

**FIGURE 22. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTRACTIONS**

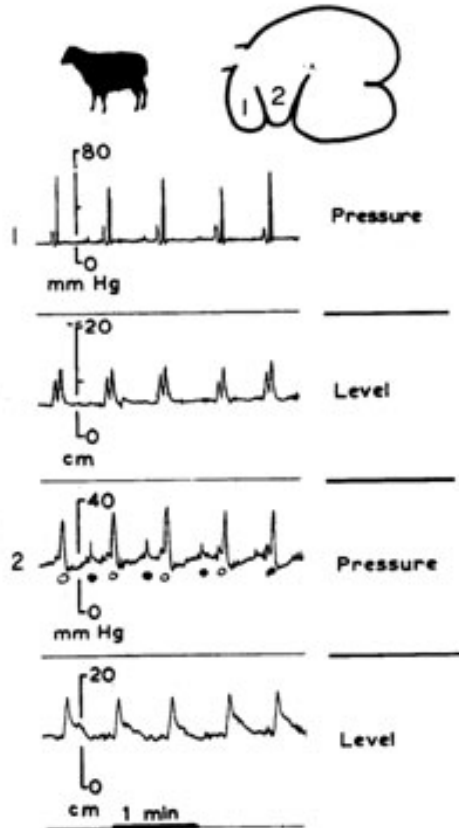


Figure 4-4. Comparison of simultaneous recordings of pressure and vertical displacement of the reticulum and the carnial sac of the rumen during primary (○) and secondary ruminal contractions (●) in sheep. From Reid and Cornwall (16).

**FIGURE 23. RUMINAL CONTRACTION SEQUENCE**

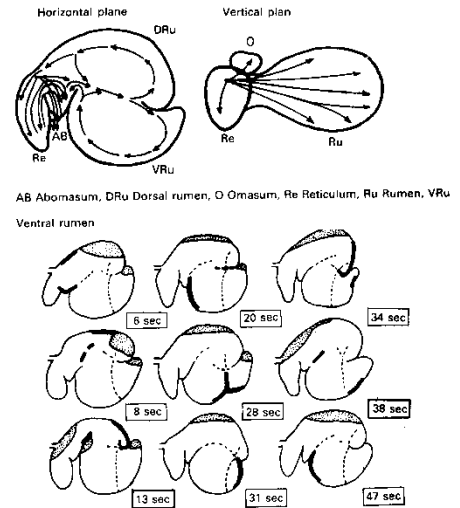


Figure 4-5. Movement of digesta in the reticulo-rumen as seen radiographically in the horizontal and vertical planes. Top. Arrows indicate direction of movement. Main contraction sequences of the sheep's reticulo-rumen as indicated by X-radiography. Bottom. Time in seconds indicates the interval after the reticular movement and the contracting region of the reticulo-rumen wall is indicated as a heavy line. The gas bubble (stippled area) is brought over the cardiac orifice at 13 sec in the case of a primary contraction and during the secondary ruminal contraction at 38 sec. From Wyburn (32).

FIGURE 24. SEQUENCE OF RUMINAL CONTRACTIONS

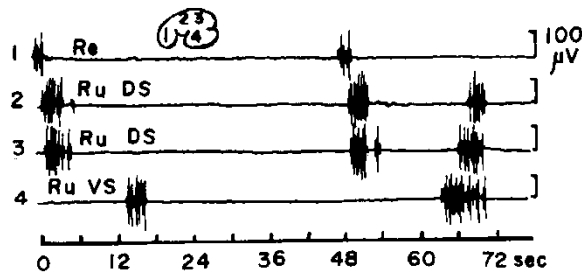


Figure 4-6. Reticulo-ruminal (Re-Ru) contraction as indicated by electromyography and lasting 48 sec. Another cycle, a secondary ruminal contraction, starts on the posterior ventral sac of the rumen (Ru-VS) and spreads forwards over the rumen dorsal sac (Ru-DS) in the sheep at rest. From Ruckebusch (20).

