



# More than just Heat Detection

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Health Monitoring



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Heat Detection



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Efficient and effective management is the key to a successful dairy or beef farm. Many dairy farmers are facing the need to upscale and produce sustainably. This means you are constantly faced with the challenge of tracking your animals at individual level and treating them preventively if required. After all, it is only by focusing on individual milk production and cost control across your whole farm that you can significantly increase your earnings. Nedap offers you the suitable support solution with the Nedap Heat Detection system with integrated Health Monitoring.

The fertility results, as well as the well-being and health of your animals, have a direct correlation with good milk production. Therefore there is great added value for your business management in being able to automatically pick up signals that give an indication of the health of each animal, together with accurate heat detection. On a 24/7 basis, Nedap Heat Detection with integrated Health Monitoring detects behaviour and movements which indicate that an individual animal is in heat or has possible health problems. The system automatically provides you with the right information about animals in heat, and animals within the herd that require extra monitoring in regard to their health. You are always in control; to ensure insemination at the best time, or to intervene at an early stage in the event of any health issues. This is how you achieve and maintain the best possible production performance from each animal.

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Nedap Heat Detection with Health Monitoring: available in both Smarttag Neck and Leg.



## Nedap Heat Detection | The benefits



Highly accurate heat detection 24/7



At least 90% detection rate



Detection up to at least 1,000 metres around the antenna



Continuous monitoring of possible health problems



Available in both Smarttag Neck and Leg version



Optional identification for management applications (ISO)



Even more control over each animal's production performance: fast payback time





**More options than just Heat Detection**

Nedap offers a complete range for reliable Heat Detection with integrated Health Monitoring. The system accurately detects the behaviour and movements of your animals 24/7 and will send you a timely attention alert if an animal requires extra care - whether this concerns heat detection for insemination at the best time, or an animal with possible health problems. You are the one in control to treat your animals at the right moment and in the right manner. This will save you time and creates a calm atmosphere, whilst you achieve and maintain the best possible results from each animal in your herd. The Nedap Smarttag Neck and Leg offer many different functions in addition to the highly accurate Nedap Heat Detection. Whatever your wishes may be when it concerns monitoring your individual animals, Nedap always provides the best technology for a suitable solution.

Nedap Smarttag Neck	Nedap Smarttag Leg
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<b>RealTime Heat Detection</b> <p>Sniffing and chin resting - neck movements that indicate heat - are effortlessly detected by the Nedap Smarttag Neck. Day and night. The data is available immediately (RealTime) via long-range data transfer. Up to at least 100 metres around the antenna in the barn, or even up to 1,000 metres around the Long Range antenna for grazing.</p>	<b>RealTime Heat Detection</b> <p>Leg movements that indicate heat are perfectly detected by the Nedap Smarttag Leg. Day and night. The information is available in RealTime thanks to the long range data exchange. Up to at least 75 metres around the antenna in the barn, or even up to 1,000 metres around the Long Range antenna for grazing.</p>
<b>Nedap Eating Monitoring</b> <p>Eating Monitoring indicates the time per day that an animal takes in roughage or grazes. The Smarttag Neck continuously monitors the animal for these movements. Changes in eating behaviour indicate that there may be something wrong with a particular animal. Timely monitoring and the opportunity for early intervention in health problems help you to avoid a drop in milk production and any treatment and culling costs. Furthermore, you can monitor your animals extra closely in the vulnerable period before and after calving - when they are more susceptible to disease because of changes in environment, feed, energy balance and stress.</p>	<b>Nedap Activity Monitoring</b> <p>Activity Monitoring measures the number of steps the animal takes and alerts the farmer when this number drops significantly compared to the average figure from the preceding days. The Smarttag Leg accurately detects this drop. The system sends you an attention alert, allowing you to trace any sick or lame animals at an early stage. This means that a drop in production or high treatment costs can be prevented.</p>
<b>Attention alert if the tag is placed the wrong way around</b> <p>Correct attachment of the neck tag benefits the diverse measurements and the functionality of identification technology. The Smarttag Neck automatically sends an attention alert if the tag is placed the wrong way around or moves into an incorrect position during use. Slight changes in the position of the tag on the neck are automatically compensated by the software.</p>	<b>ISO Identification (optional)</b> <p>A reliable high performance solution for identification in management applications such as milking, feeding and separating. Outstanding identification technology that never stops working, even if the battery is flat.</p>
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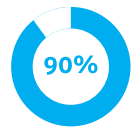


