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## CHAPTER I

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#### INTRODUCTION

A homoeotherm may be described as an animal that maintains a nearly constant body temperature by means of physiological mechanisms which act in such a way that the physical gradients determining heat flow from the body to the environment are being continuously adjusted to maintain heat loss equal to heat production.

The physical pathways for heat loss are convection, conduction, radiation and evaporation. For many practical purposes the first three of these may be grouped together as non-evaporative heat loss. There are therefore two basic equations which determine heat loss from the body:

The evaporative heat loss,  $H_{p}$ , is given by

$$H_{e} = A(P_{s} - P_{o})K_{e}$$

where  $P_s$  is the vapour pressure at the surface,  $P_o$  is the vapour pressure of the surroundings,  $K_e$  is the evaporative heat flow coefficient, and A is the surface area.

The non-evaporative heat loss,  $H_n$ , is given by

$$H_n = A(T_s - T_o)K_n$$

where  $T_{c}$  is the temperature at the surface,

T is the temperature of the surroundings, and

K is the non-evaporative heat flow coefficient.

A third basic equation is contained in the description of a homoeotherm given in the first paragraph

$$H_{p} = H_{e} + H_{n} + H_{s}$$

where  $H_p$  is the heat production and  $H_s$  is the heat storage.

H is defined as positive when body temperature is rising, and over long periods approximates to zero.

These three equations, though oversimplifications, embody the basic physical laws to which the homoeotherm is subject.

The physical properties of practical importance that describe the climatic environment are air temperature and humidity, radiant temperature, the temperatures of any objects (particularly the ground) in contact with the animal and the wind velocity. In the basic equations all these temperatures are expressed as a weighted mean temperature of the surroundings T. For any given wind velocity T. is thus analagous to the 'operative temperature' proposed in relation to human environmental physiology by Winslow, Herrington & Gagge (1937). Air humidity is described by  $P_{o}$ , and wind velocity is one of the major factors that determine the values of the coefficients K and K . There are thus two variables  $(T_0 \text{ and } P_0)$  which are unique properties of the environment and two more (K and K ) which are properties of the environment but subject to physiological influence.

In the experiments to be described it was necessary to limit the number of physical variables. To this end the effects of wind velocity and radiation were standardised and the studies were confined to conditions causing heat stress rather than cold stress. These limitations were achieved by exposing the animals to temperatures of not less than 15°C in a psychrometric chamber where wall temperatures were equal

to air temperature and air movement was constant.

The physiological mechanisms for controlling heat loss include alterations in the rate and distribution of peripheral blood flow, alterations in the rate at which moisture is made available for evaporation from the surface, alterations in pulmonary ventilation and pilomotor activity. Changes in the rate of heat production provide another means of body temperature regulation. Blood flow changes affect heat loss by altering tissue insulation thus influencing the surface temperature  $T_s$  and vapour pressure  $P_s$ .  $P_s$  is, however, more directly influenced by the rate at which moisture penetrates the skin, i.e. by the sweat rate and the rate of diffusion through the skin. Pilomotor activity can influence both the heat loss coefficients  $K_{p}$  and  $K_{n}$ . The physiological control of evaporation from the skin is primarily achieved by variation of the quantity  $P_{g}$ . The physiological control of evaporation from the respiratory tract, on the other hand, is primarily achieved by alteration of pulmonary ventilation, i.e. by variation of the quantity K ... Respiratory and cutaneous evaporative heat losses are therefore better expressed separately from one another by two equations, each having the same form as the basic evaporative heat loss equation given on page 1.

A full understanding of the environmental physiology of cattle would require a description of how all the physiological processes, working together, bring about the quantitative inter-relationships that exist between the physical and physiological variables in any environment. These inter-

relationships have been described qualitatively by many authors and there is general agreement as to which physiological processes are involved and how they are adjusted to counteract environmental changes. Quantitative descriptions of heat losses have also been made but some disagreement exists between different reports, particularly in regard to evaporative heat losses. In the studies described here the approach used is firstly to make a quantitative analysis of the heat losses under different environmental conditions and to compare the results with those obtained by others. Secondly a comparison is made of the relative influences of the physical and physiological barriers to heat flow at different environmental conditions. By this means an attempt is made to assess the limits of effectiveness of the various physiological adjustments to heat stress.

Until recently the experimental work reported on problems of heat tolerance of cattle was confined to occasional studies, conducted in the field with limited equipment. Much of the experimental evidence was obscured by uncontrollable factors connected with the weather. In the last twelve years, however, many studies have been reported on the reactions of cattle exposed to controlled environments in the psychrometric chambers at the Universities of Missouri and Queensland, at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland, and at the Hannah Dairy Research Institute, Ayr. The background to the subject of the environmental physiology of domestic animals has been fully discussed by Brody (1945) and the early work has been reviewed by Findlay (1950) and by Findlay &

Beakley (1954).

The body temperature of cattle is subject to a considerable degree of variation with climate (Findlay, 1950; Beakley & Findlay, 1955<u>a</u>). The increasing level of body temperature with environmental warmth is a measure of the inability of the animal's thermoregulatory mechanisms to be fully effective, and it has been used as a basis for a quantitative assessment of heat tolerance (Rhoad, 1944). Diurnal fluctuations in body temperature resulting from temporary periods of first positive and then negative heat storage tend to level out the varying demand on the thermoregulatory processes caused by variations in air temperature and by specific dynamic action. The elevation of body temperature during prolonged exposure to heat has, however, no thermoregulatory value except in so far as it limits the decrease in the thermal gradient for the transport of heat from the body to the surroundings; it thus represents no more than the attainment of a new equilibrium temperature.

At very low air temperatures the heat production of most homoeothermic mammals is linearly related to the depression of the air temperature below 38°C, which approximately represents normal body temperature (Scholander, Hock, Walters, Johnson & Irving, 1950). At these low air temperatures the insulation of the body tissues and fur is maximal and heat production follows non-evaporative heat loss which is governed by Newton's law of cooling, evaporative heat loss being small. As air temperature increases from conditions of extreme cold, heat production declines to a minimal value. The air temperature

\* Throughout this thesis the term 'body temperature' refers to the temperature of the rectum.

where this occurs is termed the critical temperature and its depression below normal body temperature, the critical gradient (Scholander <u>et al</u>. 1950), is determined by the product of the maximal insulation of the animal and the minimal heat production. The experiments described here do not extend to this region below the critical air temperature.

Above the critical temperature lies the range of physical regulation or the zone of thermoneutrality. In this air temperature range the heat production of cattle is minimal and is primarily determined by the level of food intake (Kriss, 1930b). The rate of decrease of non-evaporative heat loss with rising air temperature is limited by vasodilation, but as the skin tends to become fully vasodilated non-evaporative heat loss, as a result of the reduction in overall insulation, starts to decline more rapidly with rising air temperature In this air temperature range evaporative heat than before. loss increases to compensate for the reduced non-evaporative loss and body temperature rises slightly as air temperature increases. The rise in body temperature tends to cause increased heat production due to the Van't Hoff effect. With increasing thermal stress heat production may therefore rise (Blaxter & Wainman, 1961) but after prolonged exposure to high temperatures it is often reduced (Kibler, 1960).

Evaporation as a means of heat loss becomes increasingly important as air temperature rises, and when air temperature reaches body temperature evaporation is the only means of heat disposal available to the animal. The sources of evaporated moisture are the respiratory tract and the skin.

The fact that cattle pant vigorously at high environmental temperatures led to the belief that evaporation from the respiratory tract was their major method of heat loss under warm conditions. The quantity of pulmonary moisture loss is however small compared with the loss from the skin (Riek & Lee, 1948<u>a</u>; Kibler & Brody, 1952; Kibler & Yeck, 1959), and it is still doubtful whether panting always offsets the increased heat production which results from the extra muscular work involved.

The readily observed panting action and the fact that streams of sweat are not normally observed on cattle as on man and horses probably accounts for the use of the term 'non-sweating' that has frequently been applied to cattle. Nevertheless, as stated in the previous paragraph, the skin is the major source of evaporated moisture from cattle at high air temperatures. There is clear histological evidence that the skin of cattle is abundantly supplied with sweat glands (Findlay, 1950; Findlay & Yang, 1950) and the appearance of sweat droplets on the skin of cattle exposed to high air temperatures has been observed (Ferguson & Dowling, 1955).

Cutaneous evaporation, as well as being affected by the environmental temperature, appears also to differ between breeds, between individuals within a breed, between separate skin regions and with the age of the animal. Ferguson & Dowling (1955) have reported that evaporation from the skin of a Zebu-Jersey crossbred heifer was far greater than that from an Ayrshire heifer subjected to the same high temperatures.

Taneja (1959) found higher rates of evaporation from the shoulder of a Zebu-Australian Illawara Shorthorn calf than from the shoulder of a Shorthorn calf, but similar rates from the belly region of both animals. In both these instances the animal with tropical blood appears to have made the greater use of its capacity to vaporize water from the skin. Kibler & Yeck (1959), however, found rates of evaporation to be highest from Shorthorn cattle, intermediate from Santa Gertrudis and lowest from Brahman cattle all exposed to the same air temperature. They concluded that evaporative cooling <u>per se</u> is not the determining factor in the heat tolerance of different breeds of cattle.

Volcani & Schindler (1954) measured relative rates of cutaneous evaporation from different skin regions of Holstein-Syrian crossbred cows. They listed the regions in the following order of diminishing evaporation: face, shoulder, neck, dewlap, back, rump, thigh, abdomen. Berman (1957) using the same technique on similar animals gave the order as: neck and front flank, back (thoracic and sacral) and thigh, forehead and McDowell, McMullan, Wodzika & Fohrman (1955) working abdomen. with Jersey and Sindhi-Jersey crossbred cows listed the regions in the order: mid neck, remainder of the trunk, legs and mid belly line. Kibler & Yeck (1959) reported successively decreasing rates from the back and dewlap, the flank and chest, and the navel flap of Brahman and Santa Gertrudis heifers, and they recorded the highest rates of all from the hump in Brahmans. There is broad agreement between the rankings of the regions given by all these observers but the measurements of McDowell,

<u>Table 1</u>. Summary of previously reported estimates of the rate of cutaneous evaporation from cattle exposed to air temperatures between 38 and 42°C and relative humidities between 50 and 65%.

Ref.	Animals	Mean rate of cutaneous evaporation g/m <sup>2</sup> .hr.		ev we	Tota apora ight g/m <sup>2</sup>	al ative loss .hr.	Method
8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	Jerseys (lactating) Holsteins (lactating) Brown Swiss (lactating) Brahmans (lactating) Brahmans (dry) Brown Swiss (heifers) Brahmans (heifers)	142 161 162 148 112 156 122			179 203 228 176 143 209 151	9 3 6 1 9 1	Insensible weight loss measurements corrected for metabolic weight loss
b c d e e	A.I.S# (lactating) Jerseys (lactating) A.I.S# (l year) Zebu-Hereford (l year) Zebu-A.I.S# (l year) Shorthorn (l year)	- 17 - 18 27	- 70 - 30 71	179 196 178 191 191 294		9 5 3 L L +	Insensible weight loss measurements not corrected for metabolic weight loss
f	Brahmans (heifers)	17	70	·>- ]#	180	6	Hygrometric tent.
		Rates of cutaned from differ (g/m <sup>2</sup>		eous e rent r .hr).	ous evaporation ent regions .hr).		
		Withers	paunch	neck	loin	fore- chest	
g g	Cow Jersey (cow) Sindhi-Jersey (cow)	646 - -	402 591 582	363 - -	296 - -	- 583 650	Ventilated capsules.
		shoulder		b	elly		
h h h	Zebu-A.I.S# (7-8 months) Shorthorn (7-8 months) Brahman (7-8 months)	336 229 381			229 222 -		Ventilated capsules.
j j	Zebu-Jersey (heifers) Ayrshire (heifer)	320 160					desiccated capsules room R.H. 28%.

Observers:

a. Kibler & Brody (1952

- b. Robinson & Klemm (1953)
- c. Knapp & Robinson (1954)
- d. Klemm & Robinson (1955)
- e. Taneja (1958)
- f. Kibler & Yeck (1959)
- g. McDowell, Lee & Fohrman (1954)
- h. Taneja (1959)
- j. Ferguson & Dowling (1955)

\* Australian Illawara Shorthorn.

Lee & Fohrman (1954) provide a contrasting result. They reported the skin regions in the following order of decreasing evaporation: withers, paunch, neck, loin.

A number of observers have reported increasing rates of cutaneous evaporation per unit area of the surface of cattle during the first year of life (Riek & Lee, 1948<u>b</u>; Klemm & Robinson, 1955; Taneja, 1958; Kibler & Yeck, 1959).

In view of the variety of factors just described, which in addition to the environmental conditions, can affect the rate of cutaneous evaporation, a quantitative comparison of results obtained by different methods is difficult. Table 1 summarises the results that have been previously reported for the rates of cutaneous evaporation from cattle aged from 7 to 8 months and upwards and exposed to air temperatures of 38 to 42°C and relative humidities of 50 to 65%. Estimates of the overall mean rate of cutaneous evaporation obtained by weighing methods are, with one exception, all within the range 112 to 180 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr. Even those which include respiratory evaporation (and in some instances metabolic weight loss as well) are, again with the one exception, all below 228 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr. Estimated rates of cutaneous evaporation obtained from capsules placed over individual skin areas are however, with one exception, all greater than 222 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr and extend to 650 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr. Even the measurements made on the paunch or belly area, which as discussed earlier is agreed by most observers to be a region of low evaporation, appear to be generally high compared with the overall mean rates obtained by weighing methods.

At the time when the present investigation was begun it

appeared that there was a discrepancy between estimates of cutaneous evaporation by weighing and by capsule methods. Subsequent publication of the more recent results quoted in Table 1 (Taneja, 1958, 1959; Kibler & Yeck, 1959) have not altered this view. The first object of the experiments to be described here took the form, therefore, of a critical investigation of the capsule technique. Capsule methods used previously with cattle had all been dependent on weighing absorbers; the weighings being made at intervals of 5 min or more. A further object of the experiments was therefore to evolve a satisfactory method of assessing the rate of evaporation instantaneously. The observations were later extended to include simultaneous measurements of cutaneous and respiratory evaporation and of metabolic weight loss as well as of total insensible weight loss so that all methods of measurement could be checked against one another quantitatively. In order to estimate total cutaneous evaporative loss from observations on certain selected regions of the body surface it was necessary to investigate the regional distribution of cutaneous evaporation and to determine to what extent this was affected by age and by the thermal severity of the environment. The investigation of some of these secondary problems was made simultaneously with the main investigation, in which the object was to analyse the heat losses under different environmental conditions of temperature and humidity.

Chapter II gives a description of the animals, equipment and methods used in the experiments. It contains a full account of the development of the capsule technique employed

and a description of the apparatus used for respiratory analysis.

Chapter III describes the procedures employed and the results obtained in three physiological experiments in which the rate of cutaneous evaporation was investigated in relation to the anatomical site of measurement, the environmental conditions and the age of the animal. In the second of these experiments a partition was made of the heat losses by the animals when exposed to each of eight environmental conditions employed.

The results are discussed in Chapter IV, firstly in relation to the information they provide on the accuracy and limitations of the methods employed, and secondly in relation to the physiological aspects.

It is stressed that the experiments on cutaneous evaporation were quantitative. They were not designed to provide information as to the anatomical origin of cutaneous evaporation or the neurological or biochemical control of thermoregulatory processes. The results, however, do have an obvious bearing on these subjects and a limited discussion, of a speculative nature, on their implications is included in Chapter IV. More detailed discussion on these lines would be premature at present and must await the outcome of further experiments currently being made at this laboratory with a view to providing qualitative information on cutaneous evaporative processes.

# CHAPTER II

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	Small climatic chamber used for the early work	New general purpose climatic chamber used for the later work
Length (m)	3•8	5•9
Width (m)	2•2	3•9
Height (m)	2•5	3 <b>•3</b>
Air movement (m/min)	6	15
Air temperature variation (°C)	±0•2	±0•6
Dewpoint temperature variation (°C)	±0•2	±0•2
Maximum difference between mean wall and air temperatures (°C)	±2•0	±1•0

Table 2. Data on climatic chambers

Table 3. Summary of animals used for experiments

Calves	Experiments	Age at star <b>t</b> (weeks)	Age at end (weeks)
84, 93, 95, 111) 112, 115, 122, ) 129	Preliminary trials	> 17	< 25
136	A	24	26
138	A	19	21
139	A	20	22
140	A	20	22
193	В	32	40
196	B & C	32	38
197	B & C	32	42
199	B & C	21	32
210	ם	36	44
· 219	E	10	34
220	Е	10	34
221	D	24	38
222	E	11	34
226	D	23	31

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### Climatic Chambers

Studies of animals' reactions to different levels of environmental temperature and humidity were made in two climatic rooms at the Hannah Dairy Research Institute. The early trials for developing measuring techniques were conducted in a small climatic chamber (Beakley, 1952, Chapters 1 and 8) and the later experiments in the general purpose chamber of a new climatic laboratory (Findlay, McLean & Bennet, 1959). Details of these rooms are summarised briefly in Table 2.

#### Animals and Management

The animals used were Ayrshire bull calves. Their ages and the experiments for which they were used are shown in Table 3. Climatic chamber exposures lasted from 3 to 7 hr, during which time no food or water was given to the animals. When not in the climatic chambers the animals were housed in an unheated byre. They were fed twice daily at 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on a diet of 1°4 kg concentrates per day and in addition were offered hay and water <u>ad lib</u>. On days when they were to be exposed in the climatic chamber, except for some of the preliminary trials, the morning feed and hay were withheld until after the exposure.

#### Thermometry

Copper constantan thermocouples were used for all temperature measurements. The thermocouple system in the small climatic chamber has been fully described (Beakley,

1952, Chapter 9) and that in the general purpose chamber is similar. Both systems have an accuracy of ±0°1°C. Any one of a large number of thermojunctions may be selected by means of switches and its temperature displayed as a direct reading on a galvanometer. In addition, the output from up to eight thermocouples may be connected to a Sunvic multichannel printing millivolt recorder. The thermojunctions were made from 40 S.W.G. wire. For skin temperature measurements a circular patch of thin rubber, approximately 1 cm. diameter, was stuck with latex cement over the thermojunction which had been placed on a small shaved area of skin. A different method was used for mounting thermojunctions inside skin capsules (see p. 26). For deep body temperature measurements the thermojunctions were cemented onto the end of a plastic rod measuring 15 cm long by approximately 5 mm in diameter. This was inserted its full length into the rectum. For air temperature measurements the junctions were threaded into fine-bore polythene cannulae, which could be covered by wicks if desired for wet bulb temperature measurements. Other thermocouple mountings used and their specialised applications are described later.

#### Cutaneous Evaporation

#### Possible techniques

Methods of measuring cutaneous evaporation fall broadly into two categories, direct and indirect.

Direct methods are those in which the moisture loss from a small area is measured by placing an inverted cup or capsule over that area. The capsules may be ventilated or unventilated.

In the ventilated capsule the rate of evaporation is usually determined by passing dry air into the capsule and measuring the weight gain of a moisture absorber through which the outlet air is passed for a period of 5 to 20 min. McDowell, Lee & Fohrman (1954) criticised the use of dry inlet air because the skin under test is exposed to abnormal atmospheric conditions. To overcome this, they recirculated air round a closed circuit incorporating a capsule and an absorption bottle, the latter containing a saturated salt solution. The factors influencing the choice of air flow rate through ventilated capsules do not appear to have received enough attention. Air flow rates appear to have been chosen more to suit the absorbers used than by consideration of the effect this variable may have on the rate of evaporation within the capsule.

In the unventilated capsule air flow rate is at least standardised, although at a level below that to which surrounding skin areas are exposed. Unventilated capsules normally contain a pad of desiccant material which is weighed at intervals. This method has been critically analysed by Randall, Peiss & Hertzman (1953) who showed that the quantity of desiccant used and the distance between the desiccant and the skin surface can considerably affect the observed rate of evaporation. Buettner (1953) has employed sets of four unventilated capsules, the air inside each being conditioned to different vapour pressures. This method has enabled him to throw much light on the relationships between diffusion, sweating and evaporation in man.

A disadvantage common to most capsule methods is that

the measurement of evaporation, since it depends on the weight gain of an absorber, can be made only over periods of several minutes. Albert & Palmes (1951) have used an infra-red gas analyser to monitor continuously the humidity of air leaving a ventilated capsule, but the method was not accurate. More recently Kibler & Yeck (1959) have made continuous comparisons of moisture collected under capsules by use of an electrolytic hygrometer, but they have not ax yet reported quantitative results.

Indirect methods are those in which cutaneous evaporation is calculated by difference from simultaneous measurements of total evaporation and respiratory evaporation. The hygrometric tent (Yeck & Kibler, 1956) is effectively a ventilated capsule, but the entire animal is enclosed in a tent. Cutaneous evaporation from cattle has also been determined from insensible weight loss measurements combined with simultaneous determination of both respiratory evaporation and metabolic weight loss due to oxygen-carbon dioxide exchange (Kibler & Brody, 1950). There is some confusion in the literature regarding the definition of the term 'insensible weight loss'. In this thesis it refers to all gaseous exchange between the animal and the atmosphere, i.e. it includes any weight loss resulting from the evaporation of sweat but excludes the weight of faeces, urine and any saliva that may be lost.

In order to compare evaporation from different body regions, only capsule methods are suitable. The ideal method would therefore appear to be one which uses a capsule for collection of moisture combined with an instantaneous means of estimating

the moisture output. These considerations led to the choice of the ventilated capsule technique described in the next sections. Later, when it became necessary to obtain an independent check on the quantitative accuracy of the capsule method used, estimates of total cutaneous evaporation based on insensible weight loss measurements were also made.

#### Wet and dry bulb thermocouples

The classical instrument for measuring humidity is the wet and dry bulb hygrometer. Trials were made of a number of other methods including a dewpoint thermometer, an electrolytic hygrometer and a capacitance hygrometer. None of these was found to possess the combined advantages of a form of wet and dry bulb thermocouple apparatus that was designed with the special requirements of the capsule method in mind.

The recommended air velocity for ventilating a wet bulb is between 4 and 10 m/sec (List, 1951), but if the physical dimensions of the thermometer are kept small the air velocity as well as the speed of response may be greatly reduced (Gregory & Rourke, 1957 p. 19). Experiments with wet bulb thermocouples enclosed in metal tubes, down which a stream of air was passed, showed this method to be suitable for the intended application if the following conditions were observed: (1) The wet bulb thermocouple must be sited centrally in the tube, and even slight alterations in the position of the wick must be avoided in order to obtain consistent results. (2) Ambient temperature surrounding the apparatus must be close to the dry bulb temperature of the airstream in the



<u>Fig. 1</u>. Wet and dry bulb thermocouple apparatus. Scale approximately actual size. (A & B brass tubes, C reservoir, DD insulating supports, E wick, F & G thermojunctions, H glass tube. The arrow indicates the direction of air flow). tube.

(3) Air velocity must not fall below a minimum of approximately10 cm/sec.

The form of wet and dry bulb apparatus finally adopted is shown in Fig. 1. Air passes from right to left along a polished brass tube A. This tube is connected to vinyl tubes, which are slipped over the ends of it. A smaller brass tube B is soldered on to the lower side of A near one end to form a T piece. The lower end of the smaller tube is sealed into a glass reservoir C by means of a rubber stopper. A length of polythene cannula of 1 mm external diameter, containing 40 S.W.G. copper constantan thermocouple lead wires, is threaded through punctures in the vinyl tubing, through holes in insulating supports DD and along the axis of tube A. The wick E is a hollow cotton sleeve of the type normally used in petrol lighters. The wick rises from the reservoir as far as the axis of tube A where a hole in the side of the wick allows the polythene cannula to enter its bore. The wick surrounds the cannula for a distance of 4 cm. The wet bulb thermojunction F is situated mid-way along the portion of cannula surrounded by the wick. Another thermojunction G for dry bulb temperature measurements, made from varnished 40 S.W.G. wire, is fixed at the upstream end of tube A by being lightly twisted a few times round the polythene cannula. A glass tube H also enters the reservoir through the rubber stopper, and onto the other end of this tube is fitted a short length of pressure tubing whose bore is closed by a piece of solid glass tube. The reservoir is filled with

distilled water by piercing the pressure tubing with a hypodermic needle; this procedure avoids disturbing the position of the wick. Before being fitted, the wick is boiled in distilled water for at least 10 min. After assembly all joints are sealed with plastic vapour-proof paint.

