0.90	
RF, cm	1.42	1.30	1.40	1.40	1.32	1.35	0.028	0.94	0.23	0.77	0.43	0.45	
DR, %	63.1	63.7	63.7	63.9	64.0	63.9	0.29	0.19	0.22	0.90	0.86	0.97	
Marbling*	546	546	550	521	478	549	21.6	0.87	0.99	0.16	0.06	0.79	
YG	2.71	2.70	2.87	2.87	2.65	2.83	0.116	0.26	0.66	0.93	0.15	0.35	
EBF, %	30.5	30.0	30.6	30.4	29.5	30.6	0.42	0.67	0.30	0.40	0.08	0.56	

*Marbling scores: slight = 300, small = 400, modest = 500, moderate = 600.

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Conclusions

Zn supplementation ↑ growth d 0 – 28 post-implant.

- Overall performance not significantly affected:
 - Total dietary Zn of at least 83 mg/kg DM was adequate to support additional steroidal implant-induced gain early in the implant period.
- Plasma and liver TM results were generally consistent with prior observations.
 - Plasma Zn concentration (1.36 mg/L) were quite high on d 0.
 - Supplemented dietary treatments for 60 d pre-implant
 - Basal diet contained 53 mg Zn/kg DM.
 - Lower growth potential cattle?
- Supplementing Zn at approximately 100 mg Zn/kg DM may best allow for optimal implant-induced growth.

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Introduction - Manganese

Manganese:

- Nitrogen metabolism
 - Arginase (Lapierre and Lobley, 2001)
- Mitochondrial antioxidant capacity
 - MnSOD (Miriyala et al., 2012)
- CHO metabolism
- Bone, cartilage, and connective tissue synthesis.
- Satellite cell function (Lee et al., 2009; Gordon et al., 2019)
 - Influence differentiation and proliferation in myoblasts

Liver Mn – **Tightly regulated**

- Controlled at point of biliary excretion (Miller, 1973; Hambidge et al., 1989).

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Prior work - Mn supplementation in beef finishing diets

- Prior studies investigating Mn in finishing cattle...there aren't many!
- Legleiter, 2005:
 - Supplemented concentrations of 0 up to 240 mg Mn/kg of DM.
 - Increasing supplemental Mn *did not increase growth performance*.
- BUT**
 - Liver Mn decreases following implant administration (Messersmith, 2018; Reichardt et al., 2021; Messersmith et al., 2022).
 - WHY?**

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Experimental Design

- Angus-cross steers (n = 144; 359 kg ± 13.4) were housed in pens (n = 24) at the Beef Nutrition Farm (BNF) in Ames, IA from November 2022 – April 2023.
- Dietary treatments (MANG; supplemented as MnSO₄):**
 - Mn0:** no supplemental Mn (analyzed 14 mg Mn/kg DM)
 - Mn20:** 20 mg supplemental Mn/kg DM; (analyzed 33 mg Mn/kg DM)
 - Mn50:** 50 mg supplemental Mn/kg DM; (analyzed 57 mg Mn/kg DM)
- Implant treatments (IMP; administered on d 0):**
 - NO:** no implant
 - REV:** High potency combination implant (Revalor-200; 200 mg TBA + 20 mg E₂, Merck Animal Health, Madison, NJ)

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GROWTH PERFORMANCE – Implant period

	MANG				IMP			P-value		
	Mn0	Mn20	Mn50	SEM	NO	REV	SEM	MANG	IMP	MANG*IMP
Day 0 - 56										
d 0 BW, kg	463	467	461	2.3	464	464	1.9	0.22	0.96	0.34
d 56 BW, kg	561	560	565	2.9	556	569	2.4	0.49	0.01	0.66
ADG, kg/d	1.76^{ab}	1.68^a	1.82^b	0.036	1.65	1.86	0.029	0.02	0.01	0.35
DMI, kg/d	10.6	10.6	10.8	0.17	10.6	10.7	0.13	0.69	0.77	0.78
G:F	0.168^a	0.159^a	0.168^a	0.0034	0.155	0.174	0.0027	0.08	0.01	0.25
Day 56 - 89										
Final BW	617	613	612	3.7	604	624	3.0	0.63	0.01	0.55
ADG, kg/d	1.66^a	1.59^{ab}	1.48^b	0.055	1.44	1.71	0.045	0.06	0.01	0.43
DMI, kg/d	11.1	11.1	11.3	0.17	11.1	11.2	0.14	0.95	0.33	0.57
G:F	0.143^a	0.137^{ab}	0.129^b	0.0044	0.127	0.146	0.0035	0.10	0.01	0.49
OVERALL										
Overall ADG, kg/d	1.74	1.66	1.69	0.028	1.58	1.82	0.023	0.14	0.01	0.22
Overall DMI, kg/d	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.15	10.9	11.0	0.13	0.89	0.34	0.77
Overall G:F	0.157	0.150	0.153	0.0026	0.145	0.163	0.0021	0.18	0.01	0.25