## More benefits with Nedap Heat Detection



### Highly accurate Heat Detection 24/7

Approximately 60% of cows show signs of heat during the night. There is a high risk that you miss these heats, or that you are unable to respond in time. With Nedap RealTime Heat Detection you can detect heat 24/7 in the entire barn and take advantage of the optimum insemination time. As a result, you are able to reduce the number of inseminations, the costs and the calving intervals. With Nedap Heat Detection technology, all animals in heat are visible to you. Always and anywhere.



### At Least 90% detection rate

Nedap Heat Detection technology is the most reliable solution for continuous and highly accurate heat detection. This system even enables you to detect expressions of heat that are difficult to spot or not immediately visible. The Nedap Smarttag Leg and Neck provide equally reliable detection results. The registered data is saved in the memory of the tag during 24 hours, which means that you will not have to miss any information. Even if the animal has been out of the antenna's reach for a short while. As soon as the tag reconnects with the system, all data from the preceding 24 hours is once again transmitted. All animals in heat in your barn are visible to you. Always.

*"Nedap Heat Detection detects heats that you do not notice yourself."*

*Matthijs Meijer*



*"Nedap Heat Detection provides improved insemination results and more insight into the health of our animals."*

*Henk en Alida Udink*



### Detection up to 1,000 metres around the antenna

Nedap Heat Detection is able to detect heats and health-related signals from a long distance; up to at least 75 metres around the antenna in the barn, or even up to 1,000 metres around the Long Range antenna for grazing. Long-distance detection provides additional benefits if you use milking robots. It means that you are no longer dependent on animals visiting the robot: constant and up-to-date information about your animals is now available. Also when you house your young animals in a different location in the barn, the Nedap Heat Detection system provides a suitable solution. All animals in heat are visible to you. Always and anywhere.



### Continuous monitoring of possible health problems

Developments surrounding automatic tracking of the individual animal are constantly evolving. This is a necessity in order to actually increase the production performances of the total herd at a dairy farm. The Nedap Smarttag provides Activity Monitoring in the leg version and Eating Monitoring in the neck version. Both versions will give you a good indication of the well-being and health of the individual animal. Check your animals in a timely manner and treat those who need extra attention. Regardless of the size of your herd: Nedap Heat Detection technology with integrated Health Monitoring will provide you with the right information at an early stage, so you are able to take adequate measures.





### Available in both Smarttag Neck and Leg version

The Nedap Smarttag for Heat Detection with integrated Health Monitoring is available in a leg and a neck version. You select which version best suits your farm. For both versions the reliability in regard to Heat Detection is equally high. And for both tags you can also rely on an average expected service life of 10 years thanks to the effective use of the battery.

- The Smarttag Leg for Heat Detection with Activity Monitoring is easy to fit with the Nedap patented leg strap.
- The optimal shape and weight of the Smarttag Neck with Eating Monitoring ensure that it always stays in the right position: at the base of the neck. The Nedap neck strap ensures that the Smarttag remains securely in place and does not twist.



### Optional ISO Identification for management applications

Both the Smarttag Neck and the Smarttag Leg can optionally be combined with Nedap ISO Identification technology; a reliable high performance solution for identification in management applications such as milking, feeding and separating. Outstanding identification that never stops working, even if the battery is flat.