Measurements of wet bulb temperature between individual apparatuses made to this pattern at flow rates of 1 1./min or greater, differ from those given by a standard Assman hygrometer by ±0.3°C. The error of a given apparatus is, however, consistent and is probably related to the exact positioning of the wick and thermojunction. For capsule measurements the apparatuses were always used in pairs, one for inlet and the other for outlet air, and the zero error due to differences between the two apparatuses was determined experimentally at least twice daily by passing room air through both. The useful life of an apparatus is from one to eight weeks, after which the wick loses its ability to absorb water. The effect of this happening is usually marked and readily recognised as an abnormally large apparent change in the rate of cutaneous evaporation. On only a very few occasions was it necessary to abandon capsule readings due to wick failures that were not recognised until the following zero check.

At flow rates below 1 1./min the performance of the wet bulb apparatus falls off. In most instances the decline starts at approximately 0.75 1./min and at 0.5 1./min the depression of the wet bulb temperature below that of the dry bulb is approximately 98% of the correct value. At still lower flow rates the decline is greater and differs between individual apparatuses. Some capsule measurements were made at flow rates down to 0.5 l./min by applying a correction to allow for the reduced depression of the wet bulb temperature.

All wet and dry bulb apparatuses were situated in the climatic rooms and the air whose humidity was being measured was thus cooled or heated, as it passed along the connecting tube, to the same dry bulb temperature as the room air. This was particularly important for the measurement of the humidity of expired air.

#### Interpretation of wet and dry bulb temperatures

The relationships between the wet and dry bulb temperatures and the aqueous vapour pressure of moist air that are used in the computation of psychrometric tables are empirical and vary slightly between different compilers. The results in this thesis are all based on the formula given by Hellman (1955):

$$e = p_w - 0.5 (t - w) P/755$$

in which e is aqueous vapour pressure (mm Hg),  $p_{W}$  is saturation vapour pressure of water (mm Hg) at wet bulb temperature w (°C), t is dry bulb temperature (°C) and P is barometric pressure (mm Hg). The relationship between absolute humidity or moisture content m (mg/l.) and aqueous vapour pressure may be derived by assuming that water vapour is a perfect gas of which 18g at s.t.p. occupies 22.4 litres:

$$m' = \frac{1.057e}{1 + t/273} = \theta e$$

Proof that the assumptions regarding water vapour do not result

in errors of practical importance is given by the fact that  $fit_s$ the equation exactly relates published tables of 'Vapour pressure of water below 100°C' and 'Mass of water vapour in saturated air' (Hodgman, 1939).

These two equations may be applied to evaluate the gain in absolute humidity m(mg/l.) of a stream of air ventilating a capsule; the air having dry bulb temperature t, and wet bulb temperature initially  $w_1$  and finally  $w_0$ . It may thus be shown that

$$m = \theta \eta [(p_0 - p_1) + \beta (w_0 - w_1)]$$
  
$$\eta = \frac{P}{P - e_1}$$

where

$$\beta = P/755$$

 $p_0$  and  $p_1$  denote the saturation vapour pressures (mm Hg) at wet bulb temperatures  $w_0$  and  $w_1$ , and  $e_1$  is the initial vapour pressure of the air.

In practice  $\theta$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\beta$ , which are all properties of the environmental conditions in the climatic room, all approximate to unity and the equation reduces to:

$$m \approx (p_0 - p_1) + (w_0 - w_1)/2$$

The relationship between temperature and saturation vapour pressure of water is not readily expressible as an equation. As a rough approximation, however, it may be stated that for small differences in wet bulb temperatures,  $(w_0 - w_1)$ is proportional to  $(p_0 - p_1)$ . Consequently the gain in absolute humidity of the air passing through a capsule is approximately proportional to the difference between the wet bulb temperatures of outlet and inlet air. By connecting the two wet bulb thermojunctions together in opposition to form a thermocouple the quantity  $(w_0 - w_1)$  was made available for direct automatic recording. This method gave a continuous visual record of evaporation rate that proved useful in detecting sudden changes, and in displaying an overall record of evaporative patterns with time.

For quantitative determinations of moisture output from capsules it was necessary to revert to the fuller equation:

$$m = \theta \gamma [(p_0 - p_1) + \frac{1}{2}(w_0 - w_1)]$$

The only approximation made in this equation is the assumption that barometric pressure is equal to 755 mm Hg. In practice the error in the estimate of m caused by this assumption never exceeded 1.2%. A further assumption implied in the derivation of the equation, is that the two dry bulb temperatures are equal. This was always found to be true experimentally within the limits  $\pm 0.3^{\circ}$ C which corresponds to an error of  $\pm 0.15$  mg/l. in m. In practice the error in m due to unequal dry bulb temperatures was less than this, as the routine zero checks of the wet bulb apparatuses tended to provide automatic compensation for this type of error. Making allowance also for the accuracy of the thermocouple system, it is thus estimated that the overall error of any experimental determination of m is  $\pm 0.2$  mg/l. or  $\pm 1.2\%$  whichever is the greater.

#### <u>Capsules</u>

The early experiments were mainly concerned with investigating methods of fixing capsules to the skin with adhesives. Although it was found possible to make an airtight seal that would last for a few hours, this was not suitable for the types of experiments envisaged. The aim was a method of fixing capsules onto the same piece of skin on successive days. Hair growth, which destroyed any seal after not more than 24 hr, and the difficulty of removing the adhesive from the hair tips after an exposure without disturbing the test area, prevented a satisfactory method being found.

The capsules used in these early experiments were fitted with peripheral flanges to which the adhesion was made; the limits of the test area being assumed to be defined by the inside edge of the flange. Part of the moisture collected by the air passing through the capsule may, however, have originated from the area covered by the flange itself, if the adhesion was not complete. Since the area of the flange could not, especially for small capsules, be kept small compared with the area under test, this could result in falsely high estimates of evaporation rate per unit area. The observed increase in evaporation rate per unit area, as the area under test was reduced, was at the time assumed to be accounted for by collection of moisture from the area covered by the flange. Subsequent experiments have shown that another factor (see p. 27) was also involved, although the flange may have been partially responsible. Even if a vapour-proof seal could have been formed under the whole area of the flange, the very fact that moisture loss from that area was inhibited might have affected the moisture loss from the area within.



Fig. 2. The final form of ventilated capsule. Scale approximately actual size. (AA fixing lugs, B inlet tube, C outlet tube, D inlet sampling tube, E thermojunction.)

The difficulties of sealing the capsule to the skin, together with the accompanying uncertainty as to the contribution to the moisture collected, made by the area under the flange, led to a new approach. A capsule, in the form of an inverted cylinder, was held onto the skin by means of an elastic belt passing round the trunk of the animal. No attempt was made to achieve a perfect seal, but the capsule was fitted with a wide opening at the top, which served as an easy inlet path for room air. The capsule was ventilated by applying suction to an outlet tube also fitted in the top. Capsules of this type were initially fitted with a band of foam rubber round the rim to improve the seal, but this was found to bend and bed down unevenly and form an irregular flange, and was eventually abandoned in favour of straight metal sides. In order to provide more even distribution of air over the test area the inlet tube was later altered to a form similar to that of the capsules described by Taneja (1959).This resulted in the final form shown in Fig. 2 which has standardised dimensions of  $41.8 \text{ cm}^2$  area and 6 cm depth. The capsule is made from an ordinary sealed can of the type commonly used as a food container. When opened, using the type of can opener that cuts out one end round the rim, the resulting edge is not sharp and perfectly satisfactory for the present application. The capsule is normally held in place by means of an elastic belt connected to the wire lugs AA. Ambient air is drawn into the inlet tube B by applying suction to tube C. The end of tube B that projects inside the capsule has a number of holes drilled in its wall


Fig. 3. The apparatus associated with a capsule.  $(W_1 & W_0 \\ \text{inlet and outlet wet and dry bulb apparatuses,} \\ R_1 & R_0 \\ \text{Rotameter flow meters, } C_1 & C_0 \\ \text{air flow} \\ \text{adjusting clips, P air pump.})$ 

so as to distribute the air over the test area. A separate tube D mounted beside the inlet is used for sampling inlet air. Tubes C and D are each connected through wet and dry bulb apparatuses and Rotameter flowmeters to a common air pump. If skin temperature measurements are required a thermocouple E is mounted on a short length of plastic rod, which in turn is spring mounted onto the wall of the capsule by a length of piano wire, the thermocouple lead passing through a sealed hole in the top of the capsule.

The capsule requires no previous preparation of the skin area under investigation; it can be used on shaved or normal areas and can readily be reapplied to the same area any number of times. Its main disadvantage is that there is no means of telling directly whether there is any leakage under the rim, since the fitting of any air flow measuring device to the inlet tube defeats the main object of the design, i.e. to leave the air inlet side unimpeded. Only ambient air may be drawn into the capsule.

Fig. 3 shows the arrangement of the apparatus associated with each capsule.  $W_1$  and  $W_0$  are the inlet and outlet air wet and dry bulb apparatuses,  $C_1$  and  $C_0$  adjustable clips and  $R_1$  and  $R_0$  the flow meters. All suction tubes from all capsules are ventilated by a common pump P. The flow meters were calibrated by connecting them to a large bottle from which water was run out into a measuring cylinder at a rate timed by a stopwatch. It was found that the flow meters were accurate to within  $\pm 2\%$  of the maker's calibration and that within this degree of accuracy they were unaffected by

changes in ambient temperature and humidity in the ranges 15 to  $40^{\circ}$ C and 6 to 36 mm Hg, nor by normal variations in atmospheric pressure.

### The practical effects of ventilation rate and of capsule size and geometry (Experiment A)

It became clear during the early experiments that the rate of evaporation per unit area per unit time, as measured by the capsule technique, was dependent on the rate of air flow through the capsule and on the size and geometry of the capsule.

In order to investigate these effects more fully Experiment A was carried out. Capsules of four different cross-sectional areas (22, 42, 59 and 84  $cm^2$ ) and two different depths (2 and 6 cm) were employed. Four calves (Nos. 136, 138, 139 and 140) were used. Each was exposed in the small climatic room to air temperatures of 41°C for two periods at each of four humidity levels (12, 17, 24 and 32 mm Hg). The capsules were each placed in turn on finely clipped areas of skin on the left and right foreflanks and ventilated at a rate of 1 1./min. Afterwards the capsules of 42 cm<sup>2</sup> were ventilated successively at rates of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 and 4 l./min. The capsules used were similar to the type shown in Fig. 2 except that the inlet tube did not project inside; the dimensions were of course different. Skin temperature outside the capsules, but adjacent to them, were measured using the method described earlier (p. 15).

The results of this experiment are summarised in Tables 4 and 5. It is apparent that the geometry of the capsule and

Capsule	Flow	Abso	Meen			
cm	l./min	12	17	24	32	MCan
2	1/2	112	117	109	100	109
	l	152	171	158	153	158
	2	171	199	198	197	191
	4	184	232	240	244	225
6	1/2	101	96	86	81	91
	l	137	140	135	130	135
	2	157	163	160	158	159
	4	178	175	175	210	184

<u>Table 4</u>. Measured evaporation rates  $(g/m^2.hr)$  for capsules of area 42 cm<sup>2</sup> at 41°C (Experiment A)

<u>Table 5</u>. Measured evaporation rates  $(g/m^2.hr)$  for a ventilation rate of 1 litre/min at 41°C (Experiment A)

Capsule	Capsule	Abso	Mean			
cm	cm <sup>2</sup>	12	17	24	32	mean
2	22	145	152	154	158	152
	42	145	162	156	148	153
	59	170	160	156	141	157
	84	150	140	<b>1</b> 35	117	136
6	22	152	153	152	154	153
	42	141	141	135	124	135
	59	128	126	118	109	120
	84	140	128	117	103	122

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the rate of ventilation affected the measured rate of evaporation profoundly. The rates of evaporation recorded at an absolute humidity of 32 mm Hg, by the capsule techniques that gave the highest and lowest results, differed by a factor of three. Moreover, had a single combination of depth, area and ventilation rate been chosen to carry out a physiological experiment to investigate the effect of ambient humidity on the rate of evaporation from the skin, the conclusions drawn would have depended on the particular combination chosen.

# Theoretical consideration of the effect of the capsule on evaporation rate

The application of a capsule to the skin of an animal may alter the physical conditions at the site of measurement and so affect evaporation rate as follows:

(1) By changing the rate of air movement near the skin this would be expected to result in alteration to the heat losses by evaporation and convection.

(2) By changing air temperature and humidity near the skin this would also affect evaporation and convection.

(3) By changing the radiant temperature of the local surroundings - this would affect heat loss by radiation.

(4) By changing the local blood flow pattern if excessive pressure were used to hold the capsule in place - this might affect all forms of heat loss.

Of these the first two are obviously of great importance since they directly affect the quantity being measured, i.e. cutaneous evaporation. Since evaporation is a physical process it must of necessity be influenced by alteration of the physical conditions, i.e. air movement, temperature and humidity. These effects may in theory be eliminated if ventilation of the capsule is provided by drawing ambient air into it at a rate equivalent to the rate of ventilation outside. The difference between skin temperature inside the capsule  $(T_{si})$  and that outside  $(T_{so})$  may be used to compare ventilation inside and outside if radiation (factor 3) is unaltered by the presence of the capsule. The condition of no alteration in radiation is also obtainable if the air temperature  $(T_{n})$  and that of the walls  $(T_{m})$  are maintained at the level of the animal's skin temperature  $(T_{no})$ . Under these conditions the capsule also attains the same temperature T, and so

$$T_{so} = T_a = T_w = T_c$$

If room air temperature is adjusted so that these conditions are satisfied,  $T_{si}$  in theory equals  $T_{so}$  only if the air flow rate is such that it gives equivalent ventilation to that experienced by the test area when the capsule is removed. This ventilation rate may be termed the 'critical flow rate' for the particular capsule used. At higher air flow rates  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  is negative due to increased evaporative cooling under the capsule and at lower air flow rates  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$ is positive.

The measurement of  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  is difficult since it represents the difference between two nearly equal quantities. Moreover, the skin temperature within the capsule may not be uniform over the test area, although baffling the inlet port of the capsule may help to eliminate variations. The effect of factor 3 (radiation) may be eliminated in this way only at the air temperature corresponding to  $T_a = T_{so}$ . The critical flow rate for equal ventilation inside and outside the capsule determined at this air temperature may be still valid at other temperatures; but the condition  $T_{si} = T_{so}$  is no longer applicable, since radiative loss is now altered by the application of the capsule. It remains to be proved that alteration of the radiative loss within the capsule does not affect evaporation from this area. This may be shown at  $T_a = T_{so}$  by heating or cooling the capsule. If no change in evaporation rate occurs, it may be assumed that the alteration to the radiative loss, when a capsule is applied under conditions when  $T_a$  is not equal to  $T_{so}$ , is also without influence on evaporation rate.

The results of the experiment, in which capsule depth and area and ventilation rate were varied (Experiment A) may not be strictly interpreted by this reasoning as the experiment failed to satisfy the required conditions in the following respects:

(1) Different thermocouple mountings were employed for the measurement of  $T_{si}$  and of  $T_{so}$ , and the two measurements were not always made on the same flank.

(2) Skin temperature measurements under the capsule for the first animal were measured by a different technique. This technique proved unsatisfactory due to the thermocouples becoming detached from the skin, and it had to be abandoned. The final method of fixing the skin thermocouples inside the capsules described earlier (p. 26) was therefore only used



The effect of varying ventilation rate on the difference between skin temperatures measured inside and outside the capsule (T<sub>si</sub> - T<sub>so</sub>) for capsules 2 cm (o) and 6 cm (•) deep (Experiment A).



Fig. 5. The effect of varying capsule area on the difference between skin temperatures measured inside and outside the capsule (T - T ) for capsules 2 cm (o) and 6 cm (•) deep (Experiment A).

for the remaining three animals. It is only for these animals (Nos. 138, 139 and 140) that  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  measurements are available.

(3) The capsules used were not specifically designed with a view to even distribution of inlet air over the test area and  $T_{si}$  was measured only at the centre of this area. (4) Air temperature was in general some 2 to 3°C above skin temperature.

It was nevertheless expected that the results would provide some guide as to the validity of the theoretical approach.

The skin temperatures for each flow rate-capsule depth and for each capsule area-depth combination were averaged over all exposures and these are plotted in the form of  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$ against flow rate and against capsule area in Figs. 4 and 5. From these figures the four specific conditions of measurement, at which  $T_{si} = T_{so}$ , were obtained as follows:

(a) For capsules of standard area 42 cm<sup>2</sup> and 2 cm deep, at a flow rate of 0.75 l./min.

(b) For capsules of standard area 42 cm<sup>2</sup> and 6 cm deep, at a flow rate of 1.02 l./min.

(c) For a standard flow rate of  $1 \, \text{l}_{\text{min}}$  using capsules 2 cm deep and of area 71°7 cm<sup>2</sup>.

(d) For a standard flow rate of  $l l_{\cdot}/min$  using capsules 6 cm deep and of area 49.0 cm<sup>2</sup>.

The evaporation rate corresponding to each of these four conditions was found graphically from the data of Tables 4 and 5. This gave for each humidity level four separate estimates corresponding to the experimental conditions a, b, c and d, of

## <u>Table 6</u>. Estimated rates of evaporation from the skin in the absence of capsules $(g/m^2.hr)$ (Experiment A)

Method of estimation	10	Absolute	humidity	(mm Hg)	Noon
(see p. 52)	12	<u>ــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ</u>			MCSII
æ	133	144	134	125	134
Ъ	138	141	136	132	137
С	160	152	149	130	148
đ	135	133	126	116	128
Mean	142	142	136	126	137

the evaporation that would have taken place from the test areas had the capsules not been applied. These estimated evaporation. rates are presented in Table 6. The evaporation rates in this table for any one humidity level are more consistent than in Tables 4 and 5 and the dependence of evaporation rate on humidity is similar for all four sets of estimates. The agreement between estimates a and b, derived from the data where flow rate was varied, is remarkably close. The agreement between estimates c and d, derived from the data where area was varied, is not so close. This is due to the fact that the variation of evaporation rate with area (Table 5) is not so clearly defined as that with flow rate (Table 4). Leakage of air under the rim of the capsule may be responsible for many of the inconsistencies in Table 5; this would be most likely to occur with the largest capsules and would be most serious in its influence on the measurements in the smallest.

The consistency of the results in Table 6 especially those in rows a and b appears to justify the reasoning leading to the concept of a critical flow rate. The quantitative values obtained for critical flow rates in Experiment A are however invalid since the necessary conditions for their determination were not satisfied.

#### Determination of critical flow rate (including Experiment B)

Further experiments to test the theories stated in the preceding section and to determine the value. of critical flow rate  $(F_0)$  were carried out using capsules of standard dimensions and design as described earlier (p. 25 and Fig. 2). These capsules had been modified from those used previously with a

view to securing more uniform ventilation of the test area. In these experiments and in all succeeding physiological experiments the general purpose chamber of the new climatic laboratory was used and the capsules were placed over unshorn skin areas. The experiments were as follows:

(1) Examination of skin temperature variation over the area covered by a capsule

A capsule was fitted with seven thermojunctions mounted as described on p. 26 for measuring skin temperature. Four of these measured skin temperature at different points inside the capsule  $(T_{si})$  while the other three measured skin temperature outside it  $(T_{so})$ . The capsule was applied to the skin of a calf exposed to an air temperature of  $T_a \approx T_{so}$  $\approx 38^{\circ}$ C. Measurements of the temperatures of all seven skin thermojunctions were made at frequent intervals.

The mean variation between individual skin temperatures measured inside the capsule was  $\pm 0.132$ °C (S.D.) and that between individual skin temperatures measured outside was  $\pm 0.115$ °C (S.D.). Neither variation appeared to be affected by altering air flow through the capsule up to rates of  $4 \, 1./min$ .

The relative difference between the two variations is small, and it is concluded that any variation between the four temperatures measured inside the capsule, due to uneven ventilation of the area examined, are small compared with the other sources of variation inherent in the method of measurement. The use of, say, eight junctions connected in series opposition as four thermocouples for estimating

 $(T_{si} - T_{so})$  is therefore justifiable.

(2) The pressure applied to the capsule

In order to provide adequate sealing between the rim of the capsule and the skin, a pressure of approximately 1 lb, applied to the capsule as a whole, is necessary for most regions, although considerably lower pressures may be acceptable on regions where the surface is smooth. This pressure was not normally measured, the tension of the belt securing the capsule, and the satisfactory contact of the capsule with the skin being gauged by visual and manual means; this normally resulted in a pressure of approximately 1 lb. The pressure applied to the skin by the rim of the capsule under these conditions is not known but must be considerable. After prolonged application of a capsule the pressure was sufficient to cause an annular depression in the skin surface which persisted for several minutes following removal of the capsule. The cutaneous blood flow under the rim of the capsule must therefore have been restricted to some extent, but there was no visual evidence of any abnormality in the skin at a distance further than 1 mm from the rim.

When the pressure was deliberately altered, no effect on evaporation rate was observed until the seal between capsule and skin was obviously broken at very low pressures. Deliberate variations in pressure did on occasion affect the measured value  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  especially when the pressure fell below 1 lb; this appeared to be due to alterations to the degree of contact of the thermojunctions with the skin, rather than to alterations in blood flow. It is concluded that the evaporation results were not appreciably affected by blood flow changes resulting from the pressure at which the capsule was held in place. Frequent inspection of the capsules was however necessary to ensure that the seal remained unbroken.

#### (3) <u>Cooling and heating the capsule</u>

On a number of occasions at an air temperature of  $T_a = T_{so}$ , the local radiative conditions under the capsule were suddenly altered by applying a water-filled polythene bag to the outer surfaces of the capsule. In this way capsule temperatures were raised or lowered by up to 10°C above or below skin temperature. It was found that this resulted in no change in evaporation rate, except that occasionally cooling caused a small transient decrease in evaporation rate lasting approximately 5 min, after which the original level was re-established.

From these experiments it is concluded that alteration of the radiative heat loss, from the small area covered by the capsule, does not result in any permanent physiological adjustment which re-establishes the heat balance in that particular area, by adjusting the amount of water available for evaporation. The use of capsules for measuring evaporation when ambient temperature is not equal to skin temperature is therefore justified. The transient drop observed when the capsule was cooled may have been due to condensation of moisture on the walls of the capsule.