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Carcass Characteristics

Mn supplementation and steroidal implants influence on carcass characteristics in beef steers.

	MANG				IMP			P-Value		
	Mn0	Mn20	Mn50	SEM	NO	REV	SEM	MANG	IMP	MANG*IMP
HCW, kg	393	391	390	2.0	384	398	2.0	0.54	0.01	0.20
REA, cm ²	84.6 ^a	81.3 ^b	82.6 ^{ab}	0.8	82.0	83.7	0.6	0.01	0.07	0.98
RF, cm	1.53 ^a	1.50 ^a	1.68 ^b	0.06	1.56	1.58	0.05	0.08	0.82	0.26
DP, %	63.9	63.6	63.7	0.002	63.6	63.8	0.002	0.55	0.35	0.45
Yield Grade	3.56	3.64	3.91	0.086	3.65	3.83	0.069	0.25	0.84	0.23
Marbling ^a	489	514	493	12.4	483	495	10.2	0.45	0.34	0.94
KPH	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.11	2.2	2.8	0.09	0.36	0.34	0.12

^ad -55 BW served as a covariate in analysis.

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Liver Mn and SUN concentration

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Conclusions

Dietary Mn of 14 mg/kg DM did not seem to limit growth of implanted or non-implanted cattle.

Manganese:

- Supplementation at NASEM recommendation (20 mg Mn/kg DM) is adequate to allow for optimal implant-induced growth
- Likely sufficient to offset potential potent Mn antagonists such as Fe, common in cattle feedstuffs.

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Copper: Review

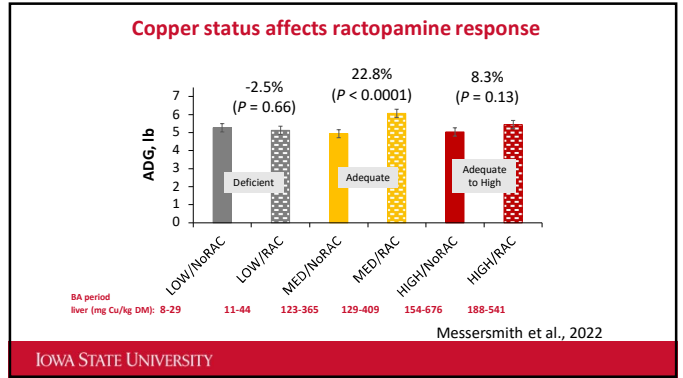
Copper is an essential trace mineral that plays a role in numerous biological processes:

- Extracellular matrix (lysyl oxidase)
- Oxidative phosphorylation (cytochrome c oxidase)
- Free radical scavenging (superoxide dismutase)
- Ceruloplasmin (Fe mobilization, antioxidant, Cu transport)
- Among many others!

Copper's redox potential is fundamental for biological functions
(This is also why excess Cu can be problematic)

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Copper take home message:

- Feedlot cattle do not need greater than NRC (10 ppm) recommendations

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OVERALL TAKEHOME

Trace mineral nutrition is **VERY** important throughout the beef cattle/feedlot production cycle.

Trace minerals can influence:

- Transit stress/stress in general
- Immune function
- Receiving phase performance
- Response to growth enhancing technology (implants and Beta agonists)

All TM are **NOT** created equally. Different functions, different storage, different requirements.
MORE IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER

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