### Even more control over the optimal production performance of each animal: Fast payback time.

Nedap Heat Detection with integrated Health Monitoring provides you with the right information to achieve and maintain the best performance from each animal. Accurate identification of the optimum insemination time enables more effective inseminations. The results: a reduced number of inseminations, lower insemination costs, shorter calving intervals and optimisation of the milk production with increased returns.

Attention alerts in the event of changes in eating behaviour or reduced activity help you to detect any disorders your animals may have at an early stage, allowing you to intervene in good time. This is how you prevent a drop in milk production and save on treatment and culling costs. Nedap Heat Detection will quickly achieve higher returns for you. For years to come.



## Fast payback time: a calculation example

Nedap Heat Detection makes it possible to achieve and maintain the best performance from each animal. Better returns and increased profit result in a fast payback time. Naturally, the earnings and payback time depend on market conditions and your own personal starting point as a dairy farmer. However, to give you an idea, here is an example of how the payback time can be realised.

For this example we will assume:

- A dairy farm with 120 cows.
- An average earning of €2 per cow per day of shorter calving interval\*.
- An average semen price of €40 per dose.

## Payback time Nedap Heat Detection system

### COSTS

- The purchase price of a Nedap Heat Detection system for a farm with 120 cows is **€ 13,000**

### EARNINGS

- On this farm, the calving interval is reduced from 400 to 385 days  
Earnings from reduction time of calving interval:  $(400-385) \times 2 \times 120 =$  € 3,600 per year
- The farm's insemination number drops from 2.5 to 2.2  
More efficient insemination earns this farm:  $(120 \times 2.5 \times €40) - (120 \times 2.2 \times €40) =$  € 1,440 per year
- Annual earnings for the use of Nedap Heat Detection **€ 5,040**

### PAYBACK PERIOD

Purchase price / annual earnings  
 $€13,000 / €5,040 =$

**2.6 years**

Please note: labour savings, a lower calving age of heifers and possible lower health costs have not yet been included in this calculation example.

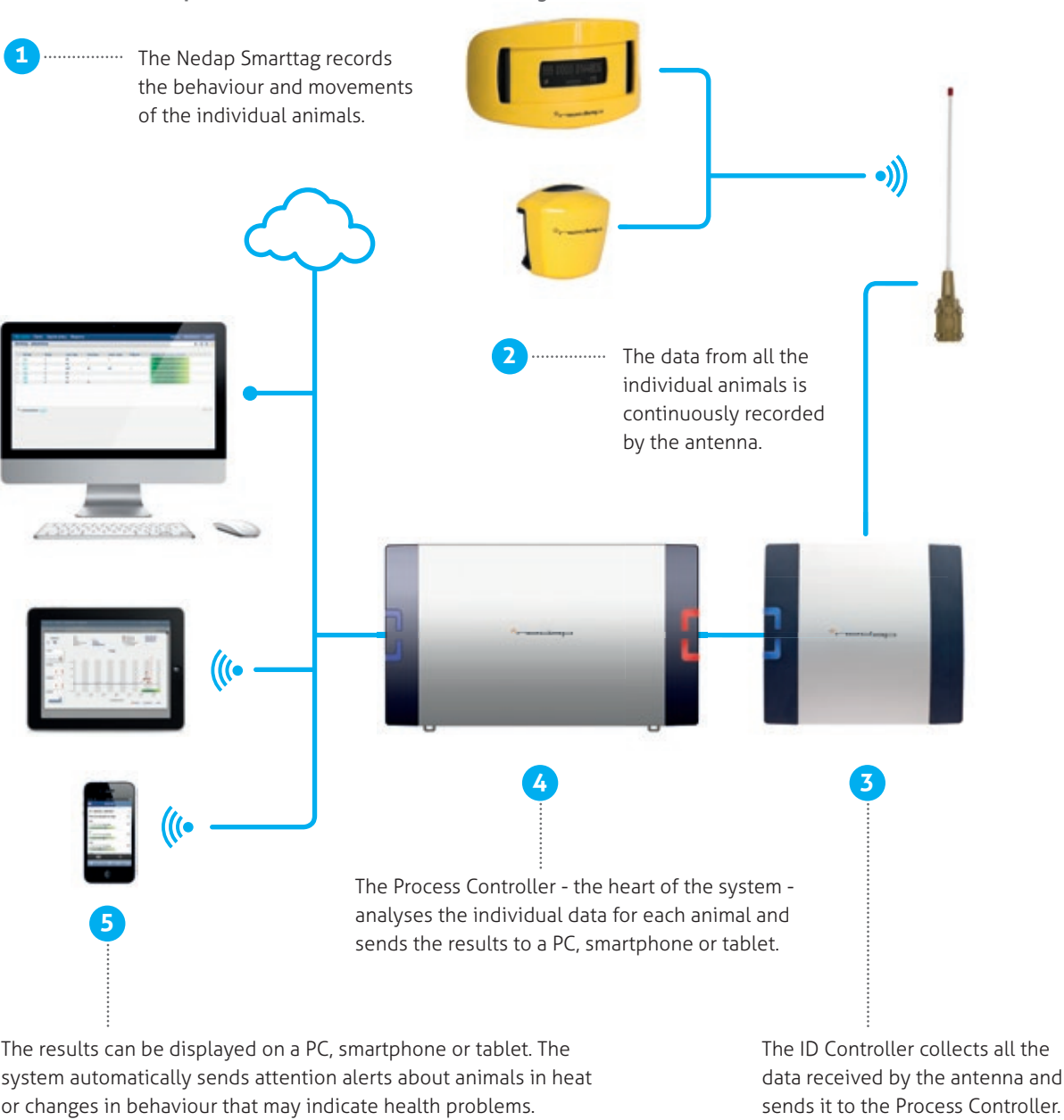
\* Assuming an average situation in Europe, where reduction of the calving interval earns between €1 - €3 per cow per day.



