



Do cows want to be outside? A progress report

Providing pasture access for dairy cows may not always be feasible, so new research at UBC is testing alternative outdoor options

Indoors vs. Pasture



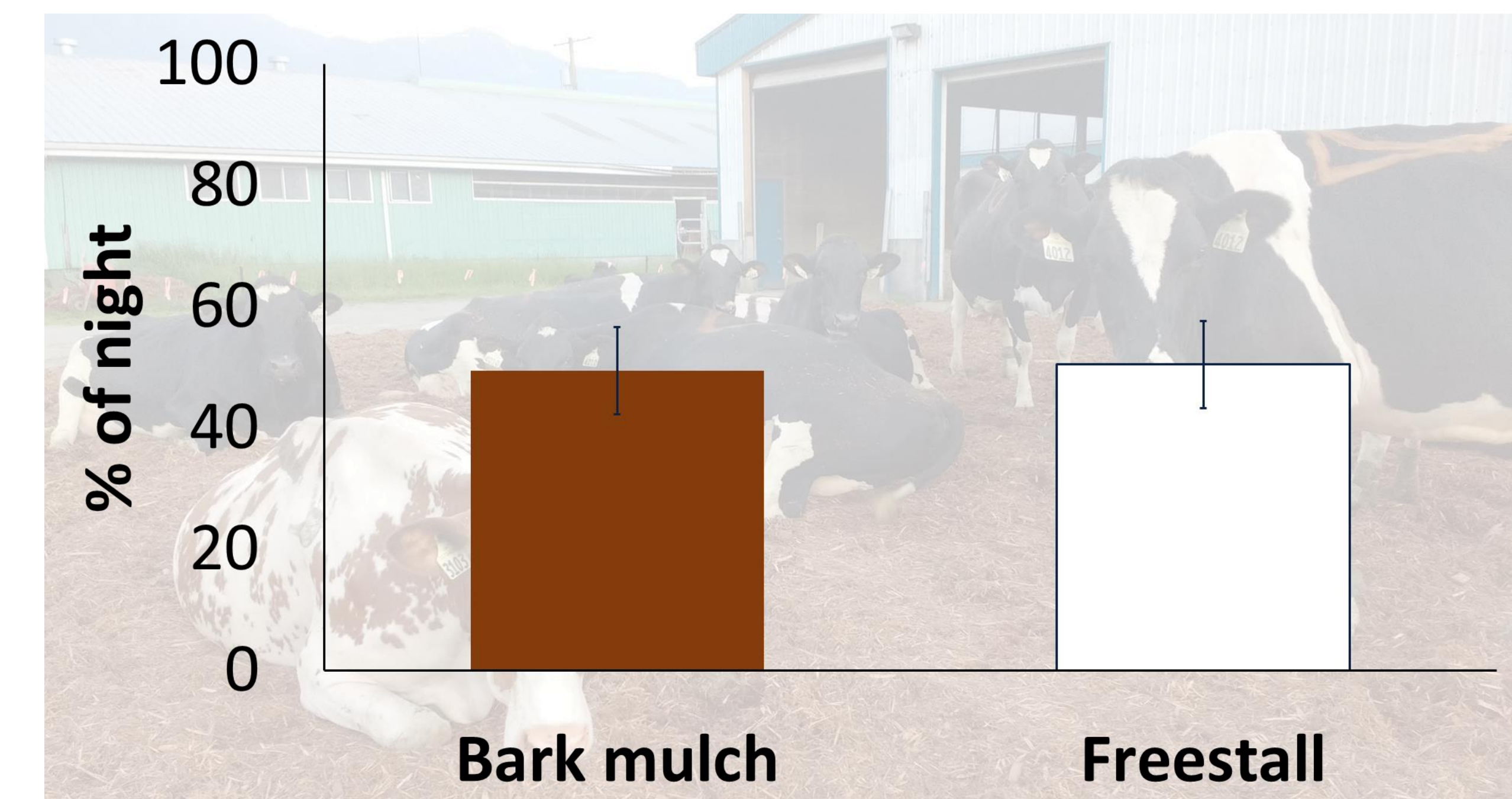