(4) The effect of altering the air flow rate through the capsule (Experiment B)

Four calves (Nos. 193, 196, 197 and 199) were each exposed

<u>Table 7</u>. Evaporation rate  $(g/m^2.hr)$  from the left mid flank  $(E_1)$ and right sacral back  $(E_r)$ , and the difference (galvanometer scale divisions) between skin temperature inside and outside the capsule  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  on the left mid flank, for various air flow rates (1./min)(Experiment B)

Expos- ure No.	Cal	f ]	L96			197		۰ ۱	193	6		199	9
	Nominal flow rate l./min	E <sub>l.</sub>	Er	T <sub>si</sub> - T <sub>so</sub>	Eı.	Er	T <sub>si</sub> - T <sub>so</sub>	E1.	<sup>E</sup> r	T <sub>si</sub> - T <sub>so</sub>	El.	<sup>E</sup> r	T - T so
1.	0.5 0.8 1.2 1.8 2.6 3.9	83 95 108 144 131 158		0.7 0.7 -0.4 0 -1.1 -0.6	69 88 89 103 105 116	96 133 128 171 139 198	1.5 -1.4 -0.2 -2.2 -2.0 -3.0	90 112 121 138 144 161	112 141 154 158 158 171	2.8 1.0 2.0 0.2 0.7 -1.5	95 89 93 102 95 110	53 44 49 59 62 72	1.0 2.1 0.7 1.2 0.1 0.1
2.	0.5 0.8 1.2 1.8 2.6 3.9	76 83 90 105 98 120	82 89 91 98 102 121	2.0 0.9 1.0 0.1 0 -0.2	55 73 73 70 72 118	115 131 138 148 182 165	2.0 0.8 1.0 1.2 1.1 0.2		106 132 144 159 148 166	2.6 1.5 1.0 0.6 1.0 -0.1	53 62 66 69 73 85	53 59 65 60 66 72	0 -0·9 -0·7 -1·4 -1·7 -0·8
3.	0.5 0.8 1.2 1.8 2.6 3.9	73 82 87 80 96 102	77 60 78 79 83 85	0.4 -0.3 -0.8 -1.0 -1.1 -1.3	42 47 54 59 59 67	93 108 122 128 142 146	2·4 1·7 2·2 2·4 0·7 0·8	89 108 113 126 155 148	108 131 140 146 178 164		20 23 23 23 23 23		$0 - 0 \cdot 4 - 0 \cdot 2 - 0 \cdot 4 - 0 \cdot 9$
4.	0.5 0.8 1.2 1.8 2.6 3.9							92 100 126 132 148 148	106 129 149 165 177 187	2·4 1·7 1·0 0·2 -0·7 -1·1			

three times to an air temperature of approximately  $38^{\circ}$ C with absolute humidity 18 mm Hg. One extra exposure for calf 193 was included since failure of the measuring apparatus had invalidated some results from earlier exposures. A capsule, fitted with eight thermojunctions, connected in series, for measuring ( $T_{si}-T_{so}$ ), was applied to the left mid-flank and another capsule to the right sacral back region. Flow rates through both capsules were initially 1.2 l./min and, after a 2-hr waiting period, they were changed at half-hourly intervals to cover the values 0.5, 0.8, 1.8, 2.6 and 3.9, finally returning to 1.2 l./min.

Measurements were made every 5 min of air temperature, skin temperature on left and right flanks, rectal temperature, capsule temperature and of flow rates through the capsules. Continuous recordings were made of wet bulb temperature difference  $(w_0 - w_1)$  for both capsules and of  $(T_{si} - T_{so})$  for the one capsule. Occasional adjustments to the control system of the climatic room were made to maintain air temperature at the measured level of skin temperature.

The results for evaporation rate and for  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  at various flow rates are given in Table 7.

Examination of the results shows that for any calf on any day  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  fell as flow rate (F) was increased. The fall in  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  was approximately linear with log F. The reason why this linear relationship was not observed in Experiment A (Fig. 4. p. 32) is not known. It is possible that this difference between the two sets of results is connected with the fitting of baffled inlet tubes to the capsules, a

modification that was made only after the completion of Experiment The general level of  $(T_{si} - T_{so})$  varied greatly from day to day, A. and so therefore did the estimate of critical flow rate  $F_{o}$ .  $(T_{si} - T_{so})$  is a very small quantity, being the difference between two nearly equal temperatures and having a magnitude of 0.2°C (3 scale divisions in Table 7) or less. Any local variation of skin temperature due to large blood vessels near the skin surface, or any form of poor contact of any of the eight thermojunctions with the skin would be likely to cause large errors in the estimate of (T<sub>si</sub>-T<sub>so</sub>). Large day-to-day variations in the measured values of  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  were therefore to be expected. However, with the capsule fixed in any one place, relative values of  $(T_{si} - T_{si})$  on any one day were likely to be more consistent, as was indeed found. The day-to-day variations in the mean level of (T<sub>si</sub>-T<sub>so</sub>) showed no relation to day-to-day variations in evaporation rate, rectal, skin or air temperature or any other measured quantity; this strengthens the belief that such variations were in fact purely error from the causes mentioned above.

The regression equation of log F on  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  was calculated using the mean values of  $(T_{si}-T_{so})$  averaged over all exposures for each flow rate. Hence the critical flow rate corresponding to  $T_{si} = T_{so}$  was evaluated as  $F_o = 1.93$  l./min. The accuracy of this value for  $F_o$ , estimated from the 5% fiducial limits of log  $F_o$  in the regression equation, may be expressed as  $1.64 < F_o < 2.25$  l./min. The error in  $F_o$  may be still greater than these limits suggest, since if individual values of log  $F_o$  are determined for each of the twelve exposures represented <u>Table 8</u>. Evaporation rates  $(E_0)$  corresponding to the critical flow rate  $F_0 = 1.93$  l./min, and values of the regression coefficients, k = d (log E)/d (log F), used in computing  $E_0$  (Experiment B)

0-7-0	Exposure No.	Left mid fl	.enk	Right sacral back		
Call		$E_{o}(g/m^{2}.hr)$	k	$E_0(g/m^2.hr)$	k	
-	1	128	0•297		-	
196	2	100	0•209	103	0•173	
	3	90	0•144	79	0.104	
	1	100	0•229	154	0•279	
197	2	80	0•275	154	0•207	
	3	57	0•220	131	0.218	
	] 1	136	0•266	156	0•179	
	2		-	149	0•194	
193	3	131	0•259	152	0•214	
<b>多</b> (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	4	131	0•247	162	0•265	
	1	99	0.084	59	0•203	
199	2	72	0.198	65	0•124	
	3	23	0.020	-	-	
Mean	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	96	0•206	124	0•196	

by Table 7 and the standard deviation calculated, then the 5% confidence limits for  $F_0$  are found to be  $1\cdot11 < F_0 < 2\cdot70$ .

The estimate of  $F_0$  may therefore be in error by approximately 75% of the true value.

The measured rate of evaporation E (see Table 7) rose as flow rate was increased. If log E is plotted against log F the relationship is approximately linear. The values of  $E_0$ corresponding to  $F_0$  were obtained by calculating linear regressions for log E on log F. The values of  $E_0$  are thus estimates of evaporation from the free skin surface under the conditions of air movement pertaining in the climatic room. In Table 8,  $E_0$  is given corresponding to  $F_0 = 1.93$ l./min together with the values of the regression coefficient  $k = d (log_{10} E)/d(log_{10} F)$ . The mean of twenty-three determinations of k is 0.202 ± 0.014 (S.E.).

<u>Computation of true evaporation rate when flow rate is not</u> <u>critical</u>

If the relationship between evaporation rate and flow rate through the capsule is known it is not essential that experimental determination of evaporation rate be carried out at the critical flow rate. In fact in subsequent measurements the nominal flow rate  $F = 1.2 \ 1./min$  was chosen for experimental convenience.

If E is the observed evaporation rate at flow rate F, then the normal evaporation rate,  $E_0$ , at the critical flow rate,  $F_0$ , is given by

$$E_{o} = E(F_{o}/F)^{k}$$
  
and  $E = \frac{600 \text{mF}}{A}$   
where E and  $E_{o}$  are expressed in  $g/\text{m}^{2}$ .hr  
F and  $F_{o}$  in 1./min  
A, the area of the capsule, in  $\text{cm}^{2}$   
m, the gain in absolute humidity of  
air as it passes through the capsule, in mg/1.

k = 0.202, for the capsule design employed. The factor 600 is a dimensional constant.

Combining these two equations:

$$E_{o} = \frac{600 \text{mF}(F_{o}/F)^{k}}{A}$$

or  $E_0 = \alpha m$ 

where  $\propto$  is a factor, which for the standard conditions employed, is dependent solely on the flow rate, F.

The estimate of normal evaporation rate  $(E_0)$  by this method is subject to a systematic error which is associated with the uncertainty of the estimate of the critical flow rate  $(F_0 = 1.93 \ l./min)$ . Since, for the capsule design used, k is small compared with unity, a 75% error in  $F_0$  results in only a 12% error in  $E_0$ . This fixed unknown error in  $E_0$  is in addition to any random error associated with any one measurement.

#### Summary of capsule method and errors.

Capsules constructed as shown in Fig. 2 (p. 25) were used to estimate the rate of evaporation from the skin  $E_0$ that would normally occur from the area examined in the absence of the capsule. This was done by measuring the gain in absolute humidity m(mg/l.) of the air as it passed through the

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capsule, and the rate of air flow through the capsule F(1./min). m was measured by means of wet and dry bulb thermocouples and F by Rotameter flowmeters. The evaporation rate was then obtained from

$$E_0 = \alpha m g/m^2 .hr$$

where X is a factor dependent solely on F.

For the nominal flow rate

$$F = 1.2 l./min$$
  
  $\propto = 19.0 m/hr$ 

The quantitative accuracy of this method is subject to systematic error whose greatest possible magnitude is estimated at 12%. In view of the possible large error it was decided as a further quantitative check to compare the total cutaneous evaporation, as measured by the capsule technique, plus the respiratory weight losses with direct determination of the total insensible weight loss. This comparison is described in Chapter III.

#### Respiratory Analysis

#### Separation and collection of respiratory gases

The animal was made to wear a mask. The mask method employed was designed to minimise the resistance to respiratory gas flow. The use of any form of spirometer or collection bag was avoided in order to eliminate inertia and the valves were made as light as possible. The mask (Fig. 6) was constructed of sheet metal at the lower end and sheet rubber at the upper end. It was held in place by means of a leather strap that passed over the back of the animal's head behind his ears.



Fig. 6. The mask assembly for respiratory analysis. (A & B inlet and outlet valves, C saliva collection bottle, D wet and dry bulb apparatus, E Rotameter flowmeter, F air pump, G pneumotachometer gauze, H thermo-junction, J expired air sampling point.)

The mask was sealed onto the muzzle by means of an inflatable tube mounted inside the top opening, and by packing the joint with cotton wool. Inspired air entered the mask from the room via the valve A. Expired air passed through the valve B and then through a 1.2 m length of 8 cm diameter flexible tubing (Flexflyte) back into the room. A drainage tube fitted to the lower end of the mask allowed condensed moisture and saliva to be collected in a bottle C. A sample of the expired air passing down the flexible tubing was drawn continuously, from a point half way along the tubing at a rate of 1.2 l./min, through the wet and dry bulb apparatus D, a 3 litre mixing bottle and the Rotameter flowmeter E by the pump F. The remainder of the expired air passed out of the flexible tubing through a pneumotachometer gauze G (Nisbet, 1956). A 40 S.W.G. thermojunction H measured the mean temperature of expired air at the exhaust end of the flexible tubing. A second sampling tube was placed near the inspiratory valve, and through this and another wet bulb apparatus and Rotameter room air was drawn continuously by the same pump F. The junction J in the expired air sampling line was used for drawing off samples in tonometers for subsequent analysis on a Haldane apparatus. Inspired air samples were also collected in tonometers, from a position close to the inspiratory valve.

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The construction of the valves\* is shown in Fig. 7. The moving part of the valve is a 5 cm diameter mica disc A

\* The design of the valves was by Mr. W. Nisbet.



Fig. 7. Construction of the valves used in the mask. Scale approximately twice actual size. (A mica disc, B stainless steel guide tube, C brass washer, D brass collar, E valve seat made from perspex, F brass rod, GG threaded brass posts, H watch spring, JJ clamping nuts.)

with an axial guide rod B made from stainless steel capillary tubing of 1 mm outside diameter. A washer C and collar D, both made from brass are fixed centrally on either side of the mica disc by means of rivets. The guide rod is pushfitted into the collar. The fixed part of the valve is a perspex annulus E, the valve seat being a plane annular surface of 4.5 cm internal diameter and 0.7 mm width. This design is a compromise between the conflicting requirements of airtightness, which calls for a valve seat of large area, and of non-stickiness which would be best effected by a knife-edged seat. The guide rod slides loosely through a hole drilled in a brass rod F which is clamped onto two threaded brass posts GG mounted on the perspex annulus. A shaped watch spring H is soldered onto the rod F and the position of the spring is adjusted by means of clamping nuts JJ so that the mica is just held onto the valve seat against gravity when the valve assembly is inverted. The pressure required to hold these valves fully open is approximately They operate satisfactorily in any position and 0°l mm Hg. whether wet or dry.

Difficulties were occasionally experienced due to leaks developing at the seal of the mask to the face of the animal and due to the outlet valve sticking when saliva had accumulated on it. On most occasions these faults were obvious by an apparent decrease in minute volume or increase in the vapour pressure of expired air, and they could be corrected immediately.

#### Measurement of respiratory rate and volume

The quantity of air passing out of the mask assembly through the gauze G (Fig. 6, p. 45) was measured by a pneumotachometer (Nisbet, 1956). This is an electronic instrument which measures instantaneous air flow rates by detecting minute pressure changes, induced across a fine meshed gauze, as air passes through it. An electronic integrator can present the results in terms of either the volume of a single expiration or the integrated volume of all expirations during any convenient period. A modification to the relay system of the pneumotachometer was made by Mr. W. Nisbet so that the instrument would operate with the unidirectional air flows occuring in the present mask assembly as well as with reversing respiratory flows in the original pneumotachometer mask.

The integrated air flow through the gauze during one minute added to that drawn down the expired air sampling tube represented the expiratory minute volume.

Respiratory rate was counted by observation of the pneumotachometer indicators using a stop watch. On occasions when the mask assembly was not in use, respiratory rate was measured with a mechanical counter (Nisbet, 1958), operated by flank movements of the animal.

#### Composition of respiratory gases.

The gain in absolute humidity of air as it passed through the respiratory apparatus was measured using wet and dry bulb thermocouple apparatuses as already described for capsules. This quantity added to the absolute humidity of room air was used to estimate the absolute humidity of expired air for the purposes of correcting minute volume into terms of the total volume of dry air expired at s.t.p.

Oxygen and carbon dioxide percentages in expired and inspired air samples were measured on Haldane gas analysers. It was found that the variation in composition between individual samples of inspired air was unrelated to temperature and humidity levels or to the presence or absence of an animal The variation, which was random, in the climatic chamber. was attributed to sampling and analysis errors, more particularly to errors due to the presence of the observer in proximity to the tonometers when collecting samples. The composition of inspired air was therefore assumed to be constant and equal to the mean level obtained from all inspired air analyses (71 in all). The composition of inspired dry air in the general purpose chamber, where all experiments with the mask were conducted, was thus estimated as follows:

Carbon dioxide	0•085%
Oxygen	20•88%
Nitrogen	79.035% (by difference)

For the purposes of calculations it was assumed both for expired and inspired dry air that carbon dioxide, oxygen and nitrogen were the only constituents.

#### Heat production and metabolic weight loss

Heat production H was calculated from the respiratory data using the equation of Brouwer (1958):

 $H_{\rm p} = 3.869.0_2 + 1.195.00_2 \, (\rm kcal/hr)$ 

where  $0_2$  and  $C0_2$  represent the volumes (1./hr) of oxygen consumed and carbon dioxide produced at s.t.p. Brouwer showed that for ruminants, the omission from the equation of additional terms containing the weight of protein metabolised and the volume of methane produced, results in an error of not more than 2% in the estimate of heat production.

The weight loss due to oxygen-carbon dioxide exchange, or metabolic weight loss  $W_{m}$ , may be calculated from the gas molecular weights and the volumes consumed and produced; it is given by the equation:

 $W_m = 1.964.00_2 - 1.429.0_2 (g/hr)$ 

The values of the quantities  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  were obtained from the volume of dry air expired at s.t.p.  $V(l_{\cdot}/hr)$  and the percentages of oxygen (x) carbon dioxide (y) and nitrogen (z) in inspired (subscript 1) and expired (subscript 0) air as follows:

$$CO_{2} = (y_{0} - y_{1}z_{0}/z_{1}) V/100 l./hr$$
$$O_{2} = (x_{1}z_{0}/z_{1} - x_{0}) V/100 l./hr$$

#### Respiratory evaporation

The quantity of moisture evaporated from the respiratory passages  $E_r$  was obtained from the product of the expiratory minute volume  $V_m$  (litres) and the gain in absolute humidity of the air passing through the mask assembly m(milligrams per litre of expired air). Including dimensional constants the equation is:

$$E_r = 0.06 \text{ m V}_m. \quad (g/hr)$$

This method of estimating respiratory moisture loss, hereafter described as 'the direct method' was found unsuitable

at air temperatures below 30°C due to condensation of respiratory moisture in the tube leading to the wet and dry bulb apparatus. When the environmental conditions were such that condensation occured, respiratory evaporation was estimated by 'the difference method' as follows:

$$E_{r} = W_{t} - W_{m} - E_{s}$$
where  $W_{t} = \text{total insensible weight loss}$ 
 $W_{m} = \text{metabolic weight loss}$ 
 $E_{s} = \text{weight loss by cutaneous evaporation}$ 

#### Insensible Weight Loss

The animal was tethered standing in a stall made of galvanised tubing and timber. Urine was collected by means of a polythene funnel, which was screwed into the neck of a polythene bottle and which was supported by harness passing round the trunk. Faeces were collected in a bag, constructed from a motor tyre inner tube, and supported by other harness.

The order of magnitude of the weight loss due to evaporation of water from the accumulated urine and faeces in the funnel and bag was determined experimentally with the open collectors placed on a small balance. The loss was 3 g/hr or less under all environmental conditions employed. Another error arose due to inhibition of cutaneous evaporation from the skin regions covered by the collectors and harness. This was kept small by making the harness wherever possible from plastic covered elastic wire curtain rod. These two sources of error tended to be mutually self-cancelling and no correction was made for them.

The stall containing the animal, excreta collectors, mask assembly, capsules and harness normally rested on wooden blocks above the platform of an Avery balance. The blocks were removed when weighing was required and the ventilating tubes to the capsules temporarily disconnected. The only connections between the stall and its surroundings during weighings were five thermocouple leads which hung loosely between a certain point on the stall and a fixed support; the drag of the leads was therefore constant. It was found by experiment in the absence of the animal that the weight of the stall was not affected, within the limits of accuracy of the balance, by alterations in room air temperature and humidity. The balance scale was marked in divisions of 2 oz but readings were estimated to the nearest  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. The overall difference between two weighings was estimated to have an accuracy of 1 oz or 28 g. Measurements of insensible weight loss were normally made over periods of approximately 2 hr except at ambient temperatures of 20°C or less, when the weight change was so small that periods of 4 hr were necessary. The probable accuracy of the insensible weight loss measurements was thus approximately 14 g/hr.

#### Other Estimations

#### Heat storage

The rate of heat storage  $H_s$  by the animal during an exposure was estimated from the rise in rectal temperature per hour  $\Delta T_r(^{\circ}C)$ , the rise in skin temperature per hour  $\Delta T_s(^{\circ}C)$ , the weight of the animal W(kg) and the specific heat.

Table 9. A table of the factors, expressing the heat derived from the animal in the evaporation of 1 g of water, as used for computing cutaneous and respiratory evaporative heat losses

Environmental	Heat of vaporization (kcal/g)				
(see p. 56)	Cutaneous	Respiratory			
15 ·	0.616	0•575			
20	0•620	0•575			
25	0•626	0•575			
30	0•631	0•575			
35 L	0•636	0•575			
40	0•641	0•575			
35 M	0•605	0•575			
35H	0•587	0•575			

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The equation used was that derived for man (Hardy & Dubois, 1938):

 $H_{s} = (4 \Delta T_{r} + \Delta T_{s}) hW/5 (kcal/hr)$ where h = 0.83 cal/g

#### Evaporative heat loss

Evaporative heat loss  $H_e$  was estimated by multiplying the evaporative weight loss by a suitable factor expressing the heat derived from the animal in the process of evaporating l g of moisture to the atmosphere. The value of the factor depends on the environmental conditions and on the temperature at the site of evaporation (Hardy, 1949). For cutaneous evaporation the factor includes the latent heat of vaporization at skin temperature, the heat absorbed on cooling and expanding the vapour to saturation at room air temperature and the heat absorbed on further expanding the vapour to room air vapour pressure. For respiratory evaporation the factor includes only the latent heat of vaporization at body temperature. This assumes that the animal expires air saturated with moisture at body temperature; an assumption that was subsequently found to be justified as a close approximation to what occurs in practice. The practical values of these factors used in computing the heat losses by cutaneous and respiratory evaporation are given in Table 9; they are based for each environmental condition on the mean levels of rectal and skin temperatures observed during the experiments.

#### Non-evaporative heat loss

Non-evaporative heat loss  $H_n$  was estimated by difference

from the heat production  $H_p$ , evaporative heat loss  $H_e$  and heat storage  $H_s$ :

 $H_n = H_p - H_e - H_s$ 

#### Surface area

The total surface area  $A(m^2)$  of the animal was estimated from the body weight W(kg), using the equation of Brody (1945, p. 403):

$$A = 0.15 W^{0.56}$$

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Fig. 8. Skin regions where rate of cutaneous evaporation was measured.

<b>DT</b>		1673	V(1) 01
вГ	Back Lumbar	MF.	Mid Flank
BS	Back sacral	MLF	Mid lower flank
BTh	Back thoracic	Ν	Neck
Ch	Cheek	RH	Rear haunch
D	Dewlap	RL	Rear leg
Fd	Forehead	RB	Rear belly
FF	Fore flank	RLF	Rear lower flank
FH	Fore haunch	RMF	Rear mid flank
MB	Mid belly	Sh	Shoulder

#### PHYSIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

The experimental work described in this thesis consists of a series of preliminary experiments and three physiological experiments. The preliminary experiments, already described, were mainly concerned with developing techniques for measuring cutaneous evaporation. This chapter first describes the objects and the procedures employed in the three physiological experiments, and then reports the results.

#### Experiment C

The object of this experiment was to compare the relative rates of cutaneous evaporation from a number of skin regions on different calves at various environmental temperatures. This information was required as a guide to the selection of a smaller number of skin regions, which taken together would be representative of evaporation from the whole surface of the animal.

Three calves (Nos. 196, 197 and 199) were used. They were each exposed in the large climatic room to various air temperatures in the range 15 to 42°C. Each exposure lasted approximately 4 hr and consisted of a waiting period of 2 hr, followed by a 2-hr period during which capsules were placed in turn on various skin regions for approximately 12 min at a time. Measurements were made on the eighteen skin regions (all on the right hand side) shown in Fig. 8 and on one region (mid flank) on the left hand side. A nominal air flow rate of 1.2 l./min was maintained through all capsules. Rectal temperature and respiratory rate were also measured.
### Experiment D

The objects of this experiment were as follows:-

(1) To make quantitative comparisons of the evaporative heat losses from animals in approximate thermal equilibrium with different environmental temperatures at a fixed low level of absolute humidity.

(2) To make quantitative comparisons of the evaporative heat losses from animals in approximate thermal equilibrium with different environmental humidities at a fixed high level of air temperature.

(3) To compare the responses of cutaneous evaporation to long term and to short term variations in environmental humidity.

(4) To compare the partition of total heat losses between cutaneous evaporative, respiratory evaporative and non-evaporative channels at different environmental conditions.

(5) To obtain a quantitative check on the systematic errors of the ventilated capsule method by comparison with insensible weight loss.

Three calves (Nos. 210, 221 and 226) were used. They were each exposed in the large climatic room on successive days to nominal air temperatures of 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40°C all at a humidity of 8 mm Hg, and also to nominal humidities of 20 and 35 mm Hg at an air temperature of 35°C. These environmental conditions are hereafter referred to by the abbreviations 15, 20, 25, 30, 35L, 40, 35M and 35H, where L, M and H denote the low, medium and high humidity levels. The exposures were not necessarily on consecutive days, and the schedule of eight climatic conditions was applied three times to each animal.

