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## Bovine Reproductive Technology from a Producer's Standpoint



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## Impacts of Reproduction to the Poultry Industry

**YEAR** 

1957



Day 43 Day 57 Day 71 Day 85

2010

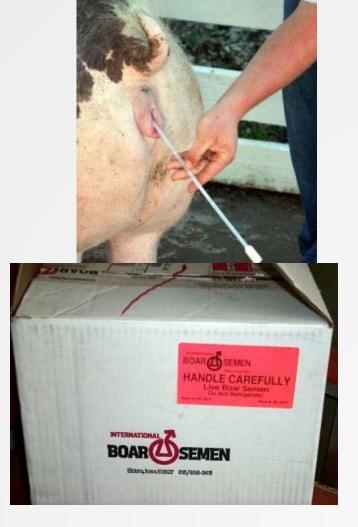


(Miles et al., 2011)

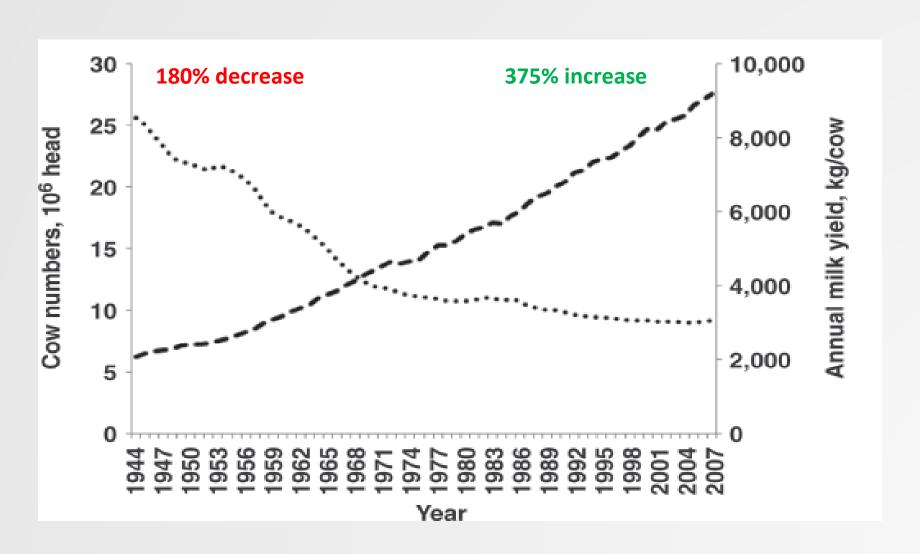
## Impacts of Reproduction to the Swine Industry



85% of operations with >500 sows use Al



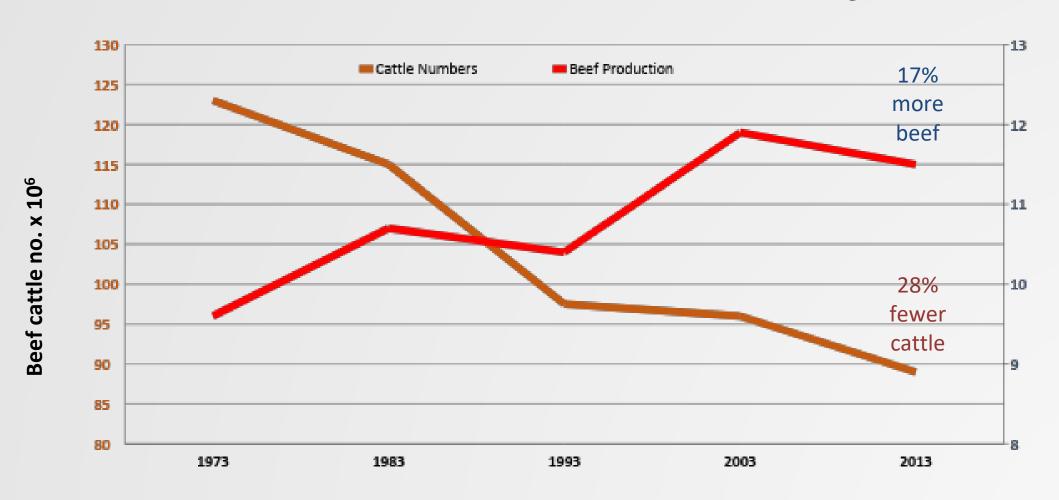
## Impacts of Reproduction to the Dairy Industry