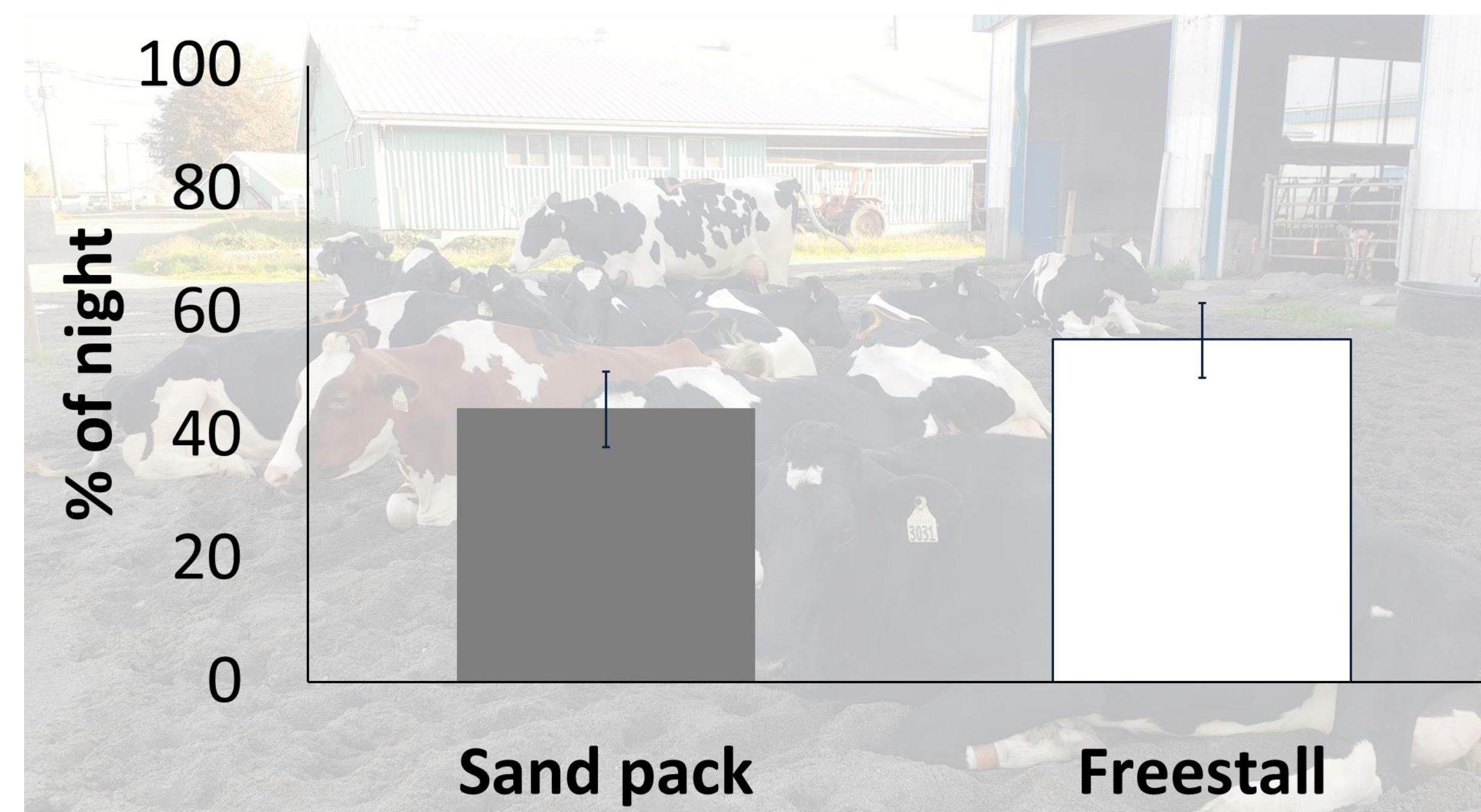
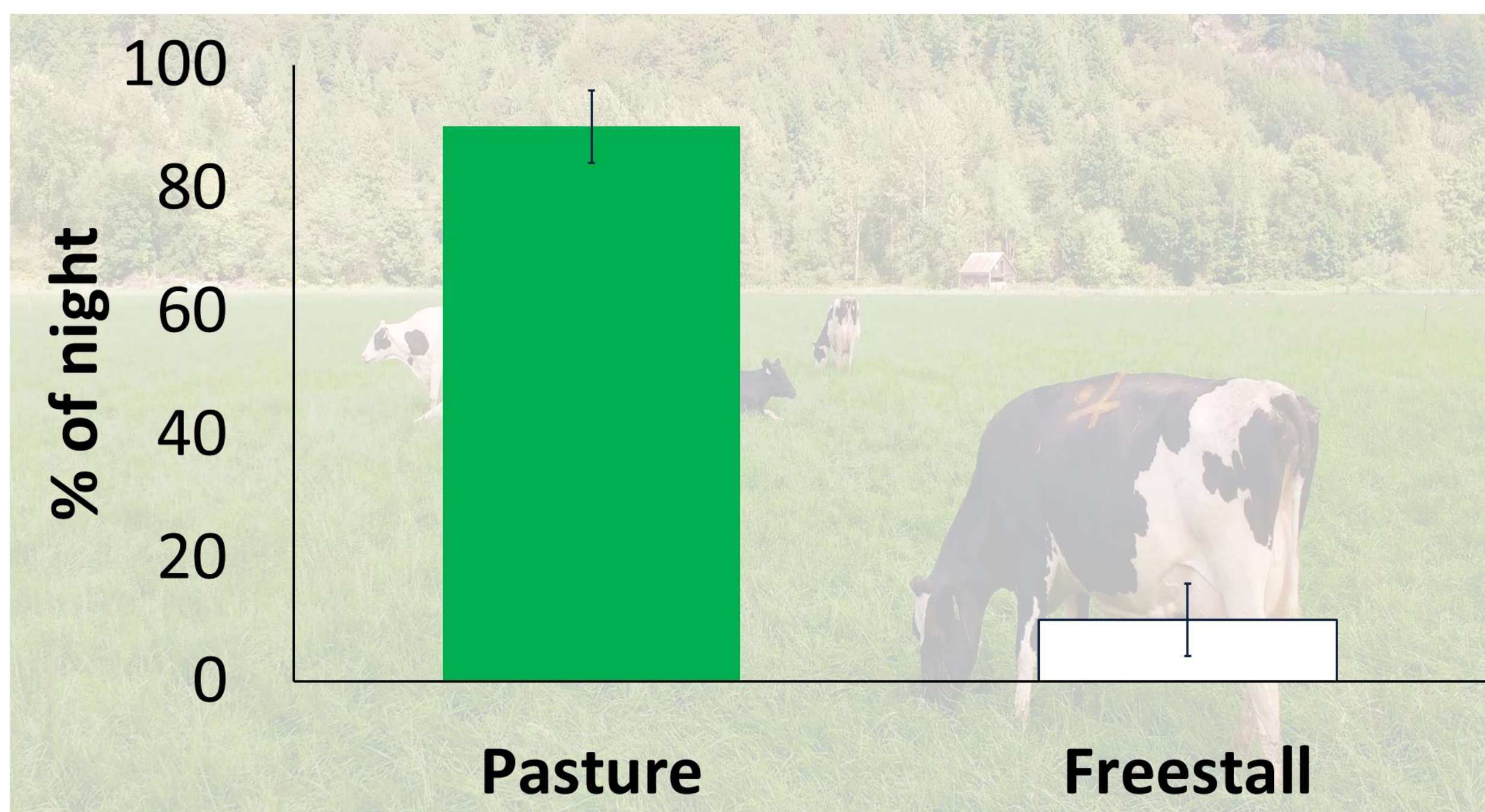
Indoors vs. Sand Pack



Indoors vs. Bark Mulch Pack



During the summer months, cows spend the majority of the night outdoors when provided access to pasture. When provided access to a sand or bark mulch pack, cows spend close to half of the night outdoors.



Cows show a strong preference for pasture but will also make use of alternative outdoor packs