Calf 221 was exposed to the complete schedule one extra time because failure of the measuring apparatus had invalidated many of the earlier readings. Each exposure lasted approximately 4 hr and consisted of a 2-hr waiting period followed by a 2-hr period in which measurements were made. During the measuring period capsules were placed for up to 30 min at a time on each of the following regions, all on the left hand side: back thoracic, mid flank, rear leg, mid belly, shoulder and dewlap (see Fig. 8, p. 55). These six regions were chosen, following Experiment C, as being representative of the mean rate of At cutaneous evaporation from the whole skin surface. approximately 15-min intervals measurements were made of room air dry and wet bulb temperatures, of dry bulb temperatures of airstreams associated with capsule and mask measurements, of airflow rates through capsules, and of respiratory rate and minute volume. Expired air gas samples were collected at 30-min intervals, and one inspired air sample was collected during each exposure. Weight measurements of the stall containing the animal and all equipment were made at the beginning and at the end of each 2-hr measuring period except for exposures at 15 and 20°C when the initial weighing was made at the start of the exposure. Following each exposure to the environment 35M each animal was kept in the climatic room for a further 3 hr. During this time the air temperature was maintained as nearly as possible at the same level as before but the air humidity was altered at 20-min intervals from the original level of 20 mm Hg to 26, 14, 32, 8 and finally back to 20 mm Hg. Throughout every exposure

continuous recordings were made of wet bulb temperature difference  $(w_0 - w_1)$  from capsules and from the respiratory gas sampling apparatus. Skin temperature under one of the capsules was also recorded automatically.

# Experiment E

The object of this experiment was to investigate the variation in the rate of cutaneous evaporation from calves, exposed to a hot dry environment, with increasing age from 10 to 34 weeks.

Three calves (Nos. 219, 220 and 222) were exposed in the large climatic room to a nominal air temperature of 38°C and absolute humidity 17 mm Hg for periods of 3 hr at a time. Each calf was subjected to hot room exposures on three successive days each 'month'. For the purposes of describing this experiment the term 'month' is used to denote an interval of 28 days. On the first exposure day of each "month" calf 219 entered the climatic room at 9 a.m., calf 220 at 11 a.m. and calf 222 at 1 p.m. In order to ensure that possible acclimatisation effects and differences between animals could not be confused with effects due to diurnal variations, the order of entry was varied on the two succeeding days; thus over the 3-day period of exposures in each 'month', each calf entered only once at each time of day. All calves were first exposed in the climatic room at the age of 10 to 11 weeks and further 3-day exposure series followed at six successive 'monthly' intervals. The final 3-day exposure series for calf 222 followed only 3 weeks



<u>Fig. 9</u>. The variation, following the start of an exposure to an air temperature of  $38^{\circ}$ C, in the mean levels of skin temperature (T<sub>s</sub>) and rectal temperature (T<sub>r</sub>), respiratory rate (R) and mean rate of cutaneous evaporation (E<sub>s</sub>) (Experiment E).

after the penultimate one.

Each exposure consisted of a 2-hr waiting period followed by an hour-long measuring period. During the measuring period capsules were placed for approximately 15 min at a time on each of the following skin regions, all on the right hand side: back sacral, back thoracic, rear haunch, mid flank, mid belly, neck, dewlap and cheek (see Fig. 8, p. 55). Rectal temperature, skin temperature on the left and right fore flanks and respiratory rate were also measured.

# Short Term Adjustments to Thermal Stress

Whenever an animal was taken from the byre and placed in a warm environment there followed a period during which heat losses were adjusted until the animal had reached an approximately steady thermal state. During this period rectal temperature, skin temperature, respiratory rate and evaporative heat losses all increased. These adjustments were usually completed within the first 2 hr, but in some instances the increase continued very slowly for several hours and in others the initial increase was followed by a prolonged gradual fall. The adjustments are illustrated in Fig. 9, which shows the mean levels (averaged over all animals and all exposures in the last three 'months' of Experiment E) of rectal and skin temperatures, of respiratory rate and of cutaneous evaporation at successive 10-min intervals.

A waiting period of 2 hr following the start of each exposure was therefore allowed in all experiments before the



Fig. 10.

Photograph of a typical recorder chart showing stepwise increases in cutaneous evaporation (Calf 193, 38°C).

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- 6. Skin temperature (fore flank)
- 7. Left mid flank ) wet bulb temperature

8. Right sacral back ) difference (w - w1)

The un-numbered rows of dots, from which records

7 and 8 diverge, represent  $w_0 - w_1 = 0$ .

main series of measurements was begun. The results for the period beginning at the end of the second hour of exposure in Experiments C, D and E are given in Appendices I, II and III.

## Rapid Fluctuations in Cutaneous Evaporation

Examination of the printed records of evaporation from the skin (i.e. of the lines displaying the quantity  $w_{0}-w_{1}$ ) shows that in most instances evaporation rate rose during the first 2 hr in a series of steps. Each step was characterised by a sharp rise, frequently occuring in the interval of 40 sec between successive printings of the recorder, of up to 25  $g/m^2$ .hr in the rate of evaporation. The steps occurred at irregular intervals of 3 to 20 min. They were observed on many different body regions and their appearance was coincident on all regions. Between the steps evaporation rate usually remained constant but sometimes rose or fell gradually. In many instances each stepwise increase in evaporation rate coincided with a sharp rise in skin temperature of up to 0.5°C, followed by a gradual fall to its previous level during the The magnitude of the skin temperature effects next 2 or 3 min. appeared to be positively correlated with the magnitude of the coincident steps in cutaneous evaporation. The magnitude of both effects varied widely between exposures and between The steps were first observed on calf 193 and were animals. later observed on all calves used in Experiments B, C, D and E which followed. Fig. 10 is a photograph of a typical chart showing these steps. This record was made during the first



Fig. 11. The fluctuating rates of cutaneous evaporation observed from shorn (▲) and unshorn (o) regions of the foreflank of one (heifer) calf only, when exposed to an air temperature of 20°C.

2 hr of an exposure of calf 193 to 38°C air temperature.

Fig. 11 illustrates exceptionally large fluctuations in the rate of cutaneous evaporation that were observed in only one animal, a heifer calf which belonged to the farm herd at the Hannah Dairy Research Institute. This calf was frequently observed under normal conditions to have a damp coat; i.e. it appeared to be bathed in sweat. It was decided, despite the known inadequacies of the capsule technique used at the time, to make some measurements of cutaneous evaporation while this apparently exceptional animal remained available. Flanged capsules were used and automatic recording was not employed. The fluctuations in cutaneous evaporation shown in Fig. 11 were observed on two body regions, from one of which the coat was clipped; the clipped region showed the more marked fluctuations. Such fluctuations were observed at air temperatures of 20 and 30°C but not at 40°C. The mean levels of evaporation rate from this animal were approximately twice as great at 20 and at 30°C air temperatures as those obtained from the other animals to which the same technique was applied; at 40°C this animal did not lose appreciably more moisture from the skin than did the others.

# Evaporation from Different Skin Regions

The results of Experiment C are given in detail in Appendix I and are summarised in Table 10. At air temperatures of 15 to 20°C the rate of cutaneous evaporation was approximately 8  $g/m^2$ .hr from all regions. At successively higher temperatures evaporation from all regions increased, but more markedly from

Air temp D.B. °C	16 - 20	25	30	35	40 - 42
Air temp W.B. <sup>°</sup> C	10 - 16	18	23	25	27
Right hand side regions:					
Dewlap	8	42	114	153	174
Front haunch	8	29	103	121	149
Shoulder	7	24	83	108	151
Neck	7	24	74	93	114
Back thoracic	8	21	59	63	103
Foreflank	9	19	56	61*	91
Rear haunch	9	21	54	60	81
Rear midflank	10	15	46	36*	84
Back lumbar	6	14	33	<u>4</u> 6	84
Back sacral	4	8	32	<u>4</u> 8	81
Mid flank	7	12	42	38	72
Rear lower flank	10	20*	38	40*	58
Cheek	8	14	21	37*	<b>6</b> 6
Rear leg	11	19	41	31	44
Forchead	9	20	31	39	39
Mid lower flank	6	12	26	17	40
Rear belly	11	11*	14	11	24
Mid belly	9	11	10	11	16
Left mid flank	5	9	35	45	69

\* Mean evaporation rates marked by an asterisk correspond to conditions when the data (see Appendix I) were incomplete. For the purposes of compiling this table missing values in Appendix I were computed by the method of Allan & Wishart, (1930), using all data obtained for all three calves at one environmental temperature.

Table 11. Cutaneous evaporation from different skin regions expressed as percentages of the mean level from four regions (dewlap, back thoracic, mid flank and mid belly) (Experiments C, D and E)

Experiment		С			D			E		240
Temperature °C	35	5 - 1	40		38		3!	5 - 1	40	Weighted
No. of exposures	2	2	2	6 .	7 to 8	6	21	21	21	mean over
Calf	196	197	199	210	221	226	219	220	222	all calves
Fore haunch	163	1),9	216						1	176
Rear haunch	114	77	69				172	152	160	155
Neck	124	152	113				173	135	139	147
Shoulder	145	210	136,	141	139	140				146
Dewlap	159	220	274	133	100	127	125	149	125	136
Back thoracic	132	99	65	111	150	141	148	128	145	136
Back sacral	95	98	33				134	93	124	113
Rear leg	33	65	47	149	98	110				101
Mid flank	92	65	43	101	112	109	102	94	103	99
Cheek		77	33				71	89	101	85
Foreflank		75	90							82
Back lumbar	104	79	47							77
Rear mid flank		80	38				1			59
Forehead	42	61	71							58
Rear lower flank		31	83							57
Mid lower flank	62	15	21							33
Mid belly	17	17	19	54	33	22	25	30	27	29
Rear belly	18	22	29	1.1						23

some than from others. When the skin regions are listed in order according to their rates of evaporation the order is similar at all temperatures above 20°C and for all three animals.

The results of Experiment C were used as a basis for choosing six regions whose mean rate of evaporation was estimated to be representative of the overall mean rate from the whole animal. Evaporation from these six regions was studied more fully in Experiment D; and in Experiment E measurements were made on a further selection of eight regions.

Table 11 shows the relative rates of evaporation at air temperatures between 35 and 40°C from various skin regions of the nine animals used in the three experiments. The rates of evaporation are presented as percentages of the mean rate from the four skin regions (dewlap, back thoracic, mid flank and mid belly) that were studied in all three experiments. The regions are listed in order of decreasing evaporation and the general trend common to all animals is apparent despite inconsistencies, which are particularly marked for calves 197 and 199. The number of exposures on which each value in the table is based (shown in the third row of the table) is less for Experiment C than for Experiments D and E; the evaporation rates for calves 196, 197 and 199 are therefore of lower accuracy than the rates for the others. The final column in the table was calculated by weighting the values obtained according to the number of measurements on which each estimate was based.

Fig. 12, which is based on Table 10, gives a pictorial representation of the relative rates of evaporation from the





Fig. 12. Pictorial representation of the relative rates of evaporation from different skin regions of Ayrshire calves exposed to air temperatures of 35 to 40°C. The rates are expressed as percentages of the mean rate from four specific regions (dewlap, back thoracic, mid flank and mid belly) (Experiments C, D & E).

different parts of the skin at high air temperatures. No measurements were made on the lower parts of the limbs.

# The Effects of Environmental Temperature and Humidity (Experiment D)

The detailed results of Experiment D are given in Appendix II. As described earlier, faults in the apparatus such as a break in the seal of the mask to the face or a sticking valve were in most instances readily apparent and therefore corrected immediately. It is, however, only to be expected that some faults were not detected. These may account for the apparently anomalous results that were occasionally obtained for those quantities whose evaluation depends on the rate of pulmonary ventilation (e.g. respiratory evaporation, heat production and metabolic weight loss). There was, however, no means of proving that such results were invalid and they were included in the computation of the average values for each animal. The only results excluded from the averages were those for which the data were incomplete; i.e., if in any exposure the data were missing, for any of the four categories of weight loss measured, then all the data for that exposure were excluded from the averages of weight losses, heat exchanges, respiratory quantities, and body temperatures.

In order to avoid weighting the results in favour of any animal, the available data were first averaged for each animal over the two, three or four exposures at each environmental condition. The overall mean results for each



Fig. 13. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the rates of evaporation from six regions (Experiment D).



<u>Fig. 14</u>. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the mean rates of cutaneous evaporation from three calves (Experiment D).

environmental condition were then calculated by averaging the three calf means so obtained. These overall means are presented in Figs. 13 and 15 to 19 which follow.

### Cutaneous evaporation

The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the rate of evaporation from six different skin regions are shown in Fig. 13. The rate of evaporation from all regions was approximately  $12 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr at 15°C and increased with increasing air temperature. At an air temperature of 35°C, evaporation rate was not greatly altered by increasing humidity from 8 to 20 mm Hg, but was appreciably reduced by a further increase in humidity to 35 mm Hg. The relative contribution of each region to the total evaporation varied systematically with both temperature and humidity, except for the rear leg and possibly the mid belly regions. The exceptional behaviour of the rear leg region which was exhibited by all three calves in Experiment D was not observed in Experiment C.

In Fig. 14 the mean rate of evaporation averaged over all six regions is given for each of the three calves. The mean rate of cutaneous evaporation per unit area from calf 226 was greater at low air temperatures than that from calves 210 and 221, but at all other environmental conditions mean evaporation rate was similar for all three calves.

### Evaporation and insensible weight loss

The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the weight losses by respiratory and cutaneous evaporation, on metabolic weight loss and on total insensible weight loss



<u>Fig. 15</u>. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the weight losses by respiratory evaporation  $(E_r)$ and cutaneous evaporation  $(E_s)$ , on metabolic weight loss  $(W_m)$  and on total insensible weight loss  $(W_t)$ . The broken line indicates  $E_r$  calculated by the difference method  $(W_t - E_s - W_m)$  (Experiment D).

are shown in Fig. 15. The difference between insensible weight loss as measured directly and the sum of its three components is discussed fully in the next chapter. It is shown that at the environmental conditions 15, 20 and 25 the difference resulted from errors in the direct estimate of respiratory evaporative weight loss. At these environmental conditions and also at 35H condensed moisture was always visible in the sampling tube leading to the respiratory wet and dry bulb thermocouple apparatus. The measured value of respiratory evaporation at these environmental conditions by the direct method was therefore limited to that corresponding to saturation at air temperature. Respiratory evaporation must in fact have been greater. Since the temperature of the expired air passing through the gauze was higher than that of room air, more moisture may be assumed to have been lost from the balance than the amount recorded by the respiratory wet and dry bulb apparatus. For the environmental conditions 15, 20, 25 and 35H respiratory evaporative weight loss was therefore estimated also by the difference method (i.e.  $W_t - E_s$  $-W_{m}$ ). Respiratory evaporation so estimated is represented by the broken lines in Fig. 15.

A further source of error resulted from condensation of respiratory moisture in the mask itself. This condensation could have been prevented by heating the mask, but since this would have inevitably heated the inspired air, it was deemed inadvisable. Attempts were made to estimate the quantity of moisture condensed, by weighing the mask assembly before and after each exposure. This proved unsatisfactory because even

at the lowest air temperatures appreciable quantities of saliva were sometimes produced, and it was not possible to distinguish the weight increase due to saliva from that due to condensed moisture. The lowest recorded weight increases of the mask assembly were 11, 7 and 6 g/hr at 15, 20 and 25°C respectively, and it may be that these minimum figures represent exposures where salivation did not occur or was minimal. The quantity of condensed moisture in the mask represents a correction that should be added both to the measured value of respiratory evaporation and to that of insensible weight loss. Condensation of moisture within the mask does not therefore account for the disparity between insensible weight loss and the sum of its three components, since it results in equal errors in both. At air temperatures of 30°C and above, except at the highest humidity level at 35°C, the wet bulb temperature of expired air was always 1.5°C or more below air temperature. In two exposures at 30°C the weight gain of the mask assembly was less than 2 g/hr, indicating that the combined quantities of saliva and condensed water were small. It may therefore be assumed that condensation of respiratory moisture was negligible for these environmental conditions.

Condensation of moisture did not limit the measured values of evaporation from the skin. At no time in any of the exposures was the outlet air from any capsule saturated with moisture, nor did it ever attain the humidity corresponding to the saturation vapour pressure at skin temperature. The limiting condition was however nearly reached at the highest humidity level at 35°C. At this environmental condition the



Fig. 16. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on skin  $(T_s)$  and rectal  $(T_r)$  temperatures (Experiment D).

relative humidity of outlet air from capsules, placed on the regions normally associated with high rates of cutaneous evaporation, frequently exceeded 90%.

Both cutaneous and respiratory evaporation increased with increasing air temperature, but the former contributed an increasingly great proportion to the total evaporative loss. At 40°C cutaneous evaporation accounted for 84% of the total. There was an elevenfold increase in cutaneous evaporation at 40°C over that at 15°C. At 35°C cutaneous evaporation was, if anything, higher at a vapour pressure of 20 mm Hg than at 8 mm Hg. A vapour pressure of 35 mm Hg, however, resulted in a markedly lower rate of cutaneous evaporation. Respiratory evaporation fell with increasing air humidity over the whole range.

# Body temperature

After the initial increase during the first 2 hr of exposure rectal and surface temperatures altered by only small amounts. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the mean levels attained by rectal temperature and by surface temperature of the sacral region of the back are shown in Fig. 16. Rectal temperature increased slightly with increasing air temperature, being approximately 0.6°C higher at 40°C than at 15°C. Skin temperature on the sacral region rose from approximately 9°C below rectal at 15°C to approximately 0.3°C below at 40°C. At 35°C neither mectal nor skin temperature was appreciably altered by increasing vapour pressure from 8 mm Hg to 20 mm Hg, but a vapour pressure of 35 mm Hg resulted in markedly higher rectal and skin

	Heat	production	kcal/hr
Environment	Calf 210	221 226	Means of 3
15	223	185 174	194
20	231	175 185	197
25	205	183 164	184
30	234	172 184	197
35 L	236	195 191	207
40	244	178 172	198
35M	289	208 174	224
35H	297	220 218	245
Means of 8	245	189 183	

# Table 12. Analysis of variance of heat production data (Experiment D).

Variable	Degrees of freedom	Sums of squares	Mean squares	F
Environments (E)	7	8083	1155	5.40 0.01>P>0.001
Calves (C)	2	18591		
ЕхC	14	2991	214	。 
	-		-	- 12
Total	23	29665		

Standard error for difference between two means of 3 = S.E.S.E. =  $\pm\sqrt{214 \times \frac{2}{3}}$  =  $\pm11.9 \text{ kcal/hr}$  t(5%) = 2.14 t x S.E. =  $\pm25.5 \text{ kcal/hr}$ t(1%) = 2.97 t x S.E. =  $\pm35.3 \text{ kcal/hr}$ 



<u>Fig. 17</u>. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on heat production  $(H_p)$ , on total evaporative heat loss  $(H_e)$  on non-evaporative heat loss  $(H_n)$  and heat storage  $(H_s)$  (Experiment D).

temperatures. The difference between rectal temperature and skin temperature on the sacral region was not greatly altered by changes in environmental humidity, at an air temperature of 35°C.

### Heat production and heat losses

The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on heat production, on total evaporative heat loss, on nonevaporative heat loss and on heat storage are shown in Fig. 17. The total evaporative heat loss at 15, 20 and 25°C and at the highest humidity level at 35°C is based on respiratory evaporation computed by the difference method from insensible weight loss. The analysis of variance of the heat production data is given in Table 12. The variation of heat production with air temperature was not statistically significant, but the variation of heat production with humidity was significant.

At air temperatures above 25°C evaporative heat loss rose linearly with increasing air temperature at a rate of 11.9 kcal/hr.°C, and at approximately 37.5°C it was equal to heat production. At air temperatures below 25°C the rate of change of evaporative heat loss with air temperature was not as great as above 25°C. The relationship between nonevaporative heat loss and air temperature was approximately the reverse of that between evaporative heat loss and air temperature, being modified only by the relatively small variations of heat production and of heat storage. Nonevaporative heat loss thus fell with rising air temperature above 25°C at a rate of 10.5 kcal/hr.°C.

Evaporative heat loss was not appreciably affected by



<u>Fig. 18</u>. The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on respiratory rate (R), on tidal volume  $(V_t)$ , on pulmonary ventilation rate (V) and on the mean percentage of carbon dioxide in dry expired air  $(y_0)$  (Experiment D).

increasing humidity from 8 to 20 mm Hg at an air temperature of 35°C. A humidity of 35 mm Hg, however, resulted in a lower rate of evaporative heat loss. The corresponding increase in non-evaporative heat loss was enhanced to balance the increased heat production.

## Analysis of respiratory changes

The respiratory reactions to different levels of air temperature and humidity are shown in Fig. 18. There was a threefold increase in mean respiratory rate at 40°C over that at 15°C, but this was accompanied by a fall in the tidal volume. The result of these changes was that the total volume of expired air increased over the temperature range by a factor of only two. The concentration of carbon dioxide in the air expired from the mask also decreased with rising air temperature. As a result, the total amount of carbon dioxide exhaled, which is an approximate measure of the heat production, remained constant.

Respiratory rate and the total volume of air breathed at an air temperature of 35°C both increased with rising humidity, the increases being very marked between 20 and 35 mm Hg. Tidal volume, however, was not appreciably altered by changes in air humidity, and the fall in the concentration of carbon dioxide in expired air was not great enough to prevent the total output of carbon dioxide from rising.

Fig. 19 shows the humidity of air expired from the mask at different air temperatures and humidities. Curves  $m_2$  represent the humidity of air passing through the respiratory wet and dry bulb apparatus; this quantity approximates to saturation



Fig. 19.

The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the moisture content  $(m_2)$  of air passing through the respiratory wet and dry bulb apparatus. The broken lines represent the moisture content of air expired from the mask as calculated from respiratory evaporation computed by the difference method. The solid line  $(m_s)$ represents saturation moisture content of air at room temperature (Experiment D). humidity (curves m<sub>a</sub>) for air temperatures of 15, 20 and 25°C and for the highest humidity level at 35°C. At these environmental conditions, respiratory evaporation was calculated by the difference method. From the respiratory evaporation so estimated the quantity of moisture that must have been present in air expired from the mask assembly was calculated. The broken lines in Fig. 19 represent these corrected levels of the humidity m<sub>2</sub> of air expired from the mask. The corrected levels of m<sub>2</sub> show that over the temperature range 20 to 40°C with a fixed room air humidity. the humidity of air expired from the mask was nearly constant at 28 mg/l. This humidity corresponds to saturation at 29°C or to 60% saturation at body temperature. At 35°C, however, the humidity of air expired from the mask increased with increasing humidity of the room air.

# Short term changes in environmental humidity

On days when the animals were exposed to the intermediate humidity level at 35°C they were kept in the climatic room after the measurements described in the preceding sections had been completed and a further series of measurements were made while the room humidity was altered at 20-min intervals. The effects of these short term humidity changes are compared with corresponding effects of day-to-day humidity changes in Fig. 20.

Since the intermediate humidity level at 35°C represented a relatively severe thermal stress, the animals tended to store heat. This resulted in the mean level of rectal temperature being higher during the afternoons when the short term humidity



<u>Fig. 20</u>. The effects of short term alterations (solid lines) and day-to-day alterations (broken lines) in air humidity at 35°C on rectal  $(T_r)$  and skin  $(T_s)$ temperatures, on respiratory rate (R) and on the rate of cutaneous evaporation (E) from the back thoracic and mid flank skin regions (Experiment D).

changes were effected than they had been in the mornings when the main series of measurements were made. Respiratory rate, cutaneous evaporation and skin temperature were also observed to be greater in the afternoons than they had been at the same humidity level in the mornings.

The short term humidity alterations did not affect rectal temperature and their effect on respiratory rate was approximately one-third as great as that of the day-to-day humidity alterations. Skin temperature was affected in a similar manner both by short term and day-to-day humidity changes. The rates of cutaneous evaporation from the two regions studied were in the same ratio for both short term and day-to-day humidity changes; but for the short term changes the rate from both regions fell approximately linearly with increasing humidity, in marked contrast to the response to the day-to-day humidity variations.

### The Effect of Age

# (Experiment E)

The detailed results of Experiment E are given in Appendix III.

