Theme 5: Fertility and Breeding

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Level 1

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You will learn about:

- ☐ How to get your cow pregnant
 - Artificial Insemination (AI) or Natural service (bulls)?
 - Tips of carrying out successful insemination
 - Accurate heat detection (Observing cows)
 - timing of insemination
 - handling the cow before and after insemination

How to get your Cow/Heifer pregnant

Artificial Insemination (AI) or Natural Mating?



AI is better than use of bulls



Artificial Insemination

Tips for Successful Al

Starts with Accurate Heat
 detection (when other
 important heat signs are 100
 points or above, but the best is at
 standing heat)

Heat signs that are important to recognize;

Restlessness	5 %.
Drop in milk production	5%
Swollen vulva	5 %
Phleming	10%
Bellowing	10%
Mounted but not standing.	10 %.
Fresh salvia on cow's back	15%.
Chin resting.	20 %.
Back bending (touching clitoris)	30%
Continuous Clear Discharge (Few Days)	30 %
Sniffing several other cow's vagina	30 %.
Mounting farmer (when standing in front of cow)	30%
Mounting or attempt other cows.	40 %
Mounting head side other cows.	60 %
Standing Heat.	100 %.

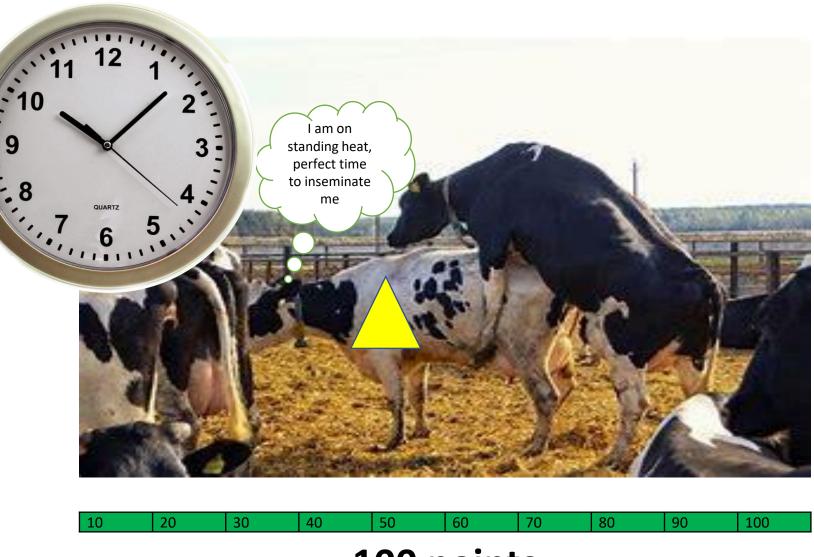






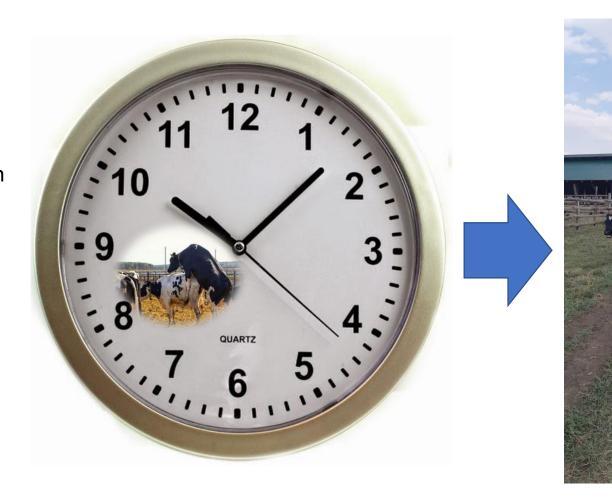
- Standing heat means the cows stands still while being mounted
- Al also depends on Proper timing of Insemination (time bound activity)
- Take note of Time of the first Standing Heat event

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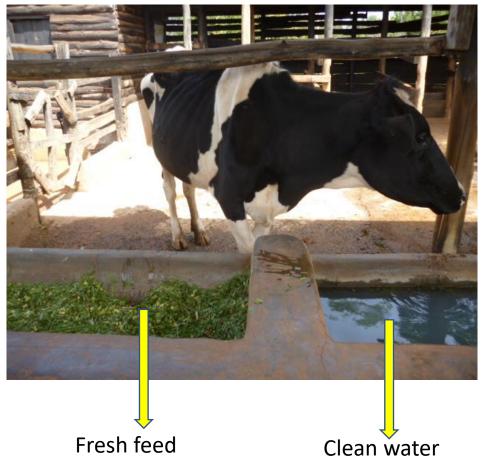
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 When (first) standing heat is seen, immediately alert/call the AI technician who will do the insemination



Separate the cow: Take the cow away to a separate facility/place where she can eat, drink and avoid stress
and disturbance from the rest





 Make sure the cow feels free and relaxed (no stress)

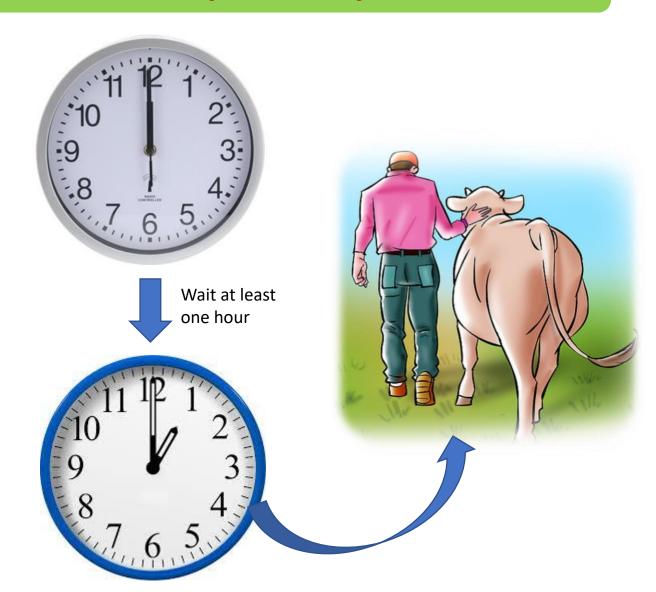
Inseminate
immediately/as
soon as possible but before

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 After insemination, keep the cow separated for at least one hour before she goes back to the herd.



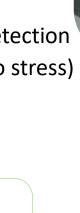
Take Home message

Successful AI = Cow being pregnant (conceiving)

Successful AI depends on:

1. Preciseness! – accurate heat detection

2. Timing! – insemination (with no stress)



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Also helpful: Training of farmer and farm staff

