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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Background</b>	<p>Individual research institutes collect data on various parameters which generate samples (e.g. blood, digestive contents, milk , meat, etc.). However, to date there is no individual database cataloguing what range of samples is taken along with the frequency of recording. Therefore, it would be very beneficial if there was a centralised database available which catalogued what samples were taken. This information could then be made available to a wide range of research centres. This can improve collaboration and also could provide insight into the samples being taken. Additionally, this could facilitate a number of institutes who wished to collaborate on a study examining a range of samples collected during animal trials.</p> <p>To ensure the feasibility of this approach research institutes within the SmartCow consortium were initially contacted and information collected. Once the data collection process was streamlined and dissemination methods agreed and created other EU research institutes and eventually research institutes outside of the EU can also be included.</p> <p>Collection of this data provides an insight into samples taken at each research centre, and provides a contact person to contact in regards each research centre's specific collection points. This will allow ease of access to individual research institutes data collection and generation of samples as a result.</p>
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This deliverable falls under task 1.2 of WP1. The objective of task 1.2 was to describe and map research animal databases and existing sample banks, and their accessibility across the participating organisations.</p>
<b>Methods</b>	<p>A contact person from each research institute within the consortium was identified at the kick off meeting and their email address obtained.</p> <p>An exhaustive list of the sample recording frequency and resulting sample banks associated with each research institute was developed and an excel spread sheet created to collect the data. This included a name individual who is responsible for each sample bank within each research institute.</p> <p>Before sending to all project partners the file was sent to a smaller group of people involved in the project to review and identify any areas which were</p>

	<p>missing or where more information was required. Once this sub-committee were satisfied with database it was sent to the people within the consortium whose email addresses were collected at the kick off meeting.</p>
<b>Results &amp; implications</b>	<p>An inventory of the sample banks employed in SmartCow participating organisations has been developed. This includes an account of variables recorded and if physical samples are contained within a sample bank. Additionally, a register of those responsible for sample banks has also been created.</p> <p>By having the details of each individual responsible for each sample bank available, this will allow for ease of access to information for researchers or interested persons regarding individual sample banks within each research institute. Additionally, these individuals can be contacted for further information about each individual research institutes and their respective sample banks. This will inform interested persons as to whether these samples could potentially be available as a resource for other projects.</p> <p>Into the future, the database created can also be sent to research institutes outside of the SmartCow consortium to garner further information regarding available sample banks and samples collected within their research institutes.</p>

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## 1 Background

Within Europe there are many research institutes collecting data on various parameters which generate samples (e.g. blood samples, digestive system samples, milk composition, meat composition, etc.). It would be beneficial if there was a database available which catalogued what samples were taken. This information could then be made available to a wide range of research centres. This can improve collaboration and also could provide insight into the samples being taken. Additionally, this could facilitate a number of institutes who wished to collaborate on a study examining a range of samples collected during animal trials.

To ensure the feasibility of this approach research institutes within the SmartCow consortium were initially contacted and information collected. Once the data collection process was streamlined and dissemination methods agreed and created (D1.2) other EU research institutes and eventually research institutes outside of the EU can also be included.

Collection of this data provides an insight into samples taken at each research centre, and provides a contact person to contact in regards each research centre's specific collection points.

## 2 Objective

This deliverable falls under task 1.2 of WP1. The objective of task 1.2 was to describe and map research animal databases and existing sample banks, and their accessibility across the participating organisations.

## 3 Methodology

To enable accurate and time efficient collection of the required data a contact person from each research institute within the consortium was identified at the kick off meeting and their email address obtained. The database was designed and sent to each of these people with a deadline by which it had to be filled in and returned.

An exhaustive list of the sample recording frequency and resulting sample banks associated with each research institute was developed and an excel spread sheet created to collect the data. This included a name individual who is responsible for each sample bank within each research institute.

### 3.1 Database construction

An exhaustive list of the samples collected at each research institute was developed and an excel spread sheet created to collect the data. The different headings under which extensive information was required were as per deliverable 1.3.