# More options with the Nedap Technical Platform



Our Heat Detection technology is controlled by the Nedap Technical Platform for dairy management. This platform is a flexible and scalable basis for automation on dairy farms based on individual electronic animal identification. Individual care and monitoring of production and health remain manageable at all times; regardless of the size of your herd. Management by exception: you can specifically focus on the animals that need it.

## The Nedap Heat Detection system - how it works





## System options

The Nedap Heat Detection system can always be adapted according to your wishes and requirements. Nedap offers you various options in regard to the Antenna and the Smarttag.

Nedap Antenna	
Antenna, RealTime Heat Detection	Long Range Antenna, RealTime Heat Detection
	
Data transfer up to at least 75 metres around the antenna in the barn.	Data transfer up to at least 1,000 metres around the antenna for grazing.

Nedap Smarttag	
Nedap Smarttag Leg	Nedap Smarttag Neck
	
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## System features

- ### Scalable

Do you have plans for upscaling your farm in the future, for example with a larger herd, more groups or more barns? No problem for the Nedap Technical Platform. The system can be modified to suit any farm size, with extra Smarttags and possibly an additional antenna - and therefore with a limited investment. The basis of the platform can accommodate any amount of upscaling and any farm size.
- ### Flexible

The Nedap Technical Platform for the dairy farm can control several applications such as heat detection, separation, feeding and milk measurement from just a single Process Controller. This flexible system is easy to adapt according to your needs and requirements. If in the future you should wish to include more applications to the system in addition to heat detection, you have already installed the required foundation to expand on with low investment.
- ### Centralised software

All the software of the heat detection system is contained in the heart of the system: the Process Controller. This is extremely convenient, as any updates can be processed in one central place within the system. And moreover, you do not need to install software on your PC, tablet or smartphone. All you need to view the interface of the system is a browser.
- ### Mobile applications

Being informed about the situation in the barn - always and anywhere? This is possible too. You can easily link the platform to mobile applications such as tablets and smartphones. The interface of the Technical Platform is then adapted for mobile use.
- ### Integration of software packages