FIGURE 25. CONTRACTION FREQUENCY

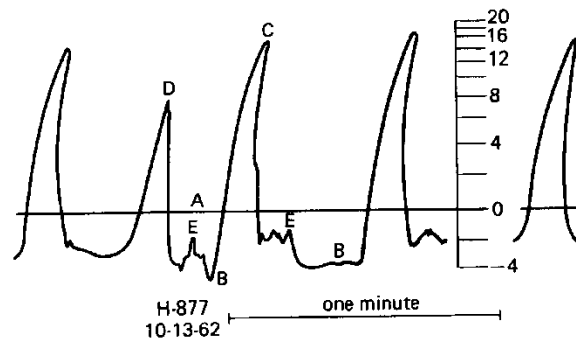


Figure 4-7. Rumen gas pressure of a fasting steer fed on long oat hay. A, atmospheric pressure; B, resting rumen pressure; C, primary rumen contraction; D, eructation contraction; E, deflection caused by movement of the steer. Scale is graduated in cm of water. Courtesy of H.W. Colvin, Univ. of California, Davis. From Church (3).

**TABLE 22. INCIDENCE (%) OF PRESSURE WAVES IN THE RUMENS OF COWS AND SHEEP<sup>1</sup>**

	Analysis "A" <sup>2</sup>					Analysis "B"		
	D <sup>3</sup>	DV	DSV	DVSV	Others	Primary	Modified primary	Secondary
<b>Cows</b>								
<b>Feeding</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Resting</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Ruminating</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Sheep</b>								
<b>Feeding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Resting</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Ruminating</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>

<sup>1</sup>From Phillipson, 1970, as presented by Church, 1988 p. 68.

<sup>2</sup>Percentages under Analysis "A" based on 5,998 patterns – represents sequences of changes; Analysis "B" excludes the 'others' category of Analysis "A" – represents incidence of primary, modified primary (without pressure change in ventral sac), and secondary waves.

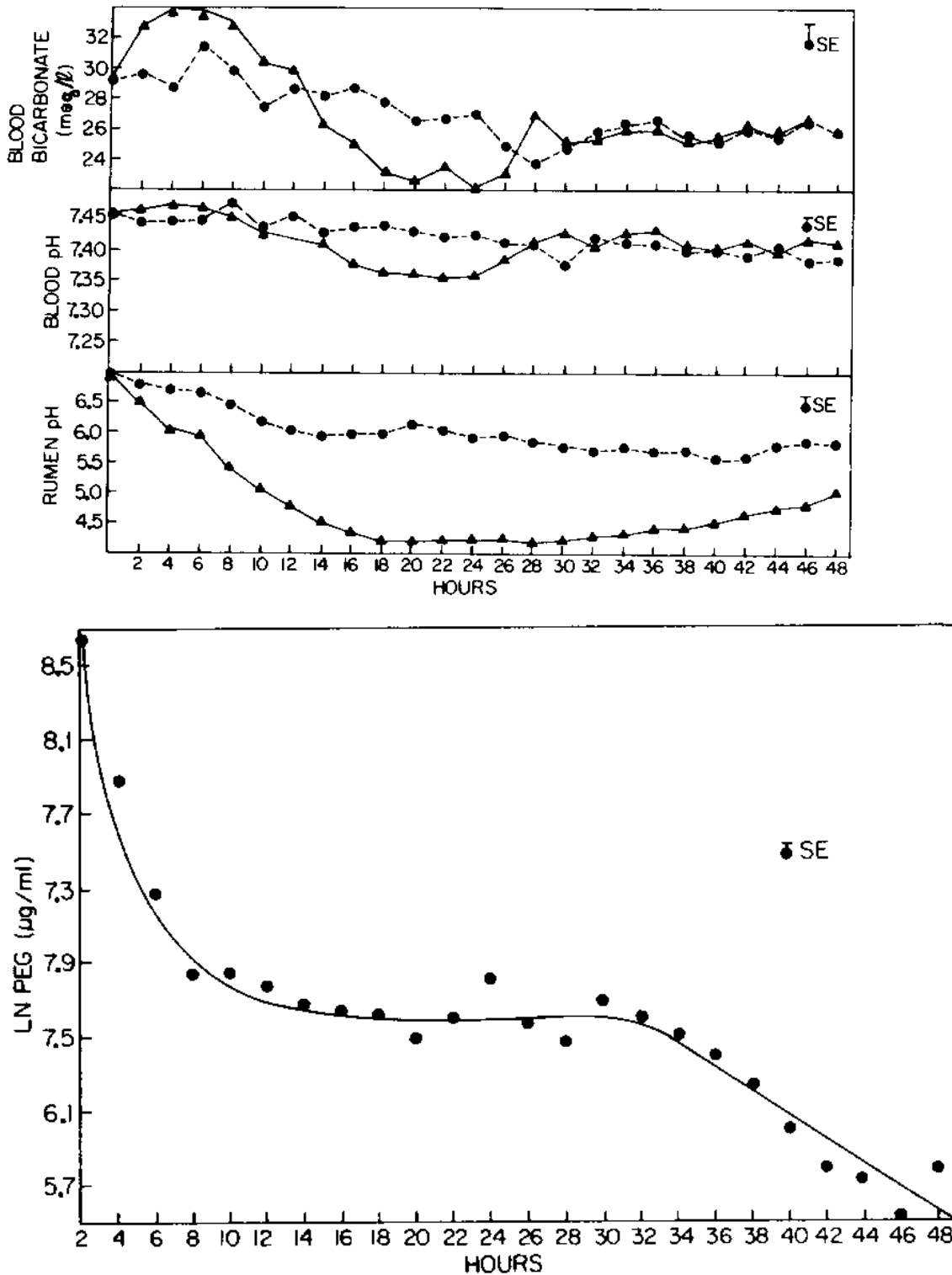
<sup>3</sup>D = primary wave in dorsal sac; V = pressure in ventral sac; S = secondary wave in dorsal sac, usually coincident with pressure spike in anterior and ventral sacs of rumen accompanying eructation.