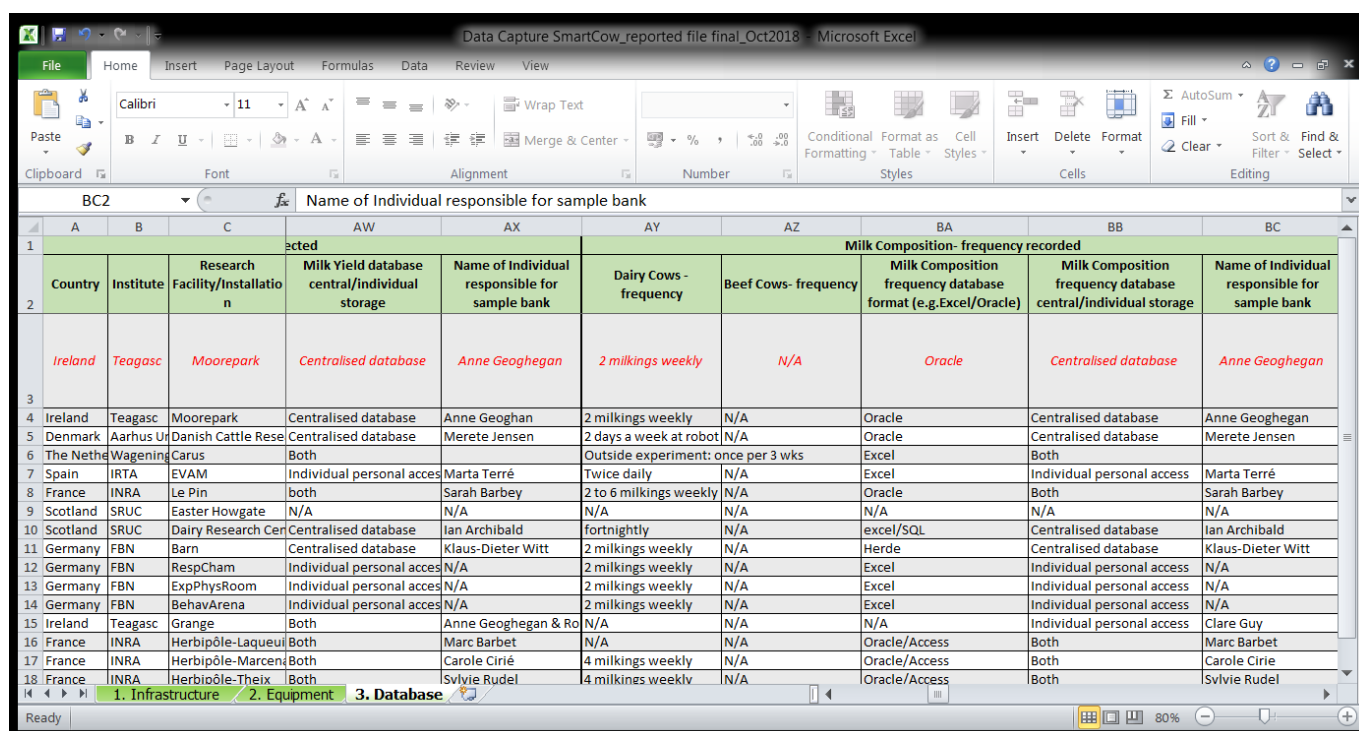
Before sending to all project partners the file was sent to a smaller group of people involved in the project to review and identify any areas which were missing or where more information was required. Once this

sub-committee was satisfied with database it was sent to the people within the consortium whose email addresses were collected at the kick off meeting.

(Note: Rather than send three separate documents requiring information all the information required for Tasks 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 was created on different excel sheets within the one excel file)

### 3.1.1 Overview of data collected

To give an overview of the content of the database, the following are screen shots of the data which has been collected in regards to sample banks available at each research institute.



Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	Milk Yield database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank	Dairy Cows - frequency	Beef Cows - frequency	Milk Composition frequency database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Milk Composition frequency database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Centralised database	Anne Geoghegan	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Oracle	Centralised database	Anne Geoghegan
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Centralised database	Anne Geoghan	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Oracle	Centralised database	Anne Geoghan
Denmark	Aarhus U	Danish Cattle Rese	Centralised database	Merete Jensen	2 days a week at robot	N/A	Oracle	Centralised database	Merete Jensen
The Nethe	Wageningen	Carus	Both		Outside experiment: once per 3 wks		Excel	Both	
Spain	IRTA	EVAM	Individual personal acces	Marta Terré	Twice daily	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Marta Terré
France	INRA	Le Pin	both	Sarah Barbey	2 to 6 milkings weekly	N/A	Oracle	Both	Sarah Barbey
Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Cer	Centralised database	Ian Archibald	fortnightly	N/A	excel/SQL	Centralised database	Ian Archibald
Germany	FBN	Barn	Centralised database	Klaus-Dieter Witt	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Herde	Centralised database	Klaus-Dieter Witt
Germany	FBN	RespCham	Individual personal acces	N/A	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	Individual personal acces	N/A	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Germany	FBN	BehavArena	Individual personal acces	N/A	2 milkings weekly	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	Both	Anne Geoghegan & Ro	N/A	N/A	N/A	Individual personal access	Clare Guy
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueui	Both	Marc Barbet	N/A	N/A	Oracle/Access	Both	Marc Barbet
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcen	Both	Carole Cirié	4 milkings weekly	N/A	Oracle/Access	Both	Carole Cirié
France	INRA	Herbioôle-Thaix	Both	Sylvie Rudel	4 milkings weekly	N/A	Oracle/Access	Both	Sylvie Rudel

