

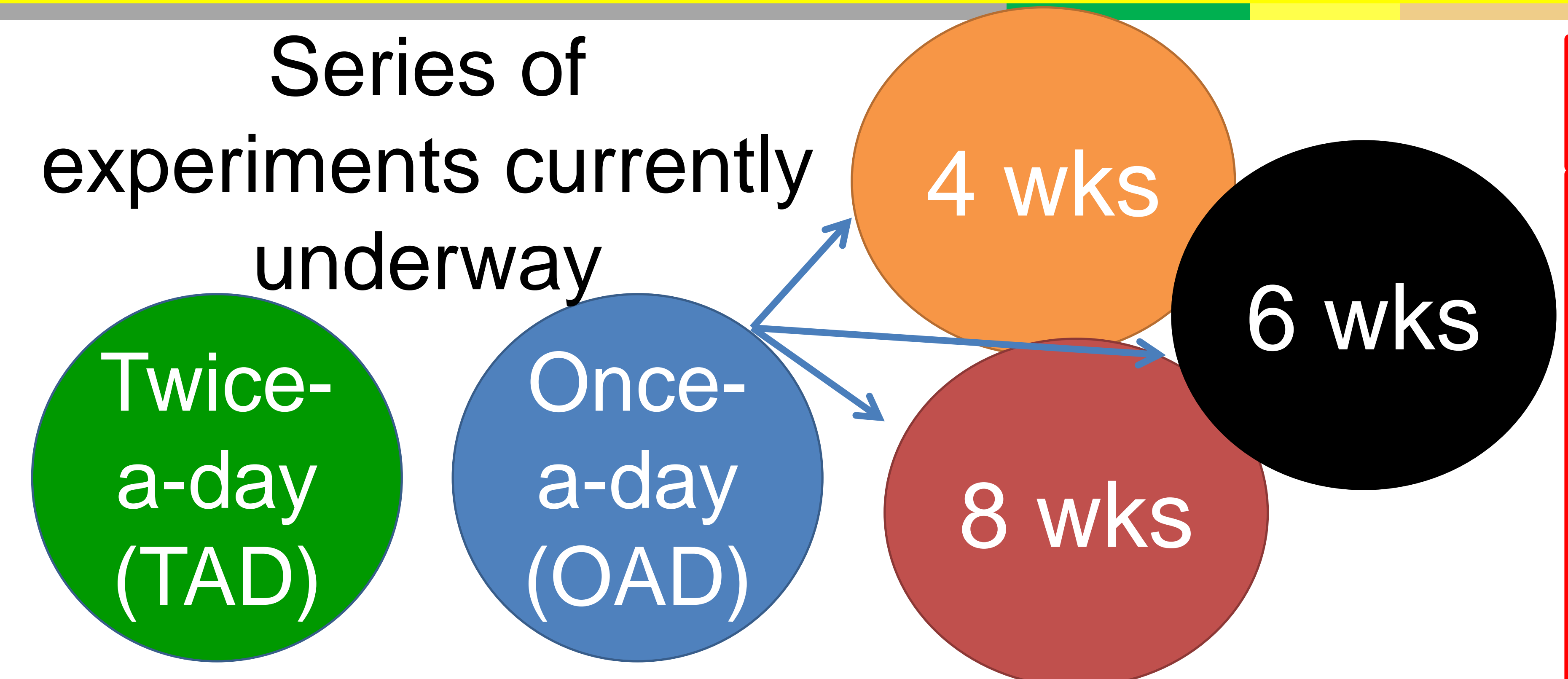
Once-a-day milking

Labour is an increasing problem on farms; particularly in spring



Once-a-day milking in early lactation or for the entire lactation can provide a solution

Series of experiments currently underway



**OAD from calving, return to TAD afterwards*

Cumulative MS yield (kg/cow)	TAD	OAD 4 wks	OAD 6 wks	OAD 8 wks
1 st 4 weeks	55	44	46	42
1 st 6 weeks	87	74	73	68
1 st 8 weeks	117	101	100	90
1 st 10 weeks	142	124	125	114
35 weeks	415	405	398	387

Take home messages

- No significant reduction in annual milk solids (MS) yield with OAD milking for up to 8 weeks from lactation start
- OAD milking did not increase somatic cell count
- Labour was reduced with OAD milking
- Cow welfare not compromised with OAD