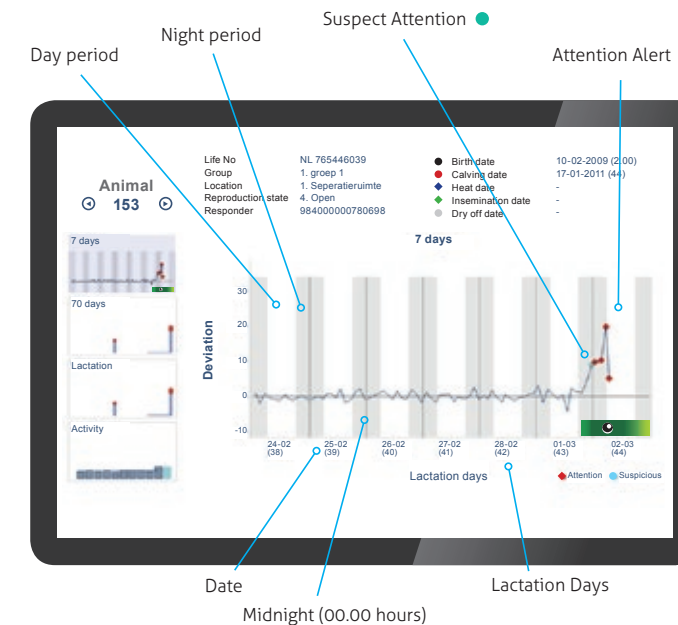
The Nedap Technical Platform - and with this, also Nedap Heat Detection - can be linked to nearly all management programmes via Taurus or a customised link. This means that you can steer your business from one management programme at all times.





# How the system works

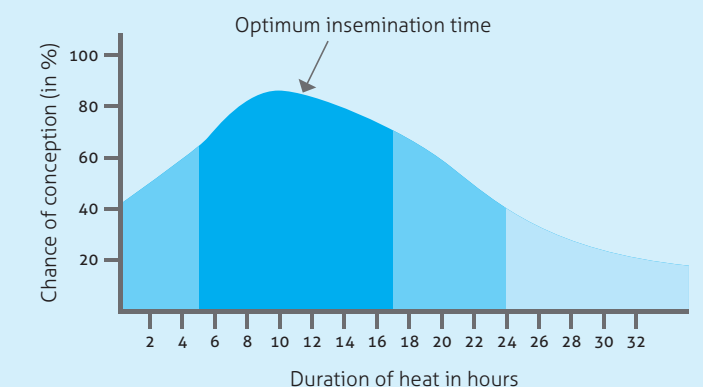
## Basis principles of Nedap Heat Detection with Health Monitoring



- The behaviour and movements (leg or neck movements) of each cow are measured and recorded in two-hour periods.
- This data is compared with data from the same period during the preceding days.
- Is there a significant change (higher or lower) in the recorded progressive average regarding the behaviour or movements? If so, attention alerts are possible at several levels:
  - attention regarding suspected heat
  - attention regarding heat with optimum insemination time
  - attention regarding reduced leg activity
  - attention regarding reduced eating behaviour

## Optimum insemination time

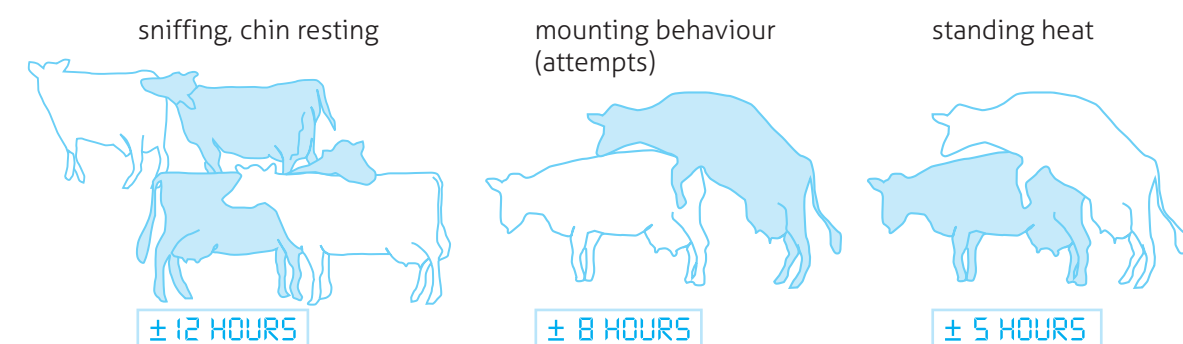
You can generally assume that when a cow is actually in heat, the best time to inseminate her is straight after the first attention. The probability of conception is at its highest then, because the semen cells will make contact with the egg at the optimum time.



