Neutral Detergent Insoluble Nitrogen

Neutral Detergent Insoluble Nitrogen (NDIN) represents nitrogen associated with the cell wall, measured by subjecting the Neutral Detergent Fibre (NDF) residue to the Kjeldahl procedure. Neutral Detergent Insoluble Protein (NDIP) is NDIN x 6.25. A fraction of NDIP will be both degradable by rumen microbes and digestible in the small intestine. A second fraction will be completely indigestible. In the Cornell Net Carbohydrate and Protein System, it is assumed that the completely indigestible fraction is estimated as Acid Detergent Insoluble Nitrogen x 6.25. The degradable/digestible fraction is, therefore, calculated by difference: [(NDIN - ADIN) x 6.25].