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AMY	α -amylase
ANOVA	analysis of variance
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
B cell	bursal-derived, bursal-equivalent derived cell
bp	base pairs

BSA	bovine serum albumin
BW	body weight
cDNA	complementary DNA
CF	crude fiber
CFT	complement fixations test
cfu	colony-forming units
CI	confidence interval
CK	creatine kinase
CMT	California mastitis test
CP	crude protein
CV	coefficient of variation
df	degrees of freedom
dL	deci liter
DM	dry matter
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
EDTA	ethylene diamine tetraacetate
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent antibody assay
g	gram
g	gravity
GLM	general linear model
h	hour
Hb	hemoglobin
Hct	hematocrit
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography
i.m.	intramuscular
i.p.	intraperitoneal
i.v.	intravenous
IFAT	indirect fluorescent antibody technique
Ig	immunoglobulin
IU	international units
IVC	<i>in vitro</i> culture
IVF	<i>in vitro</i> fertilization
kb	kilobase pairs
kDa	kilodalton
L	liter
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LSD	least significant difference
μ	micron
m	meter
M	molar
MCH	mean corpuscular hemoglobin
MCHC	corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
MCV	mean corpuscular volume
ME	metabolizable energy
min	minute
mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
MRT	Milk ring test
N	normal
n	number of observations
NAD	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NADH	reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
NS	not significant
P value	P<0.001; P<0.05; P>0.05
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PBS	phosphate-buffered saline
PCR	polymerase chain reaction

PCV	packed cell volume
r	correlation coefficient
R ²	coefficient of determination, multiple
r ²	coefficient of determination, simple
RBC	red blood cells
RFLP	restriction fragment length polymorphism
RH	relative humidity
RIA	radioimmunoassay
RNA	ribonucleic acid
rpm	revolutions per minute
s.c.	subcutaneous
SCC	somatic cell count
SD	standard deviation
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
SE	standard error
SEM	standard error of the mean
SRBC	sheep red blood cells
T cell	thymic-derived cell
T ₃	triiodothyronine
T ₄	thyroxine
TBA	thiobarbituric acid
TCA	Tris-citric acid buffer
Tris	tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane
UV	ultraviolet
vs	versus
WBC	white blood cells
wk	week
wt/vol	weight to volume
wt/wt	weight to weight

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