**Figure 1.** List of research institutes and their respective milk composition sampling frequency and individual responsible for the sample bank



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DB2 Name of Individual responsible for sample bank											
A	B	C	CT	CU	CV	CW	CX	CY	CZ	DA	DB
Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank	Fat depth scoring frequency	Carcass weight frequency	Fat colour frequency	Chemical Composition frequency	Other (if other please list)	Meat characteristics database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Meat characteristics database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Emer Kennedy, Michel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Denmark	Aarhus University	Danish Cattle Research	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Netherlands	Wageningen	Carus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spain	IRTA	EVAM	N/A	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
France	INRA	Le Pin	N/A								
Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	N/A	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	As per trial requirements	Carol-Anne Duthie
Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Centre	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Germany	FBN	Barn	N/A	weekly	yes	no	yes	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Ralf Pfuhl
Germany	FBN	RespCham	N/A	weekly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	N/A	weekly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Germany	FBN	BehavArena	N/A	weekly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	N/A	twice a year	at slaughter	once post-slaughter	one meat sample	N/A	no	Individual personal access	Clare Guy
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueuille	Marc Barbet	N/A	proportion of	proportion of	proportion of herd		Oracle/access	Both	Marc Barbet
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcenac	Carole Cirié	N/A	proportion of	proportion of	proportion of herd		Oracle/access	Both	Carole Cirié
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Théix	Sylvie Rudel	N/A	proportion of	proportion of	proportion of herd		Oracle/access	Both	Sylvie Rudel

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**Figure 2.** List of research institutes and their respective meat characteristics sample bank and individual responsible for the sample bank

