

□ Mixed linear effect models contain fixed and random effects

□ Example: $y_{ijk} = \mu + \beta_j + u_i + e_{ijk}$

Annotations:

- μ : intercept
- β_j : fixed effect of herd j
- u_i : random breeding value for animal i
- e_{ijk} : random residual
- y_{ijk} : observation k for animal i in herd j

□ Fit the model to the data:

Animal 12: $2.61 = \mu + \beta_1 + u_{12} + e_{12,1,1}$

13: $2.31 = \mu + \beta_1 + u_{13} + e_{13,1,1}$

27: $3.16 = \mu + \beta_2 + u_{27} + e_{27,2,1}$

Goal: - Estimates for fixed effects β_1 and β_2

- Predictions for breeding values: u_1, \dots, u_{27}

- Estimate of σ_u^2 and σ_e^2

→ not possible with least squares