

November 3, 2014

Re: **Contributing individual animal data to the GLOBAL NETWORK project**

Dear Colleague,

We are contacting you because you have previously expressed interest in contributing data to our project, or have published data from experiments, in which enteric methane production, nitrogen excretion, or gaseous emissions from manure were measured.

The main goal of the GLOBAL NETWORK project is to create a database of **individual animal data** that will be used to develop robust models to predict enteric methane and manure nitrogen excretion from ruminant animals. Attached in an abstract presented at the 2015 ADSA meeting that provides more detail about the project.

*We guarantee that data provided by contributors will be used only for the objectives of the GLOBAL NETWORK project. At the expiration of the project (May 2018) and if there is a follow-up project, contributors will be contacted and asked if they would like their data to be: (1) destroyed, or (2) transitioned into the new project. If there is no new or follow-up project, all data will be destroyed by default.*

Your contribution to the database will be acknowledged by:

1. For significant contributions (for example,  $\geq 30$  animals' data) – by including you as a coauthor on the future peer-review paper published by the project team.
2. For less significant contributions – by including you in the Acknowledgements section of the paper.

*Please respond to this letter by e-mail as soon as possible, and no later than **Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Once we have an e-mail confirmation of your participation, the database template and instructions will be communicated to you.*

Our goal is to have the initial data collection completed by **Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Your help with the project is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely:



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