Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How many times must the flock's milk production be recorded per season?**

   You need to collect a minimum of four test days to draw each ewe's production curve. This means you will record flock milk production at least four times in a season. It is better to record 5 or 6 test days.

2. **Do you need a supervised test (i.e., DHI or Lactanet)?**

   No, producers can do their own sampling/testing/recording.

3. **How is data sent to the GenOvis dairy program?**

   There are specific Excel sheets to fill. Any homemade Excel file, or Excel file coming from management software, can be accepted if they contain all the required information. Once completed, the Excel file can be sent to the GenOvis data entry service to be processed.

   Do not forget to include:
   - The test date and times (start & finish of each collected milking)
   - How the milk weights or volumes have been collected
   - The unit of the measurement

   New genetic evaluations are available every Monday morning. You can access your genetic values on your own or ask GenOvis to send the reports.

4. **What if a producer doesn't use a computer or have email?**

   This is not a problem: Genovis can enter hand-written data (although there is an extra fee for data entry). Report scan also be sent by mail or fax.

5. **Is it possible to evaluate dairy crossbreds?**

   Yes, the program can evaluate purebred or crossbred dairy sheep. These are the groups used in the genetic evaluation:
   - East Friesian >75%
   - Lacaune >75%
   - British Milk Sheep >75%
   - East Friesian / Lacaune
   - East Friesian / British Milk Sheep
   - East Friesian (50-74%)
   - Lacaune (50-74%)
   - British Milk Sheep (50-74%)
   - Dairy crossbred

6. **Do the tests have to be twice in 24 hours, or at 12-hour intervals?**

No. Just indicate if this is an AM test, a PM test, or an AM/PM (or PM/AM) test. Indicate in your file the time of the test, so the genetic program will account for that. You need to measure all the milkings within a 24 hours period (e.g. if you milk once, you measure only one time, if you milk twice, you need to measure both milkings).

7. **Does the milk data need to be in litres?**

The genetic program will use kg, but you can collect the data in liters, pounds, pints, kg, or Cl. You do not have to convert your measurement – Genovis will do that, just indicate the unit used for your measurement.

8. **Will my flock information be made public?**

No, you will have your personal account and it's private.

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