### Cutaneous evaporation

The analysis of variance of the measurements of cutaneous evaporation is given in Table 13 and the major statistically significant trends are shown in Figs. 21 and 23.

The overall mean rates of cutaneous evaporation measured on the three successive days during which measurements were made every 'month' were 81.8, 87.9 and 90.2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr for the first, second and third days respectively. These differences Units - g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr

Variable	Degrees of freedom	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	Error variance	F	Probability
Calves (C)	2	140059	70030			
Days (D)	2	6345	3172	e3 <sup>2</sup>	9.88	P>0.05
CxD	4	2076	519	e1 <sup>2</sup>	1.77	P>0.05
'Months' (M)	6	293510	48918	CxM	7.09	0.01>P>0.001
CxM	12	82840	6903	e1 <sup>2</sup>	23.48	0.001>P
DxM	12	4297	2 - 291	- -		
CxDxM	24	6272	<b>e1</b> = 294			
Regions (R)	7	464785	66398	CxR	24.32	0.001>P
CxR	14	<b>3</b> 8223	2730	e <sup>2</sup> 3	21.84	0.001>P
DxR	14	1593	114			
CxDxR	28	<b>559</b> 8	200			,
MxR	42	68140	1622	CxMxR	3.17	0.001>P
CxMxR	84	42966	512	e <sub>2</sub> 3	4.10	0.001>P
DxMxR	84	11050	$a^{2} - 125$			
CxDxMxR	168	20541	$c_2 = 12j$			
Total	503	1188295			2 2 7	
Times (T)	2	1434	717	e3 3	2.23	P>0.05
CxD - T	2	642	e <sub>3</sub> <sup>2</sup> = 321	- - - -		
CxD	<u> </u>	2076				

(Days) are not statistically significant when tested against the residual error variance  $e_3^2$ , but are significant (P < 0.001) when tested against the residual error variance  $e_1^2$ . The numerical difference between the two error variances is small, but the estimate of the first  $e_3^2$ , being based on only two degrees of freedom, does not allow a reasonable assessment of significance. The results therefore indicate that cutaneous evaporation rate for this group of three calves was lower on the first day of each 'month' than on the next two days, suggesting some form of acclimatisation, but they do not permit the extension of this statement to Ayrshire calves in general. The overall mean rate of cutaneous evaporation recorded from observations on animals that had entered the climatic room at different times of day were 89.0, 85.4 and 85.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr for entry at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. These differences (Times) are not statistically significant when tested against either of the error variances,  $e_3^2$  and  $e_1^2$ . There is therefore no evidence of the results being influenced by any diurnal variation.

The differences between the overall mean rates of cutaneous evaporation measured in separate 'months' (Months) and the degree to which this monthly variation differed between calves (CxM) were both statistically significant. The trends are shown in Fig. 21. Evaporation rate tended to rise with increasing age from 10 to 34 weeks for all three calves but there was a marked drop in evaporation rate for calf 222 in the last 'month', and for calf 220 cutaneous evaporation was higher in the first than in the second 'month'. Results



<u>Fig. 21</u>.

The variation with increasing age of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation from six calves when exposed to air temperatures of 38°C (Experiment E, solid lines and open symbols; Experiment D, broken lines and closed symbols).



Fig. 22. The variation with time of year of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation from six calves when exposed to air temperatures of 38°C (Experiment E, solid lines and open symbols; Experiment D, broken lines and closed symbols).

from the measurements on calves 210, 221 and 226 (Experiment D) are included in Fig. 21 for comparison. The mean levels of evaporation for these three animals are not quantitatively comparable with those for calves 219, 220 and 222 since evaporation was not measured on the same set of body regions in each experiment. Also the results plotted for calves 210, 221 and 226 are each averaged from observations during two exposures, one to 35°C and the other to 40°C air temperature, whereas those for calves 219, 220 and 222 refer only to exposures to 38°C. Calves 221 and 226 whose ages during the experiments were between 24 and 37 weeks both showed little change in cutaneous evaporation with age; calf 210, which was older, showed a progressive decline in cutaneous evaporation.

Calf 222 was born approximately 7 weeks later than the other two used in Experiment E and measurements on this animal were made 8 weeks later than the corresponding measurements on calves 219 and 220 for the same 'month' of age. In Fig. 22 the same data as in Fig. 21 are replotted against time of year without regard to age. The increases in cutaneous evaporation rate for calves 219, 220 and 222 all occurred during the period February to June and the later decrease for calf 222 occurred in August. Calves 221 and 226 showed nearly constant cutaneous evaporation rates during July and August and calf 210 showed a decreasing rate during June and July. All measurements on all six calves took place in the same year (1960).

The differences between cutaneous evaporation rates recorded from separate skin regions (Regions) and the degree to which these differences varied between 'months' (MxR) were



Fig. 23.

The variation with increasing age of the rate of cutaneous evaporation observed from eight skin regions of calves when exposed to air temperatures of 38°C (Experiment E).

BS	Back sacral	MB	Mid belly
BTh	Back thoracic	MF	Mid flank
Ch	Cheek	N	Neck
D	Dewlap	RH	Rear baunch
ע	Dewiap	КH	Rear haunch





The mean levels of rectal  $(T_r)$  and skin  $(T_s)$  temperatures, respiratory rate (R) and rate of cutaneous evaporation  $(E_s)$  observed from calves when exposed to air temperatures of 38°C in successive 'months' (Experiment E).

both statistically significant. The trends are shown in Fig. 23. Evaporation increased from all regions as the animals grew older but appeared to reach a maximum value at about 30 weeks of age and then to decline. The decline during the last month was however largely due to the influence of the results for calf 222.

The variation between calves of the difference between cutaneous evaporation rates on separate regions (CxR) was statistically significant, but this variation was small compared with the differences themselves. The relative trends have already been presented and discussed (Table 11, p. 63).

# Rectal and skin temperature and respiratory rate

Rectal and skin temperature and respiratory rate all altered for each animal with increasing age (Fig. 24), but the form of the trends differed markedly between animals. All three quantities tended to fall as the calves grew older, but for calf 222 there was a reversal of these trends after the third 'month' and for calf 220 all three quantities were lower in the first 'month' than in the second.

### Cutaneous Evaporation in Relation to Body Temperature

In Fig. 24, which was described in the preceding section, the variation of cutaneous evaporation rate with increasing age is included for comparison with the other variables. From observation of Fig. 24 it can be concluded that there was a striking positive correlation between both rectal and skin temperatures and respiratory rate for each calf; moreover
Table 14. Comparison between animals for exposures to air temperatures 35 to 40°C (See p. 80). (Experiments C, D and E).

Calf	Cutaneous evaporation $g/m^2$ .hr	Rectal temperature °C	Age weeks	Date of measurements
199	56	40.1	29	December
197	83	39•9	36	December
222	97	39•2	31-34	August
196	99	39•3	37	November
219	100	38•9	30-34	June/July
220	104	39•1	30-34	June/July
210	111	38•6	39 <b>-</b> 44	June/July
221	113	38•7	28 <b>-</b> 37	June/August
226	115	39•3	28 <b>-</b> 31	August

cutaneous evaporation, especially for calves 219 and 220, appeared to be negatively correlated with each of the other three variables. Table 14 shows the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation and the mean rectal temperature in warm environments for the nine calves used in Experiments C. D and E. Evaporation rate in all instances is the mean rate from the four body regions that were studied in all experiments. For calves 196, 197 and 199 (Experiment C) and for calves 210, 221 and 226 (Experiment D) each value represents the mean over pairs of exposures, one to 35° and one to 40°C air temperature; the two exposures, in all except one instance (calf 197), being separated in time by not more than one week. For calves 219, 220 and 222 (Experiment E) each value represents the mean over six exposures to 38°C. In order to eliminate so far as possible the effects of age the results for the first five 'months' of Experiment E and the first set of measurements on calf 226 were excluded in the computation of the table. The values given in Table 14 thus summarise the mean levels of cutaneous evaporation rate and of rectal temperature from nine animals, which were all aged 27 weeks or over at the time of the observations. The ages of the animals and the time of year are also included in the table. The animals are listed in order of increasing evaporation and this results in those with the highest rectal temperatures tending to be grouped at the top of the table. The final column of the table shows, however, that the two lowest rates of cutaneous evaporation and highest levels of rectal temperature were recorded during the coldest month.

# CHAPTER IV

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#### DISCUSSION

## The Ventilated Capsule Method

Measurement of cutaneous evaporation by the ventilated capsule method has been discussed theoretically in Chapter II. The experimental findings show that the figure obtained for the evaporation rate from the skin is influenced by the geometry of the capsule and the rate of ventilation. In order to estimate the rate of cutaneous evaporation  $E_0$  from undisturbed skin (i.e. in the absence of a capsule) it is necessary either to employ a critical flow rate  $F_0$ , or to interpolate to  $F_0$ . It was estimated that

$$E_o = E (F_o/F)^k$$

where E is the observed evaporation rate at the flow rate F employed. For the particular design of capsule and under the conditions of air movement pertaining in the climatic room  $F_0$ was estimated to be 1.93 l./min and k to be 0.202. The estimate of  $F_0$  is of poor accuracy but the equation shows that even a 100% error in  $F_0$  would only affect  $E_0$  by 15%: this is due to the fact that k is small compared with unity.

For any alternative design of capsule the values of both  $F_o$  and k would have been different. The earlier experiments in which capsules without baffled inlet ports were used on clipped skin areas (Table 4, p. 28), suggest a value of approximately 0.4 for k. Under such conditions a 100% error in  $F_o$  affects  $E_o$  by approximately 30%. Kibler & Yeck (1959) used ventilated capsules similar in size to those used in the present experiments. They also found increasing rates of evaporation as ventilation rate rose, and their results suggest a value for k of approximately

0.5. Taneja (1959), who used hemispherical capsules of area 19.6 cm<sup>2</sup>, stated that on increasing flow rate from 0.5 to 2 l./min evaporation rose from 75 to 200 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr at the same air temperature; this corresponds to k = 0.71. The quantity k, which represents the degree to which evaporation is affected by ventilation rate, appears to be kept small if the area and depth of the capsule are large and the design ensures an even distribution of air over the skin area under examination. The value of k appears also to be higher for observations on clipped as against normal areas of skin.

It seems probable that choice of capsule designs and flow rates may account for some of the exceptionally high rates of cutaneous evaporation previously reported for cattle. McDowell, Lee & Fohrman (1954) who used small capsules (5 x 2 cm by  $\frac{1}{2}$  cm high) ventilated at 4 l./min found rates (Table 1, p. 9) which were in excess of those reported here by factors of 2.5 to 10, and which greatly exceeded any reasonable estimate of the heat production per unit area. McDowell et al. (1954) and also Taneja (1959) both used flanged capsules fixed to the skin by means of adhesives, and the possibility of collection of moisture from the area covered by the flange cannot be ruled out. This could also result in overestimation of evaporation rate per unit For the small capsules used by McDowell, the area area. covered by the flange was approximately twice as great as the test area.

As a result of the work on capsule techniques, the general principles that appear most likely to provide quantitatively accurate estimates of the normal rate of cutaneous evaporation

may be summarised as follows:-

1. The capsule should not have a flange and it should be pressed lightly against the skin.

The design should ensure uniform air velocity over the test area, i.e. the capsule should not be shallow compared with the linear dimensions of the test area and the inlet ports should be large and baffled, or numerous and dispersed.
 Ambient air should be drawn into the capsule.
 The rate of air flow should give ventilation inside the capsule equivalent to that outside, or else interpolation to these conditions should be made.

The systematic error of the capsule method described here has been estimated to have a possible magnitude of ±12%. In addition to the systematic error statistical errors exist due to the random variation between measurements. The analysis of variance of the data for Experiment E (Table 13, p. 75) provides two estimates of these errors. The error variance  $e_2^2 = 125$  (S.D. =  $\pm 11^{\circ}2$  g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr) is the best estimate available of the statistical error attached to a single observation of the rate of evaporation from a particular skin region of a particular calf exposed on a particular day to the specified thermal environment of the experiment. This error variance contains three components of variation, one due to the instrumental error of the wet and dry bulb apparatus, another due to the error involved in placing the capsule securely and accurately on the chosen region and a third due to any short term fluctuations in evaporation rate with time, i.e. any fluctuations occurring within one day. The precision of the wet and dry bulb apparatus has been estimated as being within

extreme limits of  $\pm 0.2 \text{ mg/l}$ . which is equivalent to approximately  $\pm 4 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr. This corresponds to a standard deviation of approximately  $\pm 2 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr. The remaining two components are not distinguishable from one another, but together they make the major contribution to the error variance  $e_2^2$ .

The error variance  $e_1^2 = 294$ , represents the statistical error attached to the sum of eight single estimates of the rate of evaporation from eight separate regions of any particular calf exposed to the specified environment. The error variance  $e_1^2/8$  thus represents the statistical error attached to the mean rate of evaporation assessed from the eight regions. This variance, from which the components of variation due to the major calf x time trends studied in Experiment E have been removed, contains an estimate of the residual random day-to-day variation  $E^2$  in the rate of cutaneous evaporation from calves exposed to the specified thermal environment of the experiment. It also contains one eighth of the variance  $e_2^2$ :

$$\frac{e_1^2}{8} = \frac{e_2^2}{8} + E^2$$

Hence  $E^2 = (294 - 125)/8 = 21$ 

For any other experiment carried out under similar conditions but with estimates of evaporation rate from n regions the statistical error  $e_n^2$  attached to a determination of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation is therefore given by:

$$e_n^2 = E^2 + e_2^2/n = (21 + 125/n)$$

The information available from Experiment E and from the preliminary experiments, concerning the accuracy of the capsule method may thus be summarised as follows:-

1) There is a systematic error whose maximum possible magnitude is ±12%.

2) The standard deviation of single measurements by the capsule method described, i.e. the instrumental and other random variations that are inherent in the method itself, is estimated at  $\pm 11 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr.

3) The standard error of an estimate of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation from a particular calf based on n individual regional measurements, and including random day-to-day variations, is estimated at  $\pm\sqrt{(21 + 125/n)}$  g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr.

These estimates of variation are based on measurements made on calves exposed to an air temperature of 38°C. It may be that at lower air temperatures, where evaporation rates are generally smaller, the errors are also smaller, and at higher air temperatures the errors may be greater.

Since the data from Experiment D are not orthogonal. a full statistical analysis of the determinations of cutaneous evaporation rates in individual exposures would be complex and unlikely to provide further information on the accuracy of the capsule method. The information already available may however be used to aid the interpretation of the results of Experiment D. The probable standard error of a single determination of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation based on six regional measurements during a single exposure in Experiment D is  $\pm \sqrt{(21 + 125/6)} = \pm 6.5 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr. Similarly the probable standard error of an estimate, based on eight to ten individual exposures, of the mean rate of cutaneous evaporation from the group of calves in Experiment D is approximately  $\pm 6.5/\sqrt{9} =$ These errors apply at an air temperature of 38°C  $\pm 2 \cdot 2 \ g/m^2 \cdot hr$ .



<u>Fig. 25</u>. The sum of the three forms of weight loss (cutaneous evaporative  $E_s$  and respiratory evaporative  $E_r$ and metabolic  $W_m$ ) plotted against total insensible weight loss for individual exposures to the environmental conditions 15, 20 and 25 (o), 30, 35L, 35M and 40 (•) and 35H (x) (Experiment D). at lower temperatures the errors may be less.

### The Accuracy of Weight Loss Determinations

In Fig. 25 the sum of the three separate forms of weight loss is plotted against total insensible weight loss, each point referring to an individual climatic room exposure in Experiment D. The lines drawn on the graph represent the theoretical equality that should exist between these two independent estimates of the same quantity, and error limits of  $\pm 12\%$ . The departure of any point on the graph from the line of equality between the two estimates may arise from a combination of the following:

Systematic errors which include:

a. The systematic error of the capsule method employed (±12%).

b. The error attached to the selection of the six regions studied as being representative of the overall mean rate of cutaneous evaporation (unknown magnitude).

c. Errors, resulting from condensation in the tube leading to the respiratory wet and dry bulb apparatus, which result in systematic underestimation of respiratory moisture loss (unknown magnitude at the environmental conditions 15, 20, 25 and 35H, but known to be non-existent at other environmental conditions).

Random errors which include:

d. The estimated standard deviation of a single determination of cutaneous evaporative weight loss ( $\pm 6.5 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr x surface area, or approximately  $\pm 15 \text{ g/hr}$ ).

<u>Table 15</u>. Statistical analysis of the difference between insensible weight loss and the sum of its three components  $(W_t - E_s - E_r - W_m)$ , (Experiment D). Units: g/hr.

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Environmental conditions	30, 35L, 35M & 40	15, 20, 25	35H
Symbol used in Fig. 25 (p. 86)	•	0	x
Number of observations	34	23	10
Mean difference	8•4	14•9	1•3
Standard deviation of an individual estimate	25•1	12•9	32•9
Standard error of mean	4•3	2•7	10.4
Mean difference expressed as a percentage of E <mark>S</mark>	3•6	35 <b>•3</b>	0•7
Statistical significance of mean difference	0·1 > P > 0·05	0.001 > P	P > 0°25

e. The error of an insensible weight loss determination (estimated to be within extreme limits of  $\pm 14$  g/hr, which corresponds to a standard deviation of approximately  $\pm 8$  g/hr).

f. The statistical errors of the respiratory evaporative and metabolic weight loss determinations (magnitude for a single observation unknown).

The statistical analysis of the difference between the insensible weight loss as measured directly and as calculated from determinations of cutaneous and respiratory evaporative and metabolic weight losses is given in Table 15. For exposures to conditions where condensation was known not to occur in the respiratory gas sampling tube the standard deviation of the difference between the two estimates is  $\pm 25 \cdot 1$  g/hr. The errors (d) and (e) account for approximately half this variation and it therefore appears that the errors associated with the mask measurements are of the same order of magnitude as those associated with the measurement of The mean difference between the cutaneous evaporative loss. two estimates is  $8.4 (\pm 4.3 \text{ S.E.}) \text{ g/hr}$  or 3.6% of the mean cutaneous weight loss. This difference is of doubtful significance and is well within the maximum possible systematic error (a) of the capsule method. The possibility cannot be excluded that a systematic error of up to ±12% in the capsule method is cancelled by a nearly equal and opposite systematic error (b) in the selection of skin regions. It is however more probable that both errors (a) and (b) are well within the ±12% limits.

For exposures to the environmental conditions 15, 20 and 25 when condensation was always visibly evident in the respiratory gas sampling tube the standard deviation of the difference between the two insensible weight loss estimations is ±12.9 g/hr. This lower value for the standard deviation than the previous estimate probably results from smaller numerical errors in the determinations of cutaneous evaporative and of respiratory weight losses at the lower environmental The mean difference under these conditions temperatures. is 14.9 (±2.7 S.E.) g/hr or 35.3% of the mean cutaneous weight loss. This difference is highly significant and well outside the possible systematic error of the capsule method. There is little doubt that the main cause of the difference lies in errors (c) in the estimate of respiratory evaporative loss due to condensation in the respiratory gas sampling tube. For this reason respiratory evaporative weight losses were estimated, for the environmental conditions 15, 20 and 25, by the indirect method, i.e.  $E_r = W_t - E_s - W_m$ .

For exposures to the environmental condition 35H the scatter of the data is too great to permit any conclusions being drawn with regard to systematic errors. At this environmental condition the mean difference between the two estimates of insensible weight loss is negligible. Since at this condition condensation was visible in the respiratory gas sampling tube, the data, for consistency, were interpreted in the same manner as that for the conditions 15, 20 and 25.



The effects of environmental temperature and humidity on the moisture content of respiratory gases (Experiment D).

- m1 moisture content of air entering the mask
  m2 observed moisture content of air leaving the
  mask
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{m}_3}$  saturation moisture content at body temperature
- m calculated moisture content of air leaving the mask, assuming expiration of air at m<sub>3</sub> by the animal.

### The Mask Method for Respiratory Analysis

The mask method used for estimating respiratory evaporation (the direct method) is clearly inadequate when condensation occurs in the tube leading to the respiratory wet and dry bulb apparatus. The difference method is not of great accuracy since the errors of all three components (insensible, cutaneous and metabolic weight losses) are additive and respiratory evaporation represents only a small proportion of the total insensible weight loss. In addition, the accumulation of an unknown quantity of condensed water in the mask assembly during the course of the experiment represents a further source of error. The moisture content of air expired from the mask was, however, nearly constant over the air temperature range studied, despite the fact that it was estimated by the direct method at higher temperatures and by the difference method at lower temperatures. The moisture content of air expired from the mask was approximately 28 mg/l. at all air temperatures when room air humidity was held at 8 mg/l. but rose to 33 and 40 mg/l. when room air humidity was increased to 18 and 32 mg/l. at an air temperature of  $35^{\circ}C$ . These levels are shown in Fig. 26 by the curves  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , the latter being replotted from Fig. 19 (p. 73). The levels of curves m<sub>2</sub> may be shown to result from mixing of the respiratory gases in the mask if it is assumed that under all environmental conditions the animal breathes out air into the mask with a moisture content corresponding to approximately 90% of saturation at body temperature. In Appendix IV it is shown that if the ratio of the respiratory tidal volume to the volume



<u>Fig. 27</u>. Graph of the equation  $m_0 = m_1 + (m_3 - m_1)[1 - \frac{1}{K}(\frac{e^K - 1}{e^K + 1})]$ (see text p. 91).

of the ventilated dead space of the mask is K, and if air enters the mask from the room at absolute humidity  $m_1$  and is expired by the animal into the mask at  $m_3$ , then the mean level of humidity of air expired from the mask is  $m_0$  where

$$m_0 = m_1 + (m_3 - m_1) \left[1 - \frac{1}{K} \left(\frac{e^K - 1}{e^K + 1}\right)\right]$$

and e is the exponential function.

The graph of this equation is shown in Fig. 27, in which  $m_0$  is plotted, as a fraction of the difference between  $m_3$  and  $m_1$ , against K. The humidity of the air expired from the mask falls from the true expired humidity  $m_3$  when K is infinite (zero dead space) to a level mid way between  $m_3$  and room humidity  $m_1$  when K = 0 (an infinitely large mask). The dead space of the mask used in the experiment was estimated to be approximately 0.8 litres and the mean tidal volumes at the various environmental conditions were in the range 0.85 to 1.1 litres, hence K was of the order of 1.2 for which

 $m_0 = m_1 + 0.55 (m_3 - m_1).$ 

A theoretical computation may thus be made of the humidity of the air leaving the mask  $m_0$  at each environmental condition by assuming that the air expired into the mask by the animal is always saturated at body temperature  $m_3$ . These two humidity levels ( $m_3$  and  $m_0$ ) are shown by the upper two curves of Fig. 26. The agreement between the theoretical curve for  $m_0$ , and the measured values of humidity of air expired from the mask  $m_2$  is close, although the former is always slightly in excess of the latter. The small difference

of the theoretical from the practical estimate of expired air humidity may be eliminated by assuming that the humidity level of air expired by the animal into the mask corresponds to approximately 90% saturation at body temperature. This last assumption may in turn by a similar argument be explained by postulating a second dead space, in the upper respiratory tract of the animal, the volume of this dead space being approximately one-eighth of the tidal volume. This dead space is not the same as the 'respiratory dead space' commonly referred to in studies concerning oxygen-carbon dioxide exchange; nor is it suggested that any anatomically defineable region exists as a true dead space in which moisture evaporation does not occur It is probable that the air representing the final at all. portion of each inspiration is not retained in the upper region of the respiratory tract for long enough to attain equilibrium in temperature and humidity, and that this results in the mixed air of the expiration having a humidity level slightly less than that corresponding to saturation at body temperature.