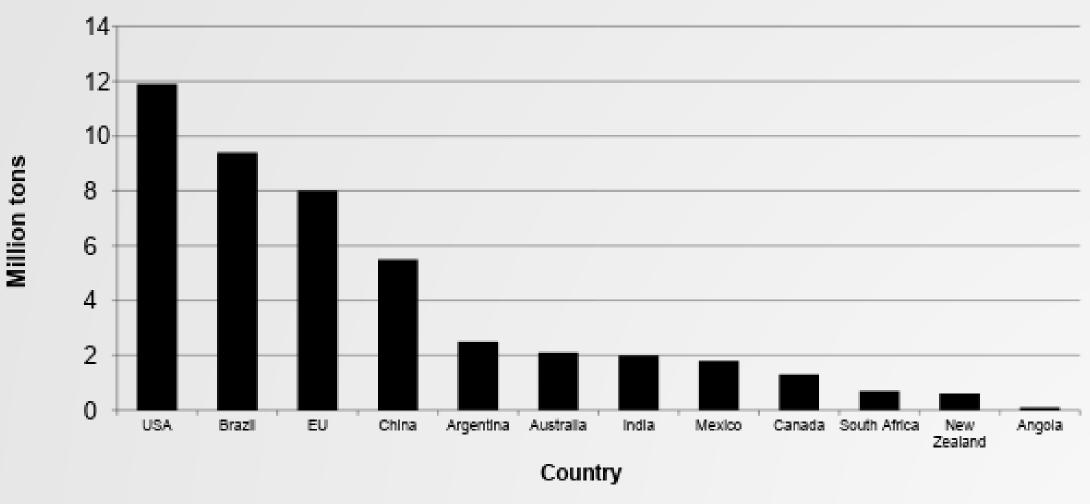
(Capper et al., 2009)

# Beef production, kg $\times 10^9$

#### The US Beef Industry



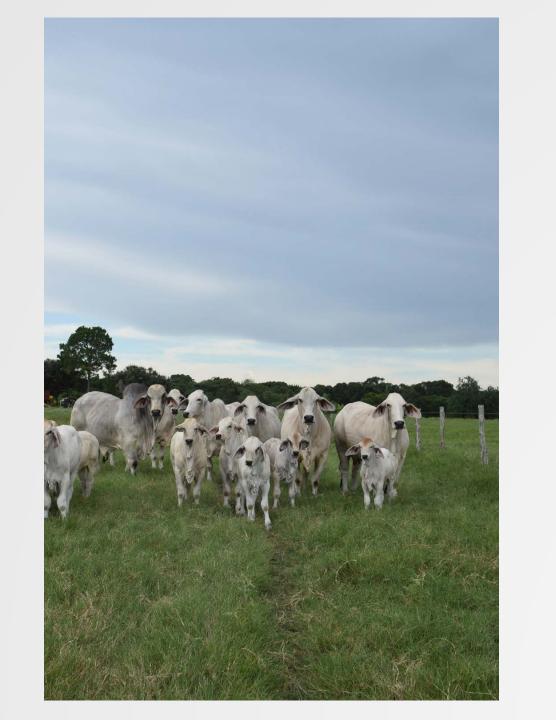
## Country Comparison of Beef Production











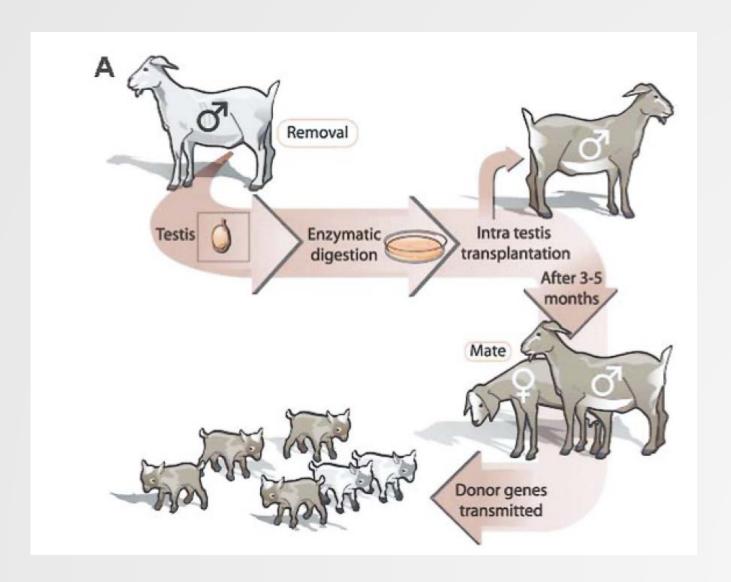


#### Cattle Global Distribution





### **Opportunities for Stem Cell Technology**



(Honaramooz et al., 2013)

## Opportunities for Stem Cell Technology

 Use stem cells from genetically superior bull transplanted into testis of less desirable bulls





 Use stem cells from bulls in bulls that are adapted to tolerate tough climatic conditions (i.e., heat stress)





#### **Final Thought!**

Even today, simple technologies such as castration, breeding season management, or weaning may be more appropriate than more developed reproductive technologies and provide a significant improvement in production efficiency.

However, continued improvement in new reproductive technologies will provide opportunities that will affect beef production in the future.



#### Thank You!

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