**TABLE 23. EFFECT OF RUMEN FISTULATION ON RUMINAL MOTILITY<sup>1</sup>**

	Frequency (min <sup>-1</sup> )	Amplitude (mm Hg)
<b>Resting</b>		
<b>Intact</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Fistulated</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Feeding</b>		
<b>Intact</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>Fistulated</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>Ruminating</b>		
<b>Intact</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Fistulated</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>10.9</b>

<sup>1</sup>From Church, 1988 p. 70.

**FIGURE 26. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOTILITY AND pH**



Changes in pH and ruminal PEG concentrations in steers dosed intraruminally with glucose. Harmon et al., 1985. JAS 60:560-569. In upper series of charts, circles are subacute whereas triangles are acute acidosis. Lower chart shows acute acidosis response only.

**TABLE 24. INHIBITION OF RETICULO-RUMINAL MOTILITY IN SHEEP BY VOLATILE FATTY ACIDS<sup>a</sup>**

	Acetic	Propionic	Butyric
	Ruminal concentration of undissociated VFA at abolition of motility (mM) <sup>b</sup>		
<b>Reticulum</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>36.9</b>
<b>Rumen</b>			
<b>Primary</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>21.1</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>43.9</b>
<b>Intrinsic motility (vagotomized)</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>43.3</b>

<sup>a</sup>Gregory, P.A. 1984. Can. J. Anim. Sci. 64(Suppl.):11-12.

<sup>b</sup>Infused at 5 ml/min of 5 M acetic, propionic or butyric acid.

**TABLE 25. EFFECT OF ACIDS ON RUMINAL MOTILITY<sup>1</sup>**

Acid	Amount Infused, mmol	Ruminal pH	Total VFA, mM	Free Acid, mM <sup>2</sup>
	Characteristics at abolition of motility			
<b>Hydrochloric</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Acetic</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Propionic</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Butyric</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Lactic</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>46</b>

<sup>1</sup>Leek, B.F. 1983. Clinical diseases of the rumen: A physiologist's view. The Vet. Record. 113:10-14.

<sup>2</sup>Calculated for an organic acid with pKa of 4.8.

**TABLE 26. COMPOSITION OF RUMINAL GASES**

Author <sup>a</sup> , Animal, Diet	Percent Composition					
	CO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	N <sup>b</sup>	H <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> S
<b>Washburn and Brody (1937)</b>						
Dairy Cow	49.6	30.2	3.2	14.9	2.2	--
Goat	40.0	40.5	1.4	13.9	4.3	--
<b>Kleiber et al (1943)</b>						
Cow fed alfalfa hay	69.0		.5			.16
Cow fed sudan hay	65.7	26.8	1.0	6.4		.10
Cow fed grain	66.9	22.1	.4	10.4		.12
Cow fed bloat- provocative alfalfa	67.8					
<b>McArthur and Miltimore (1961)</b>						
Cow	65.4	26.8	.6	7.0	.2	.01
<b>Czerkawski and Clapperton (1968)</b>						
Sheep fed at 0900 h						
Sampled 0800-0900	24.8	32.5	6.5	36.2	.01	
Sampled 0900-1000	56.0	18.8	3.1	18.0	4.12	
Sampled 1200-1300	60.2	33.5	1.3	6.0	.05	
<b>Dougherty (1941, 1942)</b>						
Steers dead of Legume bloat						.14 - .70

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<sup>b</sup>Presumably includes N<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>.

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