Although the animals in this experiment expired air into the mask at a considerably higher humidity level than that of the air leaving the mask, this does not mean that the respiratory evaporative loss was incorrectly estimated, because it also follows that the humidity of the air inspired by the animal from the mask was increased above the level of room air humidity by a corresponding amount. The respiratory evaporative loss measured was therefore the true quantity of respiratory moisture lost by the animal under the experimental conditions. The quantity of water vapour added to each litre of respired air was,

however, limited to approximately 55% of what it could have been had the mask not been worn. Since there was no visual evidence that tidal volume or respiratory rate were appreciably influenced by the presence of the mask, respiratory moisture loss must also have been reduced by 55%. It follows that when a mask equipped with inlet and outlet valves is applied to an animal, it must inevitably reduce the respiratory moisture loss unless the dead space is kept very small. It would be difficult to design an efficient mask suitable for use with cattle in which the dead space was less than, say, one quarter of the tidal volume; even this would result, according to Fig. 27, in a reduction of respiratory evaporation by 24%. Under conditions of very severe heat stress when tidal volume falls to much lower values the problem would become more acute. The results suggest that over a wide range of ambient temperatures and humidities, the humidity of air expired by cattle corresponds to approximately 90% of saturation at body temperature. Kibler & Brody (1950, 1952) have reported that the moisture content of air expired by cattle rises as air temperature increases from -15 to 40°C, and is far below that corresponding to saturation at body temperature. Taneja (1958) has reported that the vapour pressure of air expired by cattle rose from 37 mm Hg at 30°C to 44 mm Hg at 42.5°C with fixed ambient vapour pressure of 30 mm Hg. Taneja and also Knapp & Robinson (1954) used modified forms of the mask method of Kibler & Brody (1950) for measuring respiratory moisture loss. All of these workers measured the humidity of the air expired from the mask rather than that directly expired by the animal. If the results of

all these workers are examined it is found that the observed respiratory moisture loss at high air temperatures is in nearly every instance between 40 and 60% of what it would have been had the air expired from the mask been saturated at body temperature. It seems likely that respiratory moisture loss was in all instances affected by mask dead space in the same way as has been discussed on pp. 90 - 92 for the observations reported here.

At low air temperatures it is probable that the moisture content of air expired by the animal is no longer maintained at the level corresponding to 90% saturation at body temperature. Fig. 26 shows that the humidity of air expired from the mask was less at 15°C than at higher air temperatures, but this could have been due partially to the accumulation of condensed water in the mask itself. The results of Kibler & Brody (1952) also show that below 20°C the observed respiratory vaporization rate continued to decline although the rate calculated by assuming expiration from the mask of air saturated at body temperature remained virtually unchanged. The results of Taneja (1958) however suggest that the moisture content of expired air started to decline at an air temperature between 32.5 and 30°C.

The reasoning that has been applied to the effect of the mask on respiratory evaporation must also hold for carbon dioxide exchange and for respiratory convection. The presence of the mask must have resulted in the animal inspiring air with a carbon dioxide concentration of 0.5 to 1.5% instead of 0.08% as was normal in room air.

# The Regional Distribution of Cutaneous Evaporation

The rate of cutaneous evaporation clearly differs between

different body regions and the results show a considerable degree of uniformity in this respect between animals. The main area of high evaporation in warm environments was found to be the neck and forequarters of the trunk. In general evaporation tended to be greater on the fore and upper regions than on the rear and lower regions of the trunk, although another area of high evaporation was observed around the rear haunch. Evaporation rate was relatively low on the head and least on the underside of the trunk. Evaporation rates were not measured on the distal portions of the limbs or on the tail. This ranking of the regions is in broad agreement with those reported for Holstein-Syrian crossbred cows (Volcani & Schindler, 1954: Berman, 1957), Sindhi-Jersey crossbred cows (McDowell, McMullan, Wodzika & Fohrman, 1955) and Brahman and Santa Gertrudis cows (Kibler & Yeck, 1959). It therefore appears that the regional distribution of cutaneous evaporative heat loss is similar for all breeds of cattle. The results quoted earlier from the findings of McDowell et al. (1954) do not, however, conform with this pattern. The order of decreasing evaporation for the various skin regions studied shows no clear correlation with the order of decreasing sweat gland density in any of the ways in which this was expressed by Findlay & Yang (1950) for Ayrshire cows.

### The Responses to Different Thermal Environments

(Experiment D)

#### Heat production

Heat production did not vary significantly over the

temperature range 15 to 40°C. This was expected in view of the feeding routine whereby the animals were provided with a constant diet of concentrates with additional hay. The food was offered each day, only after the completion of the climatic room exposure, when the appetite of the animal was no longer likely to be limited by heat stress; also the food was all consumed at least 16 hr before the start of the next exposure. For the environments 35L, 35M and 35H the mean level of heat production was 207, 224 and 245 kcal/hr respectively, the difference in heat production being significant (0.01 > P)between the two extreme humidities but not significant (P > 0.05) between the intermediate and either of the extremes. Since body temperature was 0.6°C higher at 35H than at the two lower levels of humidity an increase in heat production of approximately 4.2% or 8.5 kcal/hr (for  $Q_{10} = 2.0$ ) may be expected from the Van't Hoff effect. This partially explains the observed rise. It is probable, however, that the increased work of respiration was also involved; respiratory rate was much higher at 35H than at any other environmental condition.

The fixed level in the calculated value of heat production over a wide temperature range results from the fact that the measured values of both carbon dioxide output and respiratory quotient remained virtually unchanged. Although pulmonary ventilation rate rose with increasing air temperature the concentration of carbon dioxide in expired air fell, so that the total output of carbon dioxide was unaffected. With an increase in air humidity at 35°C, however, when pulmonary



Fig. 28. The relationship between non-evaporative heat loss and the temperature difference between skin and air, at the various indicated environmental conditions. The solid line represents a skin to air thermal conductance of 14 kcal/hr.°C (Experiment D).

ventilation rose considerably the fall in concentration was not sufficient to prevent the total output of carbon dioxide from rising. It might be argued that due to hyperventilation the increase in carbon dioxide output occurred at the expense of a lowering of carbon dioxide concentration in the body fluids, and that the heat production was not in reality greater than at other environmental conditions. This explanation. seems unlikely in view of the fact that Bianca & Findlay (1961) found no substantial change in the acid-base status of the blood when they exposed calves to mild heat stress that resulted in slightly more elevated respiratory rates than the condition 35H used here.

## Non-evaporative heat loss

The non-evaporative heat loss was zero when air temperature was approximately 37°C, and varied approximately linearly with air temperature at a rate of -10.5 kcal/hr.°C over the range 25 to 40°C. At air temperatures below 25°C the linear relationship was not maintained. According to physical laws nonevaporative heat loss would be expected to vary linearly, not with air temperature itself, but with the difference between air and skin temperatures. Fig. 28 presents the data for all environments in this way. The line drawn in the figure is not a calculated 'best fit' for the points. It has been made to pass through the origin and it represents a skin surface to air thermal conductance of 14 kcal/hr.°C. The plotted points, with the exception of those referring to the environmental conditions 15 and 35H, all lie within ±20 kcal/hr of the line. This scatter is consistent with the combined errors of the estimates

of heat production and evaporative heat loss, the two quantities from which non-evaporative heat loss was calculated by difference. At 15°C the mean level of non-evaporative heat loss was 13% lower than that predicted by the line and at the highest humidity level at 35°C it was more than 100% higher.

The difference between skin and air temperatures was computed from the only skin temperature measurements made, that is on the sacral region of the back. Skin-to-air thermal conductance should properly be based on the mean surface temperature for the whole animal. Although Beakley & Findlay (1955b) have shown that skin temperature is nearly uniform over the trunk, Whittow (1961) has found that at air temperatures of 15°C and below, but not at 20°C and above, skin temperatures on the distal portions of the limbs of calves are near to air temperature and much less than skin temperature on the trunk. It appears that at these low temperatures the lower limbs and certain appendages such as ears and tail are effectively 'shut off' as radiators of heat. The point on Fig. 28 corresponding to an air temperature of 15°C may thus be expected to lie below any line of constant conductance passing through the other points.

The exceptionally high rate of non-evaporative heat loss per °C of skin to air temperature gradient observed at the highest humidity level at 35°C is not so readily explicable. The only obvious reason for an increase in skin-to-air conductance at this environmental level is the extra flank movement brought about by the greatly increased respiratory rate that was observed at this environmental condition only.

Non-evaporative heat loss as calculated for the purpose of plotting Fig. 28 included the heat loss due to forced convection in the respiratory tract, which should properly be excluded from the computation of skin-to-air conductance. Respiratory convective loss could not be calculated since the temperatures of inspired and expired air were not measured; but even if it be assumed that respired air was heated from room to body temperature it may be shown that respiratory convection could only have represented less than 10% of the total non-evaporative heat loss at every environmental condition. The presence of the mask is likely to have nearly halved even this maximum possible level of respiratory convective loss.

Taken as a whole, the estimates of non-evaporative heat loss suggest that, under the conditions of air movement pertaining in the climatic chamber, the skin-to-air conductance of the animals was approximately 14 kcal/°C.hr. The reciprocal of this quantity, 0.071 hr.°C/kcal, represents the thermal resistance or insulation of the skin-to-air barrier.

Despite the large changes that occurred in the temperature difference between deep body and skin, the total quantity of heat lost from the surface (both evaporative and non-evaporative) was of the same order of magnitude at all environmental conditions. These quantities and the ratio of one to the other, which is a measure of the thermal resistance or insulation of the tissues, are given in Table 16. Tissue

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<u>Table 16</u>. The total heat loss from the skin  $(H_s)$ , the difference between rectal and skin temperatures  $(T_r - T_s)$  and the tissue insulation  $(T_r - T_s)/H_s$  for different environments (Experiment D).

Environment	H <sub>s</sub> kcal/hr	T <sub>r</sub> - T <sub>s</sub> °C	Tissue insulation hr.°C/kcal
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15	183	8•53	0•047
20	177	6•88	0•039
25	158	4•47	0•028
30	167	2•49	0•015
35 L	168	1•42	0•008
40	161	0•28	0•002
35M	186	1•21	0•007
35H	201	1•26	0.006

insulation, like skin-to-air insulation, should be based on mean values of skin temperature over the whole surface, and not just on a single estimate from one region. No great accuracy can therefore be claimed for the insulation values given in Table 16, but their relative values show an unquestionable change with air temperature. Tissue insulation increased from a value of approximately 0.002 hr.°C/kcal at 40°C up to 0.046 hr.°C/kcal at 15°C, i.e. by a factor of 23. This remarkable change in tissue conductance would at first sight be expected to influence both the non-evaporative and the evaporative heat loss. Since body temperature did not vary greatly the plot of non-evaporative heat loss against air temperature (Fig. 17, p. 71) also effectively represents non-evaporative heat loss plotted against the temperature gradient from deep body to air. The reason why this relationship is so nearly linear, despite the change in tissue conductance, lies in the fact that at high air temperatures tissue insulation is so much smaller than skin-to-air insulation (0.071 hr.°C/kcal) that the former exerts negligible influence on the non-evaporative heat loss. It is only at relatively low air temperatures, when the resistance to heat flow offered by the tissues becomes comparable with that offered by the skin-to-air boundary, that non-evaporative heat loss is effectively influenced by blood flow changes within the body. This is evidenced by the changing slope at 20 to 15°C of the curve relating non-evaporative heat loss to air temperature and by the apparent change in skin-to-air conductance at 15°C, which as discussed earlier results from

blood flow changes in the distal portions of the limbs.

The changes in local surface temperatures that can occur near environmental temperatures of 15°C have been described for the ears by Beakley & Findlay (1955c) and for the limbs by Whittow (1961). The effects on both ears and limbs, which appear to result from dramatic alterations of blood flow in these organs and which occur within a limited range of air temperature, cannot explain the large change in tissue insulation that was observed over the air temperature range The change may result from generalised cutaneous 20 to 40°C. vasoconstriction-dilation over the trunk, which occurs more gradually than do the effects on the limbs and ears at lower air temperatures, or it may reflect blood flow changes at a deeper level. Blaxter, Graham, Wainman & Armstrong (1959) found correspondingly large changes in tissue insulation for shorn sheep at air temperatures above 25°C. Their measurements did not distinguish between respiratory and cutaneous evaporative heat losses and their estimates of tissue insulation were based on total heat losses from both respiratory tract and skin. They attributed the apparent large change in tissue insulation over this temperature range partly to the inclusion of respiratory moisture loss in their computation. The present results, however, show that for cattle the change in tissue insulation is still marked even if allowance is made for respiratory evaporation.

In the same and in a later paper (Armstrong, Blaxter, Clapperton, Graham & Wainman, 1960) these authors concluded that in sheep generalised cutaneous vasoconstriction and vasodilation 'border on all or none effects' and that vasodilation occurs at environmental temperatures which are only slightly above the critical temperature. Their conclusions are based on comparisons of a quantity 'total conductance, defined as the non-evaporative heat loss divided by the temperature gradient from the rectum to the environment. Whereas this quantity is useful as a concept for consideration of heat losses at low environmental temperatures, where evaporative heat loss is small, its application to conditions where vasoconstriction-dilation occurs is open to question. 'Total conductance' relates one form of heat flow (non-evaporative) to a temperature gradient across part of which another form of heat flow (evaporative) occurs simultaneously. Changes in the rate of cutaneous evaporation, which are considerable over the range of environmental temperatures between which the comparison is made (8 and 32°C) must affect 'total conductance'.

The present results and those of Beakley & Findlay (1955<u>b</u>, <u>c</u>) and Whittow (1961) appear to suggest that thermoregulatory blood flow changes in cattle occur in two phases. First, local variations of blood flow in the limbs, ears and other appendages occur rapidly at air temperatures below 20°C. These local variations are dramatic in their occurrence which is not necessarily simultaneous on all areas and they are effective in limiting the amount of non-evaporative heat loss in cold environments. Secondly, generalised cutaneous vasoconstriction-dilation, particularly on the trunk, or blood flow changes at a deeper level, operate gradually at air temperatures above 20°C. This second phase of thermoregulatory blood flow change has little influence on nonevaporative heat loss because at air temperatures above 20°C the thermal resistance of the tissues to heat flow becomes negligible compared with that of the skin-to-air barrier. The reduction in thermal resistance of the tissues above 20°C is, however, necessary in order to allow an increasing amount of heat transport to the surface for dissipation in the form of cutaneous evaporation.

At very low air temperatures non-evaporative heat loss may be further influenced by physiological means such as pilar erection. At air temperatures above 20°C, however, the only factors which effectively determine the quantity of non-evaporative heat loss are the nature and thickness of the coat and the physical properties of the environment.

### Evaporative heat loss

Evaporative heat loss increased linearly with rising air temperature from 25°C at a rate of ll'9 kcal/hr.°C. From air temperatures of 25° down to 15°C evaporative heat loss declined less rapidly. The rise in evaporative heat loss over the whole temperature range thus very nearly compensated for the fall in non-evaporative heat loss, the amount by which it failed to do so being represented by the amount of heat storage. The storage of heat could obviously not continue indefinitely if the animals were to survive. It is probable that, if the waiting period of 2 hr before the measurements were begun had been extended, then evaporative heat loss would have been increased and heat storage eliminated. The quantity of water evaporated from the respiratory tract (as estimated by the difference method at low air temperatures and by the direct method at high air temperatures) rose steadily over the temperature range studied at a rate of  $1.5 \text{ g/hr.}^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Since the mean surface area of the animals was approximately 2.24 m<sup>2</sup>, the rate of rise of respiratory evaporation may be represented as 0.67 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr.°C.

The quantity of moisture evaporated from the surface was similar to that from the respiratory tract at 15° and at 20°C, but as air temperature increased from 25° to 40°C surface evaporation rose steadily at a rate of 7.8 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr.°C.

As described earlier the presence of the mask is believed to have limited respiratory evaporation to only 55% of the level that it would have attained had the mask not been worn. It is interesting to speculate as to what effect the removal of the mask might have had on the overall heat balance. It is possible that the extra heat loss would have prevented body temperature from rising during the experimental period, i.e. it would have eliminated heat storage; in fact the quantity of extra heat dissipation involved is more than sufficient to have done this. Alternatively it is possible that there would have been a corresponding reduction in cutaneous evapor-If this is accepted then the rates of increase of ation. moisture evaporation per unit surface area at high air temperatures would have been 1.2 g/m<sup>2</sup>.hr.<sup>o</sup>C. for respiratory evaporation and 7.3  $g/m^2$ .hr. °C for cutaneous evaporation. Even under these circumstances the contribution from the surface, to the total evaporative heat loss at high air

temperatures, would still have been two to three times as great as that from the respiratory tract.

If, as is believed, the animal expires air nearly saturated with moisture at body temperature, the only way in which respiratory evaporation may be increased with rising air temperature, is by an increase in pulmonary ventilation. Moreover, for any given environmental level of absolute humidity, respiratory evaporative heat loss must vary directly with the rate of pulmonary ventilation. An increase in respiratory rate with rising air temperature, is therefore of no thermoregulatory value unless pulmonary ventilation also increases. In fact an increase in respiratory rate is usually associated with some increase in pulmonary ventilation, but the latter increase is normally limited by a coincident reduction in tidal volume (Findlay, 1957). Panting as a means of increasing heat loss in hot dry climates may, therefore, not be so efficient as might at first sight be supposed.

At an air temperature of 35°C increasing humidity resulted in a gradual decline in respiratory evaporative heat loss despite the doubling of respiratory rate without decline in tidal volume. Although respiratory evaporation would undoubtedly have fallen further had the increase in pulmonary ventilation not occurred, it is doubtful if the advantage gained by the increase was great enough to offset the extra heat production associated with the work of breathing. On the other hand if the apparent increase in skin-to-air conductance observed at the high level of humidity was consequent on increased flank movement, then the increase in respiratory activity must have been of net advantage to the animal as a means of cooling.

The observed rate of cutaneous evaporation was greater (although the difference is not statistically significant) at 35M than at 35L. The preliminary experiments (Table 6, p. 33) and those of Taneja (1958) also provide evidence that increasing humidity up to moderate levels does not result in reduced cutaneous evaporation. A further increase in environmental humidity to 35H did however result in a marked reduction in cutaneous evaporation. At this environmental condition, the humidity of outlet air from capsules placed on some regions rose to within 90% of saturation at air temperature; the proportional increase in outlet air humidity necessary to maintain cutaneous evaporation at the same level as at lower air humidities would have been physically impossible. It appears, therefore, that it is only when air humidity rises beyond a certain level that cutaneous evaporation is limited by the environment. For the particular animals studied and at an environmental temperature of 35°C the air humidity level in question was not less than 20 mm Hg (46% relative humidity).

When short term as opposed to day-to-day variations in environmental humidity were applied, rectal temperature was unaffected and respiratory rate not greatly affected. This suggests that the short term variations did not appreciably alter the overall thermal balance. Cutaneous evaporation, however, was reduced by increasing environmental humidity over the full range when the variations were of short duration.

Under these conditions cutaneous evaporation followed the trends that would be expected of evaporation from an inanimate surface under the laws of physics. This occurred during a short time interval in which the overall state of thermal balance of the animal was not disturbed and physiological control of evaporation had not, as it were, had time to act. The response of skin temperature was almost identical both to short term and day-to-day humidity variations. At low humidities the higher rate of evaporative cooling of the skin, in the short term as opposed to the day-to-day variations, was apparently counterbalanced by the higher level of deep body temperature so that skin temperature was the same in both. The reverse effects in the responses to high humidities also resulted in the same skin temperatures for both the long and the short term variations.

The overall heat balance of an animal as stated in Chapter I may be expressed by the equation:

$$H_{p} = H_{n} + H_{e} + H_{s}$$

For an animal in a steady thermal state the heat storage term  $H_s$  is zero. In the experiments described, heat production  $H_p$  was unaffected by air temperature or humidity except at the condition 35H, presumably as a result of a steady level of food intake. Non-evaporative heat loss  $H_n$  was determined throughout most of the temperature range solely by the thickness of the coat and the physical properties of the environment. The remaining term in the equation, evaporative heat loss  $H_e$ , was thus fixed near to a predetermined level equal to the difference between  $H_p$  and  $H_n$ . The observed value of  $H_s$  is a measure of the extent to which  $H_e$  failed to be adjusted to this level. The value  $H_e$  consists of two components, respiratory and cutaneous evaporative heat losses. Of these the former has only minor influence on the total, and thus cutaneous evaporation is the major channel of heat loss through which regulation of body temperature may be maintained in the air temperature range under consideration.

Evaporation being a physical process is subject to physical laws. Thus, for example, if the air humidity over the skin is suddenly lowered an increase in cutaneous evaporation must This was observed during the experiments when short occur. term humidity changes were applied. However, after some hours of exposure the rate of evaporation was approximately the same for both the environments 35L and 35M. In the steady thermal state cutaneous evaporation thus becomes adjusted, regardless (within limits) of the physical properties of the environment, to the level determined by the requirements of homoeothermy. Similarly, in the preliminary series of experiments it was found that evaporation rates measured by capsules placed on small finely clipped areas of skin were greater than those from unclipped areas. It was found also that if the entire coat of an animal was clipped the rate of cutaneous evaporation was reduced for exposures to 20°C; but not for exposures to 40°C where non-evaporative heat loss is zero for both shorn and unshorn animals. Reductions, as a result of shearing the coats of animals, have also been reported in the insensible weight loss of cattle (Kriss, 1930a; Mitchell & Hamilton, 1936) and sheep (Lefevre & Auguet, 1930) and in the total
evaporative weight loss of sheep (Blaxter, Graham & Wainman, 1959). Also, increasing the rate of ventilation through a capsule results in increased evaporation from the area under test, but increasing wind velocity to which the animal is exposed results in a reduction in cutaneous evaporation (Thompson, Yeck, Worstell & Brody, 1954). These are all examples of instances in which the physical properties of the environment are changed so as to enhance evaporation from any surface or fixed vapour pressure. When the dhanges are applied suddenly or locally cutaneous evaporation increases; but when they are applied to the entire animal, resulting through increased non-evaporative heat loss in an overall diminution in the need for evaporative cooling, then cutaneous evaporation decreases.

Once a steady thermal state is attained physiological control thus results in the output of moisture from the body to the peripheral layer from which outward physical diffusion of vapour takes place, being quantitatively adjusted to the level of cutaneous evaporation required for the maintenance of homoeothermy. If this happens the physical conditions, necessary for the rate of evaporation being equal to the rate of supply of moisture from the body, occur automatically and independently of the environment. Thus if ambient humidity suddenly increases, then the temporarily reduced evaporation, due to the decreased diffusion gradient, results in a build-up in moisture concentration that automatically re-establishes the gradient at its previous level.

The above explanation has the same practical significance

as the theory involving wetted area (Gagge, 1937) and that involving relative humidity of the skin (Mole, 1948) both proposed in relation to cutaneous evaporation in man. The concept of wetted area as a physiological variable is however unnecessary to the argument. Wetted area, or relative humidity of the skin, or whatever it may be called, is merely a measure of the moisture concentration that exists at the peripheral layer from which outward diffusion takes place. The anatomical definition of this peripheral layer and the physiological means of controlling the supply of moisture to it are discussed in a later section.

In nearly all the studies on cattle reported from the University of Missouri (Kibler & Brody, 1950, 1952; Kibler & Yeck, 1959), evaporative heat loss, and in particular cutaneous evaporative heat loss, rose at first with increasing air temperature, but reached a limiting value at temperatures (depending on breeds and states of growth or lactation) of 27°C and upwards. For the same animals, heat production decreased from previously steady values when the air temperature was raised above approximately the same temperature levels. These animals were subjected to prolonged (up to 2 weeks) climatic room exposures to each environmental temperature, and other reactions to thermal stress included reductions in food consumption and milk production. Kibler (1960) exposed a group of animals, which had previously reacted to prolonged exposures in the manner just described, to temperatures of 40 to 43°C for periods of 6 hr. He found that the rates of heat production rose during the exposure. In the present studies

where the animals were also subjected to relatively short exposures, evaporative heat loss rose steadily as air temperature increased up to the highest level applied; meanwhile heat production showed no change, and the intake of food (which was consumed each day after the animals had been removed from the climatic room) was presumably the same throughout. Kibler & Brody (1952) describing their observations stated that all breeds attained maximal sustained outer surface evaporative rates of 150  $g/m^2$ .hr and also that as non-evaporative heat loss fell with rising air temperature an unlimited rise of body temperature was prevented by a reduction in heat production (also in food consumption and milk production). This might have been expressed with different emphasis as follows: due to the reduced food consumption at high air temperatures heat production declined and so the need for incresed evaporation to maintain a steady body temperature was obviated.