## Nedap Heat Detection in 4 Steps

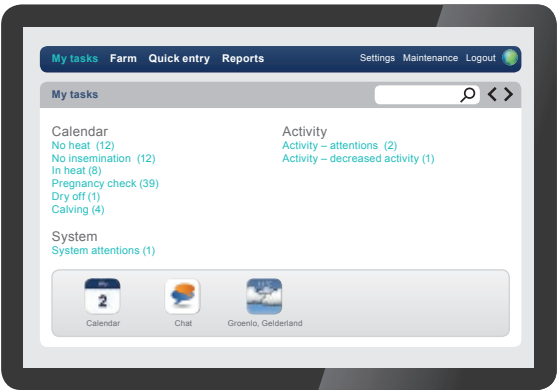
- The Nedap Smarttag accurately detects heat or possible health problems 24/7.
- The antenna continuously receives the data from each individual animal, long range.
- The system provides an attention alert in the event of significantly increased activity which indicates heat, or when changes in behaviour occur which indicate possible health problems.
- You view the data concerning animals in heat and/or those that require extra attention via your PC, tablet or smartphone.

## The cow's heat cycle

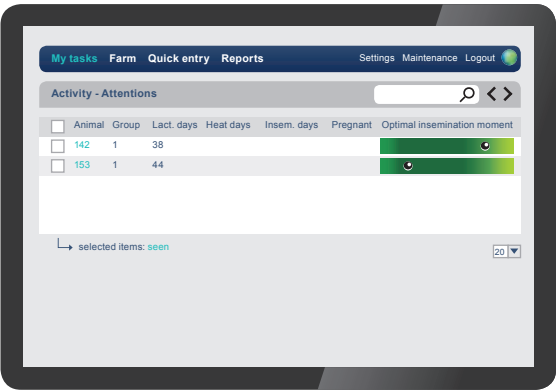




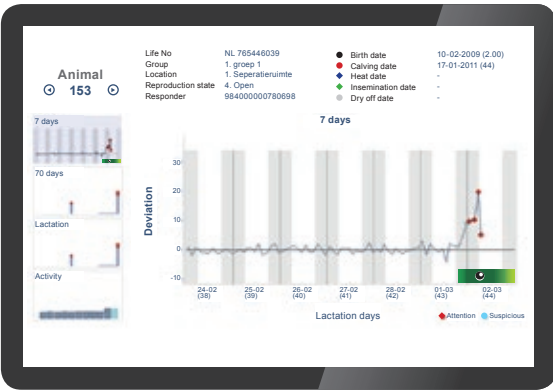
# Interface Nedap Heat Detection with Health Monitoring