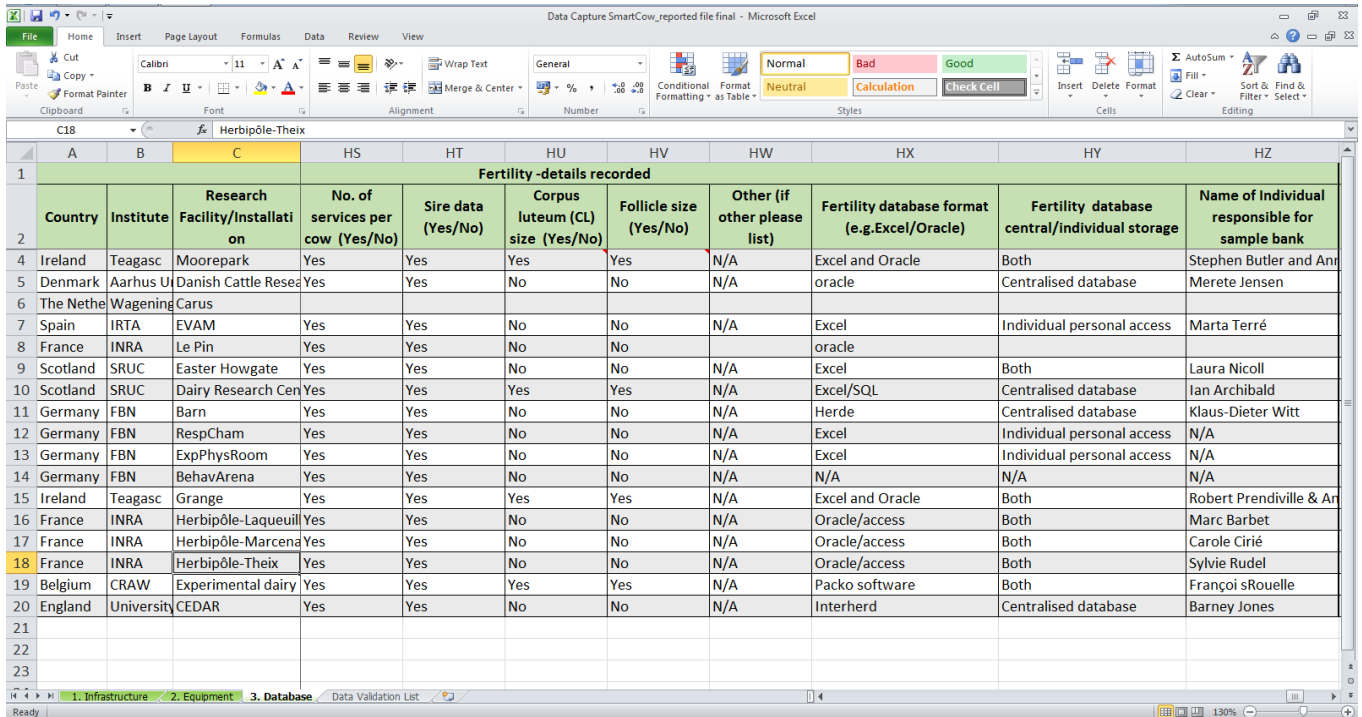
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FE2 Blood sample database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)										
A	B	C	EZ	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF	FG
Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	Progesterone (Yes/No)	Minerals (Yes/No)	Protein and energy markers (Yes/No)	Enzymes and hepatic markers (Yes/No)	Other (if other please list)	Blood sample database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Blood sample database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	No	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Stephen Butler, Emer Kennedy
Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	No	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Stephen Butler
Denmark	Aarhus University	Danish Cattle Research	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Individual personal access	Individual personal access	Individual personal access
The Netherlands	Wageningen	Carus								
Spain	IRTA	EVAM	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
France	INRA	Le Pin	Yes							
Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	Both	Laura Nicoll
Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Centre	Yes-Sample available	Yes-Sample available	Yes-Sample available	Yes-Sample available	N/A	SQL/Excel	Centralised database	Ian Archibald
Germany	FBN	Barn	No	No	Yes	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Germany	FBN	RespCham	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Germany	FBN	BehavArena	No	No	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	Yes-Sample available	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Clare Guy
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueuille	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcenac	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
France	INRA	Herbipôle-Théix	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**Figure 3.** List of research institutes and their respective blood sample database and individual responsible for the sample bank





	A	B	C	HS	HT	HU	HV	HW	HX	HY	HZ
	Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	No. of services per cow (Yes/No)	Sire data (Yes/No)	Corpus luteum (CL) size (Yes/No)	Follicle size (Yes/No)	Other (if other please list)	Fertility database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Fertility database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank
4	Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Excel and Oracle	Both	Stephen Butler and An
5	Denmark	Aarhus U	Danish Cattle Rese	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	oracle	Centralised database	Merete Jensen
6	The Nethe	Wageningen	Carus								
7	Spain	IRTA	EVAM	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Marta Terré
8	France	INRA	Le Pin	Yes	Yes	No	No		oracle		
9	Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Both	Laura Nicoll
10	Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Cen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Excel/SQL	Centralised database	Ian Archibald
11	Germany	FBN	Barn	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Herde	Centralised database	Klaus-Dieter Witt
12	Germany	FBN	RespCham	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
13	Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
14	Germany	FBN	BehavArena	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Excel and Oracle	Both	Robert Prendiville & An
16	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueuil	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Oracle/access	Both	Marc Barbet
17	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcena	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Oracle/access	Both	Carole Cirié
18	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Theix	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Oracle/access	Both	Sylvie Rudel
19	Belgium	CRAW	Experimental dairy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Packo software	Both	François Rouelle
20	England	University	CEDAR	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Interherd	Centralised database	Barney Jones

**Figure 4.** List of research institutes and their respective digestive sample database and individual responsible for the sample bank