The question, as to whether heat production declined because evaporative heat loss was incapable of further increase or whether evaporative heat loss ceased to rise because heat production declined, cannot be answered with certainty from the data. It is probable that the correct explanation lies somewhere between the two extreme possibilities. If an animal is subjected to a hot environment, a steady level of body temperature (disregarding diurnal fluctuations) is attained after a few hours. This steady level, despite increased evaporative heat loss, is elevated above that normally maintained in a thermoneutral environment. If the elevated body temperature results in a voluntary reduction in food intake, then prolonged exposure to the hot environment will eventually

result in reduced heat production and consequently a reduced thermoregulatory requirement for evaporative heat loss. Such an argument could explain why the evaporative heat loss from animals subjected to prolonged high temperature exposures does not rise beyond a certain limit with further increase in air temperature. Beef steers fed on fixed diets and subjected by Blaxter & Wainman (1961) to exposures lasting 4 days, showed no change in heat production between air temperatures of 15 and 25°C but a 3.5 to 7% increase at 35°C. Heat production in this instance was not depressed even after 4 days because the food intake level was kept constant, and evaporative heat loss was still sufficient to maintain a steady body temperature. Neither the steers of Blaxter and Wainman, however, nor the calves used in the present studies attained the maximal cutaneous vaporization rate quoted by Kibler and Brody (150  $g/m^2$ .hr), even It at the highest air temperatures to which they were exposed. is therefore still uncertain whether or not this maximal rate represents an absolute physiological upper limit of the evaporative capacity of the skin.

# The Reactions to Heat Stress at Different Ages

## (Experiment E)

The rate of cutaneous evaporation from three animals exposed to an air temperature of 38°C rose continuously as they aged from 10 to 34 weeks, except that one animal showed a decrease in evaporation during the first 'month' and another did so in the last 'month'. The increase in evaporation occured from all body regions examined and the ranking of the

different regions in order of increasing evaporation was not appreciably altered as the animals grew older. Two of the calves used in Experiment D had approximately constant rates of cutaneous evaporation between the ages of 24 and 37 weeks but cutaneous evaporation from the third animal decreased over the age period 39 to 44 weeks. This general pattern of changing cutaneous evaporation with age conforms with that found for Shorthorn heifers permanently housed in a room maintained at 27°C (Kibler & Yeck, 1959), i.e. cutaneous evaporation rate rising with age to a maximum and then declining. The maximum rates from the Shorthorns, however, did not occur until an age of 10 to 11 months. Brahman and Santa Gertrudis heifers exposed to the same conditions as the Shorthorns evaporated decreasing amounts of moisture per unit area of skin over the entire period for which results were given, that is from 4 to 16 months of age. Taneja (1958) found higher rates of cutaneous evaporation at 8 and 12 months than at 4 months for both a Shorthorn and a Zebu-Shorthorn crossbreed. Klemm & Robinson (1955) measured total moisture loss and respiratory rate from Zebu-Hereford crossbreeds and from Australian-Illawara Shorthorns; from their data they concluded that the A-I. Shorthorns must have increased their rates of cutaneous evaporation between experiments conducted at 1 to 3 months and at 6 to 8 months, but they found no further increase in total evaporation per unit area at 12 to 13 months. Their crossbred animals maintained a steady total evaporative loss per unit area throughout.

The time of year, during which the present study on the

effects of age was carried out, was unfortunately chosen. The observed increasing rates of cutaneous evaporation all took place during the period over which outside air temperature normally increases and the only two decreasing rates at about the times when the trends in outside air temperature are also reversed. The results from Experiment D did not appear to vary so consistantly with the weather; but on the other hand relatively low cutaneous evaporation rates were also observed in Experiment C, from calves subjected to hot room exposures during November and December. From the present results it is therefore impossible to conclude that the variations in cutaneous evaporation did not result at least in part, from responses to varying weather conditions or to some related factor such as the length of hair coat. The relatively thinner coat of an animal in summer, by allowing increased non-evaporative heat loss, would be expected to result in decreased evaporative heat loss for exposure to the same thermal environment. This, however, is the reverse of the observed trend. Any variation associated with time of year would not be expected to have so much influence on the observations at Missouri where the animals were permanently housed in the controlled atmosphere of the climatic room, although the peak rate of cutaneous evaporation for the Shorthorns again appears to have coincided with midsummer. It is, however, unlikely that the large variations observed in Experiment E in cutaneous evaporation rate, respiratory rate and body temperature may all be attributed entirely to seasonal effects. Unfortunately, an experiment that would distinguish conclusively between the effects of age

and season would, for obvious reasons, take a very long time. One other factor which must have a bearing on the variation of cutaneous evaporation with age is the level of heat production. For the animals at Missouri heat production increased throughout the ageing period but heat production per unit area of surface (Kibler, 1957), which is the proper variable for comparison with heat loss per unit area, increased to a maximum at 6 to 7 months of age and then declined. This pattern was, however, observed with all three breeds (Shorthorn, Santa Gertrudis and Brahman) and cannot therefore be the sole factor accounting for the responses of cutaneous evaporation, which, for the Shorthorns only, rose to a maximum and then declined.

Whatever the reason for the changes in cutaneous evaporation the negative correlations between cutaneous evaporation on the one hand and skin and rectal temperatures and respiratory rate on the other are most striking, especially for calves 219 and 220 (Fig. 24, p. 78). The elevated skin and rectal temperatures of these animals when young and in a hot environment suggests that any physiological mechanism for increasing heat loss must have been stimulated; this apparently resulted in very great respiratory activity and yet cutaneous evaporation remained low. As the animals grew older the skin and body temperatures were lower and the stimulus presumably reduced, as evidenced by the decrease in respiratory activity, and yet cutaneous evaporation increased. It appears that as the animals grew older the physiological mechanisms that control cutaneous evaporation or that make moisture available for evaporation

were undergoing development. The very fact that they were undergoing development and providing increasing evaporation from the skin, resulted in increased cooling and a progressive decrease in the stimulus for respiratory activity. If these effects are due to ageing, and it is hard to believe that they are purely seasonal, then there appears to be a case for providing cooled living quarters for young European stock being reared in tropical environments. In the experiments at Missouri the Shorthorn calves raised in an environment of 27°C had lower rates of live weight gain than a similar group raised at 10°C, but the Brahmans put on weight more rapidly at the higher temperature (Ragsdale, Chu Shan Cheng & Johnson, On the other hand it is possible that the need for 1957). evaporative cooling may provide a stimulus to the development of the physiological means of providing it.

### Evaporation and Heat Tolerance

The results of Experiment E suggest that the heat tolerance of an animal subjected to a hot environment improves as the animal's capacity for cutaneous evaporative cooling increases; this observed trend is, however, associated either with age or with season. The combined results of Experiments C, D and E further suggest that heat tolerance, between different animals of the same breed and comparable age, is greatest for the animals with the highest rates of cutaneous evaporation (Table 14, p. 79); the evidence for this is not so conclusive and is also obscured by the possible influence of season. In each of these comparisons between exposures to similar thermal



Fig. 29. Theoretical inter-relationships between heat production  $(H_p)$ , and evaporative  $(H_e)$  and nonevaporative  $(H_n)$  heat losses per unit surface area at different air temperatures. for two animals (a & b) with the same coat insulation but different levels of heat a.

- production.
- b. for two animals (c & d) with different coat insulations but the same level of heat production.

environments increasing rates of cutaneous evaporation are associated with decreasing levels of rectal temperature. These findings are not, as might at first sight appear, contradictory to the evidence of Kibler & Yeck (1959). They found that for animals of different breeds all exposed to the same warm environment ( $27^{\circ}$ C) those of the most heat tolerant breed (Brahman), that is those with the lowest level of rectal temperature, were also the ones with the lowest rate of evaporation per unit area from the skin. They concluded:-'Evaporative cooling <u>per se</u> is not the determining factor in the heat tolerance of different breeds of cattle'.

The distinction lies in the difference between evaporative capacity on the one hand and the thermoregulatory requirement for evaporative cooling into a given environment on the other. The possession of a high evaporative capacity does not imply that the capacity must be utilised. Other factors, notably heat production per unit area and thermal insulation of the coat, are often of greater practical significance than evaporative capacity in determining heat tolerance. This is illustrated by Fig. 29. Suppose that two animals A and B (Fig. 29a) have heat production levels per unit surface area  $H_{n}(a)$  and  $H_{n}(b)$  over the range of physical thermoregulation, and that the insulation of the coat is the same for both animals; then non-evaporative heat loss for both animals will vary with air temperature according to the line H<sub>n</sub> which passes through zero when air temperature is approximately equal to body temperature, and the slope of which, as discussed earlier, is nearly constant and primarily determined by skin-to-air

insulation. In order to maintain body temperature constant, evaporative heat loss must be held at all air temperatures equal to the difference between heat production and nonevaporative heat loss. This is represented by the lines  $H_{e}(a)$  for animal A and  $H_{e}(b)$  for animal B. At any moderately high air temperature, T, evaporative heat loss must be greater for A, which has the higher level of heat production, than for This rate of evaporation must be maintained regardless of в. the animal's evaporative capacity. Similarly Fig. 29b represents the corresponding heat losses for two animals C and D which have the same level of heat production per unit area  $H_p$ , but different amounts of coat insulation and therefore different non-evaporative heat losses  $H_n(c)$  and  $H_n(d)$ . Evaporative heat loss must be held at levels  $H_e(c)$  for animal C and  $H_e(d)$  for animal D. At gir temperature  $T_{v}$ , C with the greater coat insulation must lose more heat by evaporation than D. At an air temperature  $T_y$ , above body temperature, the superior coat insulation of C protects him against non-evaporative heat gain and he does not require to lose as much heat by evaporation as does D. At such very high air temperatures the ultimate ability of the animal to maintain the necessary sustained high level of cutaneous evaporation may be reached. The theoretical curves of Fig. 29 relating heat production and non-evaporative and evaporative heat losses to air temperature have been demonstrated in practice by Blaxter, Graham, Wainman & Armstrong (1959) and Blaxter, Graham & Wainman (1959) for sheep. Their data on shorn sheep fed at different levels of nutrition and on sheep with varying fleece lengths are beautiful illustrations of

Figs. 29a and 29b respectively. For any two animals with the same heat production per unit area and the same coat insulation the evaporative requirement is the same, and the animal with the greatest cutaneous evaporative capacity will presumably maintain the required rate with least increase in body temperature and respiratory activity.

This reasoning may be applied to the three series of practical observations summarised at the beginning of this section (p. 117). The higher cutaneous evaporation rates associated with lower rectal temperatures as the animals grew older (Experiment E) suggest that, in the special case of young European calves, evaporative capacity is a limiting factor in determining heat tolerance; although changes in the rate of heat production per unit surface area may also influence evaporative requirement. For the comparison between nine animals all of the same breed, all within a relatively limited age group, all fed on the same rations and therefore presumably all with similar rates of heat production per unit area and similar amounts of coat insulation, again evaporative capacity appears to have influenced heat tolerance though not so greatly. Finally, for the comparison between breeds (Kibler & Yeck, 1959), heat production per unit area and coat insulation were evidently the over-riding factors. The different rates of evaporation at the same air temperature give little information on the relative evaporative capacities of the three breeds since they were evidently stressed to different degrees by the same environment.

### Physiological Control and Origin of Cutaneous Evaporation

In man the layer from which outward diffusion of moisture takes place is commonly accepted to be the skin surface. The supply of moisture from the body to the surface is accomplished both by sweating and by diffusion. The latter is a reversible process (Buettner, 1953) and is quantitatively small in comparison to the potential output of the sweat glands. By contrast cattle have been frequently described in the past as 'non-sweating', 'slightly sweating' or 'panting' animals. In recent years an increasing amount of evidence, suggesting that the sweat glands of cattle have a thermoregulatory function, has been published. Ferguson & Dowling (1955) have observed through a microscope the formation of droplets at the openings of the sweat gland ducts during exposure of Zebu-Jersey crossbred and Ayrshire heifers in a hot environment; and they have obtained prints showing the location of the droplets on bromothymol blue papers pressed onto the skin surface. Visual observation of thermally induced sweat on cattle has been reported also by Taneja (1958). The stepwise increase in the rate of cutaneous evaporation during the initial rise on exposure to heat is suggestive of secretory activity. Similar fluctuations have also been induced artificially in relatively cool environments by local heating of the hypothalamus (Ingram, McLean & Whittow, 1961) which also induced panting and vasodilation. Finally the quantitative dependence of cutaneous evaporation on environmental temperature and humidity reported here and by many other workers already cited cannot be explained by simple diffusion.

The only evidence advanced for the belief that cattle do not sweat in inconclusive; this belief probably arose from the fact that 'streams of sweat' may never be observed on cattle as on horses. It has been suggested that the very poor blood supply to the sweat glands of cattle by comparison with man may account for the inability of the glands to secrete. On the other hand the number of sweat glands per unit area of cattle skin is greater than that of man, and a rough calculation shows that the mean output per gland in cattle would only have to be about one-fiftieth of that in man to produce the quantities of evaporated moisture that have been observed; the size of sweat droplets on cattle would therefore not be expected to be nearly so great as on man. This, together with the difficulty of observation caused by the coat, may well be the reason why thermal sweating is never obviously visible in cattle. It can only be stated with certainty that the overall secretion rate of cattle is never great enough for the formation of streams of sweat. One other reason for concluding that cattle do not sweat has been raised by Freeborn et al. quoted by Findlay (1950) and by Regan & Richardson (1938). These workers washed down cattle that had been subjected to thermal stress and found a negative result when they tested the wash water for chlorides; this only suggests that the sweat secreted by cattle, if there is any at all, does not contain chlorides. Villares & Berthet (1952), however, have reported a positive result from a similar experiment.

The weight of evidence thus seems overwhelmingly in favour of the sweat glands of cattle having some thermoregulatory

function. If this is accepted then it is probable that the region from which outward diffusion of moisture takes place is, as on man, the skin surface.

The physiological mechanism that stimulates sweating in cattle is not known, and that in man is still subject to Benzinger (1959) has reported evidence suggesting controversy. that in the range of physical regulation, sweating and thermoregulatory changes of blood flow in man are solely and minutely determined by internal temperature. This conclusion was drawn from experiments on one subject only and with fixed levels of humidity and air movement. In a later paper Benzinger (1960) reported that the critical level of internal temperature above which sweating takes place and the rate of increase of evaporation with increasing internal temperature differs between subjects. Benzinger assumes that, with the low level of humidity that was maintained in the calorimeter, the rate of evaporation was equal to the rate of sweat secretion. It is likely that this assumption is valid as an approximation, although the experiments of Buettner (1959<u>a</u>, <u>b</u>) and of Buettner & Holmes (1959) show that backward diffusion of sweat through the skin of man can result in the rate of evaporation being considerably less than the rate of Had Benzinger's experiments been extended to include secretion. observations at other levels of humidity and air movement it is probable that different rates of evaporation would have been obtained at any fixed level of rectal temperature. This is, however, only a minor reservation and it does not invalidate Benzinger's conclusion that the rate of sweat secretion is determined solely by internal temperature. If this is true for



Fig. 30. Mean rates of cutaneous evaporation plotted against skin and rectal temperatures for individual exposures of three calves (Experiment D).

man, is it also true for cattle?

The mean rates of cutaneous evaporation observed in Experiment D are plotted in Fig. 30 for each animal against both skin and rectal temperatures. Each point represents the mean of the observations during a single exposure of an animal at a fixed low level of humidity; measurements at the conditions 35M and 35H are not included. If secretion rate is determined solely by internal temperature then any scatter about a fixed line, of the points relating evaporation rate and rectal temperature, must be due to errors of approximation The standard deviation of a measurement of or measurement. mean evaporation rate is estimated at  $\pm 6.5 \text{ g/m}^2$ .hr; this in itself is clearly insufficient to account for the scatter. The accuracy of the thermocouple system  $(\pm 0.1^{\circ}C)$  is also too small to be a significant cause. The use of rectal temperature as a measure of the internal temperature that stimulates the thermoregulatory mechanisms is, however, open to question (Benzinger, 1961). Bligh (1957) has shown that the rectal temperature of calves differs from the temperature of the blood in the carotid artery by a constant amount in steady state conditions. It is, however, frequently found, when the rectal thermometer is re-inserted following defaecation, that the observed temperature has altered from its previous level by up to  $0.3^{\circ}C$ ; but the effects of such variations should be reduced by the process of averaging over six to eight quarterhourly readings. The lines on the graphs of Fig. 30 have been drawn by eye. The scatter of the points about the lines relating evaporation to rectal temperature could be due to the

combined effects of the errors just discussed for calves 210 and 226, with one exception in each instance; for calf 221 the scatter is greater. Similarly the scatter of the points about the lines relating evaporation to skin temperature could be due to errors of measurement, especially since skin temperature was measured on only two body regions. Taken as a whole these results do not provide any conclusive proof that sweating activity in cattle is initiated solely by either peripheral or central afferent stimulus.

If sweat gland activity is determined solely by internal temperature then the graphs of Fig. 30 suggest that both the internal threshold temperature for the activation of the sweat glands and the rate of increase of evaporation with increasing rectal temperature differ between individuals. Thus a higher level of rectal temperature was required in order to provide the stimulus necessary for a given rate of evaporation from calf 226 than from the other two animals. This is suggestive of differing evaporative capacities between the animals. The results of Experiment E also suggest widely differing evaporative capacities between young animals at different ages. In that experiment the relationship between evaporation rate and rectal temperature was altogether different; increasing rates of evaporation being associated with decreasing levels of rectal temperature. It is clear that any close correlation between evaporation rate and internal temperature presupposes both a fixed threshold temperature for sweat gland activity and a fixed evaporative capacity for any one animal. It is by no means certain that these conditions were satisfied in Experiment D

which was conducted on growing animals and with the measurements on each animal spread over 8 to 14 weeks.

If the points corresponding to the condition 35H are inserted in Fig. 30 it is found in all instances that they lie well to the right of the rising lines drawn through the plotted points. The points **corresponding** to 35M also tend to fall to the right of the lines but do not depart from them greatly. If secretion rate is determined by internal temperature it is necessary to assume that at the higher humidity levels much of the secreted moisture, since it did not visibly accumulate on the skin, must have diffused backwards through the skin. This explanation is also necessary to account for the local effects due to varying hair coat length and ventilation rate within capsules.

The fact that the overall mean rate of cutaneous evaporation is always adjusted to maintain a constant or near constant level of body temperature is of itself suggestive of internal control of evaporation rate. It is difficult to visualise how any thermoregulatory system can effectively maintain internal temperature within such close limits if the stimulus for thermoregulatory processes is primarily dependent on surface temperature. Conversely if the stimulus is primarily or solely derived from internal temperature, then the evaporation rate and degree of vasomotor activity so determined will influence the skin temperature level attained. It would therefore be expected that skin temperature should be correlated with evaporation rate; but skin temperature in this instance would be the effect rather than the cause.

The stepwise increases in the rate of cutaneous evaporation and the coincident transient rises in skin temperature that were observed following the start of climatic room exposures may be analogous to the more marked effects that have been described for sheep (Bligh, 1961). Bligh observed occasional spontaneous increases in skin temperature and in the humidity of air passing through a 'sweat cup' that was attached to the skin of the animal. He attributed these effects to spontaneous discharges of moisture from apocrine sweat glands and to the heat evolved in the exothermic reaction that occurs when wool is wetted. The transient rises in the skin temperature of the calves were only observed during the initial period of each exposure and were of a lower order of magnitude than those reported for sheep. This could be due to the hair of cattle having a lower 'heat of wetting' than that of wool or it could be due to the quantity of sweat secreted by cattle being smaller than that secreted by sheep.

#### SUMMARY

1. The ventilated capsule method for measuring cutaneous evaporation has been critically analysed. A technique has been developed for eliminating the effect, due to the presence of the capsule, on the rate of cutaneous evaporation. Wet and dry bulb thermocouples have been used with ventilated capsules to provide continuous instantaneous records of cutaneous evaporation from calves.

- 2. A mask method has been used to determine respiratory evaporative and metabolic weight losses and heat production of calves.
- J. Insensible weight loss determinations and simultaneous measurements by the capsules and the mask have been used to provide an independent quantitative check on the accuracy of both methods.
- 4. The regional distribution of cutaneous evaporation from Ayrshire calves subjected to heat stress has been investigated. Evaporation was greatest on the neck and forequarters of the trunk and also on the rear haunch; evaporation was less on the remaining upper portions of the trunk, still less on the flanks and head and least on the under side of the trunk. This distribution is in broad agreement with those previously reported for a number of other breeds.

A partition has been made of the heat losses from
Ayrshire calves exposed to air temperatures between 15 and
40°C. The following conclusions have been drawn:
a) Heat production is uniform over the entire air

temperature range, except at high temperature high humidity conditions where it is elevated; this increase is attributed to the metabolic cost of increased respiratory movement and to the Van't Hoff effect.

b) The thermal insulation of the tissues is small compared with that of the skin to air boundary except at low air temperatures. Blood flow changes therefore exert little influence on non-evaporative heat loss at air temperatures above 20°C. At air temperatures below 20°C non-evaporative heat loss is limited by vasoconstriction in the limbs and in severe heat stress it may be enhanced by increased flank movement due to respiratory activity. Between these extremes non-evaporative heat loss is primarily determined by the insulation of the coat and the physical conditions of the environment.

c) Respiratory evaporation contributes only a small proportion to the total evaporative heat loss under conditions of heat stress. There is some evidence that expired air, except at the lowest air temperature employed, is always 90 to 100% saturated with moisture at body temperature. The presence of the mask is, however, believed to have limited respiratory evaporation to nearly one half of the normal amount. It is suggested that mask methods of respiratory analysis must seriously affect respiratory gaseous exchange unless the dead space is kept extremely small.

d) Cutaneous evaporation is the major means of heat loss under conditions of heat stress. It is quantitatively

controlled by physiological means to such a level that it always makes up the difference between heat production and the other forms of heat loss. Physiological control of cutaneous evaporation is thus effective in overcoming the physical limitation of evaporation by the environment, except at conditions combining high temperature and high humidity.

6.

The effects of short term (duration 20 min) alterations in ambient humidity on body temperature, respiratory rate and on cutaneous evaporation have been compared with the effects of day-to-day humidity alterations of similar magnitude. Rectal temperature was unaffected by the short term variations in humidity, and cutaneous evaporation fell with increasing humidity as would be expected of evaporation from an inanimate surface. These results, together with other cutaneous evaporation measurements obtained with capsules ventilated at different rates and placed over clipped and unclipped skin regions, point to the following conclusion:- Except under extreme conditions, the physical properties of the environment can directly affect the rate of cutaneous evaporation only from local skin areas or for relatively short periods.

7.

Measurements of cutaneous evaporation, respiratory rate and body temperatures have been made on Ayrshire calves exposed to hot dry environments at ages of 10 to 34 weeks. Cutaneous evaporation rose for most of this ageing period but there was some evidence of a maximum rate being attained at approximately 30 weeks old. Cutaneous evaporation under these conditions was negatively correlated with respiratory rate and with skin and rectal temperatures. The increasing heat tolerance of calves as they grew older was due partly to a rising capacity for cutaneous evaporation. The results, however, do not of themselves distinguish as to whether the observed changes are attributable to increasing age alone or whether seasonal effects are also involved.

8. The results of cutaneous evaporation measurements on nine Ayrshire calves have been compared and some evidence has been found that a high level of heat tolerance is associated with high evaporative capacity. Reasons are suggested as to how this finding may be reconciled with the converse statement which has been reported for comparisons between different breeds.