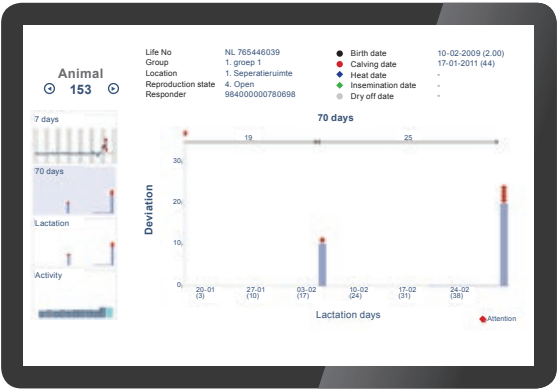
System overview  
My tasks



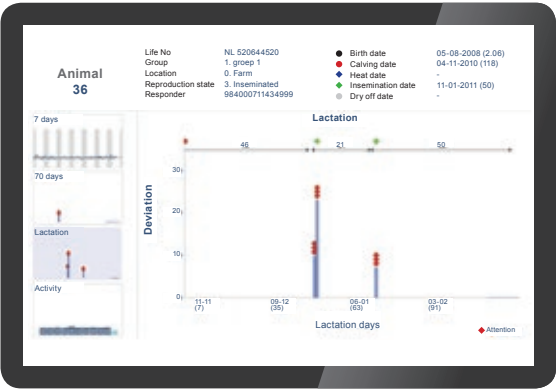
Heat detection  
Optimum insemination time



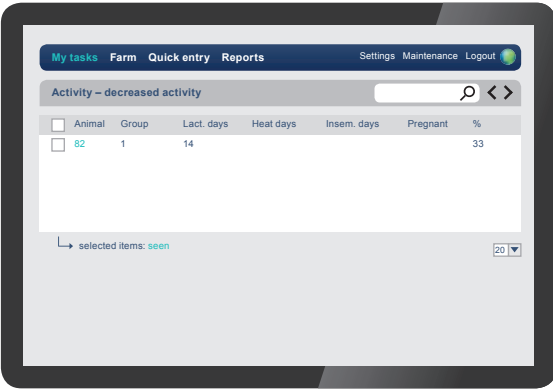
Heat detection  
Graph 7 days: heat expression activity preceding week



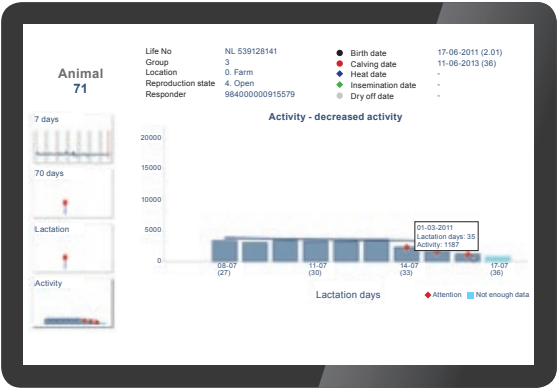
Heat detection  
Graph 70 days: heat expression activity during approx. 3 cycles



Heat detection  
Graph lactation: heat expression activity during entire lactation of the animal



Activity monitoring\*  
Overview reduced activity



Activity monitoring\*  
Graph reduced activity: leg activity preceding 10 days

Animal	Group	Lact. days	Heat days	Insem. days	Pregnant	%
7820	99	288	215	215	✓	20
7465	99	196	147	147	✓	20
7759	99	306	199	199	✓	17
7698	99	107	65	65	✓	17
7468	99	192	143	143	✓	19
7680	99	233	183	183	✓	16
7114	99	27				37
7419	99	298	145	145	✓	20

Eating monitoring\*\*  
Overview reduced eating behaviour



Eating monitoring\*\*  
Graph reduced eating behaviour: eating behaviour preceding 10 days



\* Only visible for Nedap Smarttag Leg \*\* Only visible for Nedap Smarttag Neck



Due to our increasing population and prosperity, dairy and meat producers have seen a rise in the demand for their products. This development is accompanied by increasingly stricter requirements in regard to the quality and safety of food and simultaneously, there is a rise in the costs of raw materials, labour and energy. For more than 35 years Nedap has responded to these challenges by delivering the precise technological solutions that enable sustainable growth for producers in the livestock industry. Feeding, milking, separating, sorting and heat detection; barn automation on the basis of electronic individual animal identification makes it possible to manage individual animal care and to monitor production and health. This saves you valuable time, provides a calm atmosphere and a clear overview. As a result, costs will be reduced and profits will increase. Furthermore, it will enable you to produce in a much more animal-friendly manner.

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