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Calorimeter/Metabolism house sample database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)														
	A	B	C	GF	GG	GH	GI	GJ	GK	GL	GM	GN	GO	GP
1	Calorimeter/Metabolism house - details collected													
2	Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank	Faeces (Yes/No)	Urine (Yes/No)	Faecal N (Yes/No)	N Balance (Yes/No)	Methane (Yes/No)	CO <sub>2</sub> (Yes/No)	Other (if other please list)	Calorimeter/Metabolism house sample database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Calorimeter/Metabolism house sample database central/individual storage	Name of Individual responsible for sample bank
	Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Michael Dineen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Michael Dineen
3														
4	Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Michael Dineen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Michael Dineen &
5	Denmark	Aarhus U	Danish Cattle Rese	Peter Lund and cowork	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	H <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S, O <sub>2</sub>	Excel	Individual personal access	Peter Lund
6	The Nethe	Wagening	Carus	Individual researcher	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	13CO <sub>2</sub> ; O <sub>2</sub> ; 1	Excel	Individual personal access	Marcel Heetkamp
7	Spain	IRTA	EVAM	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	France	INRA	Le Pin		No	No	No	No	No	No	No			
9	Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	Laura Nicoll	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Microsoft SQL; Excel	Both	Gemma Miller
10	Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Cen		Yes-Samp	Yes-Samp	Yes-Samp	Yes-Samp	Yes-Samp	No	n/a	SQL/Excel	Centralised database	Ian Archibald
11	Germany	FBN	Barn	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	Germany	FBN	RespCham	N/A	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	NH <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>2</sub>	Excel	Individual personal access	Michael Derno
13	Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14	Germany	FBN	BehavArena	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	N/A
16	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueuil	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcena	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Theix	Sylvie Rudel	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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**Figure 5.** List of research institutes and their respective calorimeter/metabolism house sample database and individual responsible for the sample bank



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	A	B	C	HZ	IA	IB	IC	ID	IE	IF	IG	IH	II	IJ
	Country	Institute	Research Facility/Installation	Name of individual responsible for sample bank	Feet scanned (Yes/No)	Eye scanned (Yes/No)	Cheek scanned (Yes/No)	Flank scanned (Yes/No)	Ribs scanned (Yes/No)	Udder scanned (Yes/No)	Other (if other please list)	Thermography database format (e.g.Excel/Oracle)	Thermography database central/individual storage	Name of individual responsible for sample bank
1	Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Stephen Butler and Anne Geoghegan	Yes-Photo available	Yes-Photo available	Yes-Photo available	Yes-Photo available	Yes-Photo available	Yes-Photo available	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Michelle Liddell Noirín McHugh
2	Ireland	Teagasc	Moorepark	Stephen Butler and Anne Geoghegan	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Michelle Liddell
3	Denmark	Aarhus University	Danish Cattle Research Centre	Merete Jensen	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a
4	The Netherlands	Wageningen	Carus											
5	Spain	IRTA	EVAM	Marta Terré	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A		N/A
6	France	INRA	Le Pin		No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A			
7	Scotland	SRUC	Easter Howgate	Laura Nicoll	No	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	N/A	Excel	Both	Malcolm Mitchell
8	Scotland	SRUC	Dairy Research Centre	Ian Archibald	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Marianne Farnsworth
9	Germany	FBN	Barn	Klaus-Dieter Witt	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Germany	FBN	RespCham	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	Germany	FBN	ExpPhysRoom	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
12	Germany	FBN	BehavArena	N/A	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Ireland	Teagasc	Grange	Clare Guy & Anne Geoghegan	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	Yes-Photo	N/A	Excel	Individual personal access	Noirín McHugh
14	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Laqueuille	Marc Barbet	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A		N/A
15	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Marcenac	Carole Cirié	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A		N/A
16	France	INRA	Herbipôle-Theix	Sylvie Rudel	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A	N/A		N/A

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**Figure 8.** List of research institutes and their respective database for thermography details recorded

## 4 Results and Implications

An inventory of the sample banks employed in SmartCow participating organisations has been developed. This includes an account of variables recorded and if physical samples are contained within a sample bank. Additionally, a register of those responsible for sample banks has also been created.

By having the details of each individual responsible for each sample bank available, this will allow for ease of access to information for researchers or interested persons regarding individual sample banks within each research institute. Additionally, these individuals can be contacted for further information about each individual research institute and their respective sample banks. This will inform interested persons as to whether these samples could potentially be available as a resource within SmartCow and for other projects.

Into the future, the database created can also be sent to research institutes outside of the SmartCow consortium to garner further information regarding available sample banks and samples collected within their research institutes.

This will allow a more exhaustive list of samples banks and samples and methodologies to be established (milestones in year 2, 3 and 4 of the project). This will allow existing infrastructures to update their data in the database. Beyond the SmartCow project, the database can be reissued in future infrastructure projects.