9. From the quantitative measurements of cutaneous evaporation, from the fluctuating nature of cutaneous evaporation under certain circumstances and from evidence in the literature it has been concluded that the sweat glands of cattle are functional.

10. The results have been briefly discussed in relation to the possible sites of the thermal receptors that provide afferent stimulus for the physiological control of cutaneous evaporation.

APPENDIX I

Detailed Results of Experiment C.

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Animal	Date	Air temp. D.B. ° Air temp. W.B. ° Rectal temp. °C	Evaporation rate from right hand side regions (g/m <sup>2</sup> .hr.).	Dewlap Fore haunch	Shoulder Neck Back	thoracic	Fore flank Rear haunch	Rear mid	flank Back lumbar	Back secral	Mid flank	flank	Cheek	Rear leg	Forenead Mid lower	flank	Rear belly	Mid belly	Left mid flank
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#### APPENDIX II

### Detailed Results of Experiment D

Results are given for the following quantities:

Env. Nominal environmental conditions.

An. Animal.

No. Exposure number.

D.B. Room dry bulb temperature, °C.

W.B. Room wet bulb temperature, °C.

V.P. Room vapour pressure, mm Hg.

T<sub>r</sub> Rectal temperature, °C.

T<sub>s</sub> Skin temperature, °C.

R Respirations per minute.

V<sub>+</sub> Tidal volume, litres.

V Volume of dry air expired, l./hr at s.t.p.

y Percentage of carbon dioxide in dry expired air (by volume).

B Th Back thoracic ) M F Mid flank ) Rate of cutaneous

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R	L	Rear leg	evaporation from
М	B	Mid belly	each region and
D		Dewlap	mean rate from
Sł	ı	Shoulder	all six regions (g/m <sup>2</sup> .hr).

Mean

W Body weight, kg.

A Body surface area,  $m^2$ .

E\_ Weight loss by cutaneous evaporation, g/hr.

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E. Weight loss by respiratory evaporation, g/hr.

W<sub>m</sub> Metabolic weight loss, g/hr.

Sum	$E_s + E_r + W_m$ , g/hr.
Wt	Total insensible weight loss, g/hr.
H p	Heat production, kcal/hr.
<sup>Н</sup> е	Total evaporative heat loss, kcal/hr.
H <sub>s</sub>	Heat storage, kcal/hr.
H	Non-evaporative heat loss, kcal/hr.

The values quoted for weight loss by respiratory evaporation are all calculated by the direct method. The values quoted for total evaporative heat loss at environments 30, 35L, 35M and 40 are based on respiratory evaporation calculated by the direct method. The mean values quoted for total evaporative heat loss at environments 15, 20, 25 and 35H are based on respiratory evaporation calculated by the difference method; these values are each marked by an asterisk. The double asterisks indicate exposures for which the data are incomplete; the results for these exposures are excluded from average values of all heat losses, weight losses, body temperatures and respiratory quantities.

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	226	1 2 3	12 22 16	14 18 16	18 15 11	9 12 12	16 15 13	13 23 21	13•7 17•6 15•0	96 111 114	1•93 2•09 2•13
		Av	17	16	15	11	15	19	15•4	1	
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		Av	82	64	93	24	53	90	67•8	;	
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		Av	131	102	105	23	110	139	101.6	-	
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•		Av	157	136	160	67	181	184	147•5		
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		Av	192	156	121	35	136	188	139•2	-	
	226	1 2 3	180 195 203	139 148 162	162 188 95	31 30 22	151 201 193	162 192 197	137•4 158•9 145•2	96 108 123	1•93 2•06 2•22
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	Aver	age	180	147	143	43	166	185	144•6		

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		Av	131	100	99	16	130	130	100•8		
	Aver	age	131	103	99	32	131	134	104•2		
	210	1 2 3	116 88 90	78 70 82	118 76 77	61 21 23	118 92 93	103 94 82	98•9 73•6 74•3	134 147 154	2•33 2•46 2•52
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35H	221	1 2 3 4	82 93 95 106	86 80 75 77	98 92 62 59	52 42 14 15	136 103 94 105	85 88 88 106	89•8 82•9 71•3 78•1	96 115 130 141	1•93 2•14 2•29 2•40
		Av	94	<u>7</u> 9	78	31	110	92	80•5	1	
- - 	226	1 2 3	86 111 110	74 81 82	91 106 51	28 27 23	91 103 90	8 <b>7</b> 102 125	76•1 88•3 80•1	101 113 123	1•99 2•12 2•22
2 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Av	102	<b>79</b>	83	26	95	105	81•5	en ververigenet o	
9 8 ₩ / / -	Aver	age	<b>9</b> 8	78	84	31	102	97	81•4	1 . ACM.	,

Appendix II (cont.)

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Env.	An.	No.	Es	Er	W m	Sum	W <sub>t</sub>	H <sub>p</sub>	He	H <sub>s</sub>	Hn		
	210	1 2 3	24 24 33	7 8 6	15 26 22	46 57 61	57 62 82	239 224 207		12 -10 0			
		Av	27	7	21	55	67	223		l			
15	221	1 2 3 4	18 21 23 28	- 6 6 6	- 17 11 18	- 45 40 52	44 44 60 67	_ 164 202 188		- 9 3 - 7 -15	**		
		Av	24	6	16	46	57	185		- 6			
	226	1 2 3	2 <sup>.</sup> 6 37 32	4 6 4	11 24 13	41 67 49	65 81 -	126 222 139		0 6 - 3	**		
		Av	32	5	17	54	73	174		3			
	Aver	age	28	6	18	52	66	194	2.9*	- 1	166*		
	210	1 2 3	27 28 43	16 17 18	20 22 30	63 67 92	87 78 118	201 223 270	ina i arungan i ≂untaria i	6 1 13			
		Av	33	17	24	74	94	231		- 2	1		
20	221	1 2 3 4	20 29 30 27	- 14 12 13	16 12 21	59 53 60	52 75 - 104	- 164 178 185		1 -19 -17 25	**		
		Av	28	13	18	60	90	175		3			
	226	1 2 3	51 49 41	14 10 12	14 13 17	80 73 70	- 81 78	204 182 188		0 3 1	* *		
		Av	45	11	15	71	8 <b>0</b>	185		2			
	Avera	age	35	14	19	68	88	197	41*	l	155*		
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		Av	61	27	19	106	120	205		4			
25	221	1 2 3 4	50 55 63 58	20 26 22	- 11 18 15	- 87 107 96	1 <b>11</b> 96 140 89	- 150 211 188		-13 19 - 7 0	**		
		Av	59	23	15	96	108	183		4			
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		Av	70	23	17	110	120	164		8			
v oor oo voor oor oo voor oo voo	Avera	age	63	24	17	104	116	184	60*	5	118*		
	210	1 2 3	191 159 119	47 51 42	27 28 11	265 239 173	272 274 175	226 248 226	148 130 100	9 0 2	70 118 124		
and a second		Av	156	47	22	226	240	234	126	4	104		
30	221	1 2 3 4	117 167 149 155	30 32 37 39	14 18 13 24	162 217 199 217	194 204 213 221	140 159 209 181	91 124 115 120	2 8 5 0	46 27 89 61		
		Av	147	34	17	198	208	172	112	4	56		
and the second sec	226	1 2 3	130 135 154	37 44 49	12 12 27	179 191 230	174 237 194	167 200 186	103 111 125	7 11 12	57 79 48		
ermane er dage i nge en er fr		Av	140	43	17	200	202	184	113	.10	61		
	Aver	age	148	42	19	208	217	197	117	6	74		

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Env.	An.	No.	Es	<sup>E</sup> r	Wm	Sum	Wt	Hp	H <sub>e</sub>	Hs	H <sub>n</sub>	··-	
-	210	1 2 3	306 239 229	58 49 48	33 22 18	397 310 296	417 305 291	258 230 220	228 180 173	1 29 12	29 21 35	Balanayiya Do ya o	
		Av	258	52	25	334	338	236	194	14	28		
35L	221	1 2 3 4	228 210 207 247	49 - 36 47	19 - 18 21	296 261 314	300 249 261 315	194 _ 176 213	173 - 152 184	0  10 12	21 14 17	**	
* :		Av	228	44	19	290	292	195	170	7	17		
	226	1 2 3	217 214 202	56 51 47	22 24 17	296 289 266	308 284 2 <b>73</b>	196 199 177	170 166 156	9 13 10	17 20 11		
		Av	211	51	21	284	288	191	164	11	16		
	Avera	age	232	49	22	303	306	207	176	11	21		
	210	1 2 3	399 344 325	- 90 50	- 29 19	<b>-</b> 463 394	400 538 418	272 216	272 237	8 - 1 5	- 1 -26	<b>\$</b> \$	
		Av	335	70	24	429	478	244	255	2	-12		
40	221	1 2 3 4	279 338 324	- 35 49 53	- 16 20 21	- 329 407 398	224 358 414 -	- 149 206 200	- 199 245 238	- 5 -10 33	- -45 -29 -71	** **	
		Av	308	42	18	368	386	178	222	- 7	<b>-</b> 37		
	226	1 2 3	265 328 322	70 47 78	14 16 28	349 391 428	346 376 397	179 137 201	210 237 251	10 15 19	-41 -115 -70		
		Av	305	65	20	389	373	172	233	15	<b>-</b> 75		
	Avera	lge	316	59	20	395	412	198	236	3	-42		

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Env.	An.	No.	Es	Er	Wm	Sum	Wt	н <sub>р</sub>	He	H	Hn	
	210	1 2 3	- 265 257	42 48 51	26 24 27	337 336	340 386 393	240 259 319	- 188 185	- 28 3	- 43 131	**
35M	221	Av 1 2 3 4 Av	261 216 194 280 242 233	50 42 37 50 42 43	26 15 19 26 18 20	3 <u>3</u> 6 273 250 356 301 295	390 255 278 368 296 299	289 190 195 249 200 208	186 155 139 198 170 165	15 - 9 0 11 2 1	87 44 57 39 27 42	
	226	l 2 3 Av	177 235 220 228	36 36 47 41	- 13 14 14	284 280 282	232 250 275 262	_ 185 162 174	128 163 160 161	10 17 22 20	- -20 - 8	**
7 4 4	Avera	age	240	45	20	304	317	224	171	12	40	
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en an thu an an ann an ann an ann an ann an	226	Av 1 2 3	175 151 187 178 172	37 34 28 40 34	22 19 22 29 24	234 204 237 247 229	224 174 257 214 215	220 232 211 210 218		14 21 27 40 29		
	Aver	age	182	36	24	242	244	245	129*	22	941	k

# APPENDIX III

# Detailed Results of Experiment E

		F	lates	of c	utan (g	ieous ;/m <sup>2</sup> .	Temp.	°C	Respirations				
Month'	Day	B S	B Th	RH	MВ	MF	N	Ch.	D	Av	Tr	Ts	per min.
l	1	19	33	21	14	17	27	18	37	23·2	40.09	39•4	182
	2	27	28	39	38	17	23	16	45	29·1	40.50	40•1	213
	3	19	26	23	24	18	25	18	21	21·8	40.68	40•0	-
2	Av	22	29	28	25	17	25	17	34	24•7	40•42	39•8	198
	1	39	80	104	3	41	95	65	50	59•6	40•08	39•6	182
	2	55	88	83	5	60	110	57	66	65•5	39•70	39•2	172
	3	69	124	113	11	56	98	54	37	70•2	39•67	39•2	169
3	A▼	54	97	100	6	52	101	59	51	65 · 1	39.82	39•3	174
	1	86	116	130	6	65	128	46	64	80 · 1	39.37	38•7	122
	2	84	95	147	11	58	154	54	103	88 · 2	39.25	38•7	117
	3	103	82	131	0	62	136	58	71	80 · 4	38.84	38•5	102
4	Av 1 2 3 Av	91 99 113 116 109	98 105 94 114 104	136 150 151 153 151	6 12 11 10 11	62 51 60 65 59	139 120 148 142 137	53 38 41 32 37	79 79 120 110	82·9 81·8 92·2 92·8 88·9	39.15 39.28 38.96 39.10 39.11	38•6 38•7 38•6 38•4 38•6	114 117 110 88 105
5	1	99	103	144	28	73	108	36	89	85.0	38•92	38•0	115
	2	117	101	143	33	90	138	44	114	97.5	38•98	38•2	98
	3	117	113	137	<b>26</b>	88	109	35	110	91.9	38•64	38•0	69
	Av	111	106	141	29	84	118	38	104	91.5	38•85	38•1	94
6	1	131	121	151	17	107	164	80	147	114•8	39.05	38•2	98
	2	115	143	141	21	129	149	68	83	106•1	39.10	38•0	84
	3	129	175	142	22	106	156	62	110	112•8	38.68	38•1	62
	Av	125	146	145	20	114	156	70	113	111•2	38.94	38•1	81
7	1	138	137	133	25	131	174	76	126	117•5	38•97	37•8	63
	2	136	141	147	25	84	179	85	125	115•2	38•96	38•1	52
	3	154	155	154	22	130	161	63	131	121•2	38•70	37•8	52
	Av	143	144	145	24	115	171	75	127	118•0	38•88	37•9	56

Calf 219

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# Appendix III (cont.)

Calf 220

• •		Rates of cutaneous evaporation $(g/m^2.hr)$									Temp.	°C	Respirations
• Month •	Day	ΒS	B Th	RH	ΜВ	M F	N	Ch	D	Av	<sup>T</sup> r	Ts	per min.
1	1 2 3	3 11 9	27 49 40	29 57 42	12 18 21	14 45 30	45 61 62	25 46 47	82 60 44	29•6 43•4 36•9	39•50 39•76 39•98	38•9 39•2 39•4	187 133
2	Av 1 2 3	8 10 13 17	39 15 25 62	43 38 15 60	17 9 11 10	30 5 12 25	56 9 50 60	39 13 32 36	62 64 48 62	36•6 20•4 25•8 41•5	39•75 40•00 40•23 40•32	39·2 39·4 39·6 39·8	160 176 220 215
	Av	13	34	38	10	14	40	27	58	29•2	40.18	39 <b>·</b> 6	204
3	1 2 3	42 23 12	49 51 36	78 99 65	12 8 11	16 17 22	30 48 40	15 34 27	53 97 88	36•9 47•1 37•6	40 • 08 39 • 72 39 • 90	39•6 39•2 39•4	205 184 161
	Av	26	45	81	10	18	39	25	79	40•5	39•90	39 <b>·</b> 4	183
4	1 2 3	50 67 42	65 62 50	68 97 88	24 25 17	37 50 46	39 75 90	31 39 50	93 88 92	50•9 62•9 59•4	39•95 39•46 39•58	39•0 38•8 38•8	165 164 123
	Av	53	59	84	22	44	<b>6</b> 8	40	91	57•7	39•66	<b>3</b> 8•9	151
5	1 2 3	72 73 96	73 109 118	132 151 148	22 24 23	74 69 77	81 95 123	65 57 68	104 84 110	77•9 82•8 95•4	39•92 39•42 39•60	38•6 38•6 38•7	160 135 116
	Av	80	100	144	23	73	100	63	99	85•3	39•65	38 <b>•6</b>	137
6	1 2 3	111 104 103	139 140 132	127 132 144	25 27 28	131 82 94	144 145 135	96 103 94	142 147 122	114•4 110•0 106•5	39•22 39•10 39•38	38•0 38•0 38•4	73 88 72
	Av	106	137	134	27	102	141	98	137	110•3	39•23	38•1	78
7	1 2 3	124 120 122	168 147 128	126 150 151	19 22 24	139 146 103	146 154 148	95 98 105	10 <sup>6</sup> 147 126	115°4 123°0 113°4	38•72 39•02 39•05	37•8 37•8 38•2	58 67 60
	Av	122	148	142	22	129	149	99	126	117•2	38 <b>•93</b>	37•9	62

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Calf 222

		Rates of cutaneous evaporation $(g/m^2.hr)$										°C	Respirations
'Month'	Day	ΒS	B Th	R H	MВ	M F	N	Ch	D	Av	T <sub>r</sub>	Ts	per min.
l	1 2 3	85 89 62	86 125 139	116 117 154	7 12 11	91 88 88	91 112 120	50 59 72	103 105 94	78•6 88•4 92•5	39•70 39•12 39•08	38•6 38•4 38•5	135 105 106
	Av	79	117	129	10	89	108	60	101	86•5	39•30	38•5	115
2	1 2 3	57 88 75	120 122 113	146 152 142	22 21 14	55 77 86	101 101 125	79 83 89	75 110 110	81•9 94•2 94•2	39·10 38·57 38·53	38•3 37•8 37•9	77 55 66
	Av	73	118	147	19	73	109	84	<b>9</b> 8	90•1	38•73	38•0	66
3	1 2 3	108 119 123	94 105 123	124 127 169	47 44 45	65 74 102	91 90 130	73 68 100	113 126 147	89•4 94•1 117•4	38•70 38•46 38•48	37•6 37•5 37•7	77 65 78
	Av	117	107	140	45	80	104	80	129	100•3	38•55	37•6	73
4	1 2 3	115 140 148	119 125 169	152 147 180	33 41 53	85 98 132	118 117 151	104 105 115	124 132 156	106°2 113°1 138°0	38•68 38•40 39•12	37•9 37•4 38•3	67 41 80
	Av	134	138	160	42	105	129	108	137	119•1	38•73	37•9	63
5	1 2 3	137 158 142	137 162 148	182 164 171	27 34 34	124 118 119	145 149 157	98 111 105	131 141 162	122•6 129•6 129•8	39°02 38°77 38°72	38•2 37•9 37•8	49 70 45
	Av	146	149	172	32	120	150	105	145	127•3	38•84	38•0	55
6	1 2 3	159 140 145	168 168 169	171 144 171	16 17 16	123 126 129	171 193 174	133 134 146	119 116 140	132•5 129•8 136•2	39 <b>·57</b> 39 <b>·</b> 18 39·03	38•4 38•4 38•3	74 81 82
	Av	148	168	162	16	126	179	138	125	132•8	39•26	38•4	79
7	1 2 3	104 129 116	142 159 161	138 151 148	10 12 14	81 93 83	147 143 115	92 91 87	76 84 109	98•8 107•8 104•1	39•80 39•22 39•10	38•8 38•6 38•7	89 79 89
	Av	116	154	146	12	8 <b>6</b>	135	90	90	103.5	39•37	38 <b>•7</b>	86

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Fig. 31. Theoretical instantaneous inter-relationships between ventilation rate, respiratory volumes and moisture concentrations (see p. 150)

### APPENDIX IV

# The Humidity Relationships of Expired Air

The following assumptions and approximations are made:-1. That instantaneous mixing of gas takes place within the mask.

 That the volumes of inspired and expired air are equal.
 That the instantaneous rate of gas flow is constant throughout each inspiration and each expiration (i.e. 'square wave' breathing).

<u>Definitions</u> (see Fig. 31):-

 $\propto$  is the instantaneous rate of air flow.

- $V_+$  is the tidal volume.
- $V_d$  is the ventilated dead space of the mask.
- T is the respiratory period (reciprocal of respiratory rate).
- m<sub>1</sub> is the moisture content of air entering the mask through the inspiratory valve (constant).
- m<sub>o</sub> is the mean moisture content of air leaving the mask through the expiratory valve (i.e. after mixing in the flexible tubing).
- m<sub>3</sub> is the moisture content of air expired into the mask by the animal (constant).
- x is the instantaneous moisture content of the air in the mask.
- x<sub>max</sub> and x<sub>min</sub> are the limiting values of x attained at the end of each expiration and inspiration respectively.
- t is time measured from the beginning of an inspiration or expiration.

 $K = V_t / V_d.$ then  $V_t = \frac{\sqrt{T}}{2}$ 

The basic equations are similar to those used to derive theoretical rates of nitrogen elimination from two lung compartments ventilated in series (Robertson, Siri & Jones, 1950).

## For an expiration:-

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\alpha'(m_3 - x)}{V_d} \\ \int_{\alpha}^{T/2} \\ v_t = m_0 \end{cases}$$
(1)

From (1),  $-\log_{e}(m_{3} - x) = \ll t/V_{d} + constant$ 

The value of the constant can be found by substituting the limiting condition:  $x = x_{max}$  at t = T/2, hence:

$$x = m_3 - (m_3 - x_{max}) e^{-\kappa(t - T/2)/V_d}$$

Substituting this value of x in (2) and integrating:

$$m_0 = m_3 + (m_3 - x_{max})(1 - e^K)/K$$
 - - - - - (3)

For an inspiration :-

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\alpha (m_1 - x)}{V_d} \\ (T/2) \\ \alpha x dt \end{cases}$$
(5)

From (4),  $-\log_{e}(m_{1} - x) = \propto t/V_{d} + constant$ The limiting condition is  $x = x_{max}$  at t = 0, hence  $x = m_1 + (x_{max} - m_1) e^{-\alpha t/V_d}$ 

Substituting this value of x in (4) and integrating:

$$m_0 = m_3 - (x_{max} - m_1)(1 - e^{-K})/K$$
 ----- (6)

Eliminating  $x_{max}$  from equations (3) and (6) gives:

$$m_{o} = m_{1} + (m_{3} - m_{1}) \left[1 - \frac{1}{K} \left(\frac{e^{K} - 1}{e^{K} + 1}\right)\right]$$

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#### Synopsis

A quantitative analysis has been made of the heat losses from Ayrshire calves subjected in climatic chambers to different environmental conditions. The results have been used to compare the relative influence of the physical and physiological barriers to heat flow. By this means an attempt has been made to assess the limits of effectiveness of the various physiological adjustments to heat stress.

Cutaneous evaporation was measured by means of ventilated capsules. This method was critically analysed and a technique was developed for eliminating the effect, due to the presence of the capsule, on the rate of cutaneous evaporation. Respiratory evaporation and heat production were estimated by means of an open circuit mask method. Simultaneous measurements by the capsule and mask methods were used to assess the total insensible weight loss, which was also estimated by direct weighing, thereby providing an independent check on the accuracy of the methods used. Non-evaporative heat loss was calculated by difference from the other heat exchange measurements.

The heat production of calves was found to be uniform over the air temperature range 15 to 40°C except at conditions combining high temperature and high humidity, where it was slightly elevated. The thermal insulation of the tissues was found to be small compared with that of the skin-to-air boundary except at low temperatures. It was concluded that, at air temperatures above 20°C, the quantity of non-evaporative heat loss from cattle is not appreciably influenced by blood flow changes and is primarily determined by the coat insulation and by the physical properties of the environment. Respiratory evaporation contributed only a small proportion to the total evaporative heat loss even at the highest air temperatures employed. There was evidence that, at air temperatures of 20°C and above, the air expired by the animals was always 90 to 100% saturated with moisture at body temperature. The presence of the mask, however, is believed to have reduced respiratory evaporative heat loss to nearly half of the normal amount. Cutaneous evaporation was the major means of heat loss under conditions of heat stress, It appeared to be quantitatively controlled by physiological means so that it tended to a level that made up the difference between heat production and the other forms of heat loss. Physiological control was thus effective in overcoming the physical limitation of evaporation by the environment. The physical properties of the environment appeared to exert direct influence on the rate of cutaneous evaporation from the animal as a whole only under extreme conditions or during initial adjustments to sudden changes in environmental conditions.

The regional distribution of cutaneous evaporation from Ayrshire calves subjected to heat stress was found to be in broad agreement with results previously reported for different breeds by other workers. Cutaneous evaporation was found to increase and respiratory rate to decrease from calves subjected to heat stress as they aged from 10 to 34 weeks. This was partially attributed to a developing capacity for cutaneous evaporation. The results, however, did not of themselves distinguish as to whether these observed changes were attributable to increasing age alone or whether seasonal effects were also involved.

The results have been discussed in relation to the importance of cutaneous evaporation as a determinant of heat tolerance, the functional ability of bovine sweat glands and the possible sites of the thermal receptors that provide afferent stimulus for the physiological control of cutaneous evaporation.