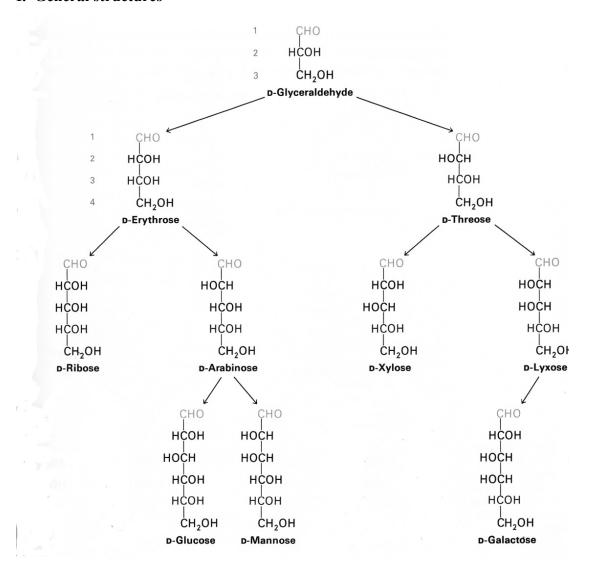
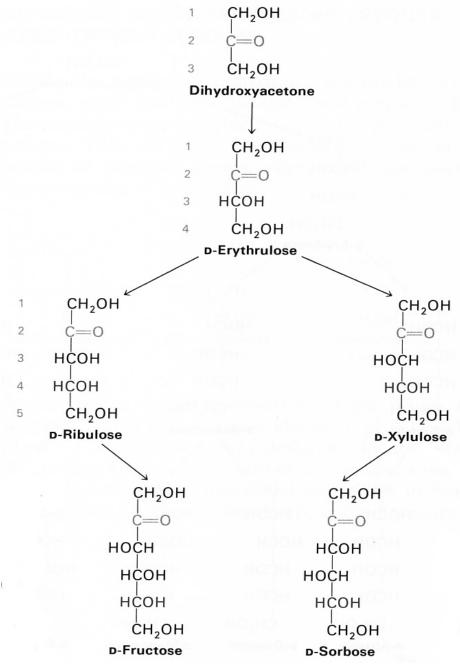
# ANSC 619 PHYSIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY OF LIVESTOCK SPECIES Carbohydrate Chemistry

#### I. General structures



#### A. D-Aldoses

- 1. All monosaccharides are aldehydes or ketones with multiple hydroxyl groups (i.e., alcohol groups).
- 2. Smallest is D-glyceraldehyde (as in glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate in glycolysis).
- 3. Nutritionally most important is D-glucose.
  - 4. L-forms are *mirror images*.



#### **B.** D-Ketoses

- 1. Smallest is D-dihydroxyacetone (as in dihydroxyacetone-phosphate).
- 2. Nutritionally most important is D-fructose.
- 3. Free aldehydes are ketones are *reducing sugars*. In the presence of heat and OH<sup>-</sup> they reduce cations.

### C. Formation of ring structures

- 1. Six-sided *pyranoses* form when the free aldehyde end of a hexose reacts with one of the C-5 alcohol group to form a hemiacetal.
- 2. Five-sided *furanoses* form when the C-2 keto group of a hexose reacts with one of the C-5 alcohol group to form another hemiacetal.

## D. Monosaccharides and dissacharides

- 1. Monosaccharides have free reducing ends.
- Dissacharides can have free reducing ends, and are linked by α-1,4, α-1,2 or β-1,4-O-glycosidic bonds.

#### MONOSACCHARIDES

#### E. Nonstructural polysaccharides

- 1. Amylose the linear subunit of starch and glycogen. Has only  $\alpha$ -1,4 linkages. **Soluble.**
- 2. Amylopectin the branched subunit of some starches and glycogen. Contains both  $\alpha$ -1,4 and  $\alpha$ -1,6 linkages. **Soluble.**
- 3. Starch linear and branched
- 4. Glycogen only branched

#### F. Structural polysaccharides

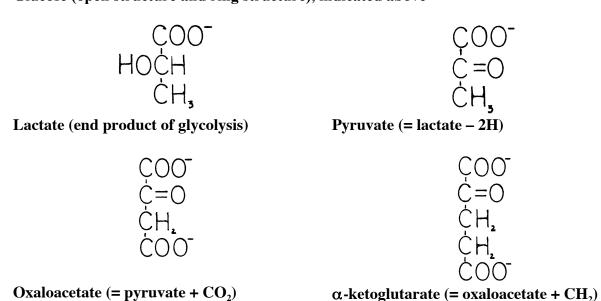
Cellulose – Linear polymers of glucose in β-1,4 linkage.
 Insoluble.

3. Pectins – linear polymers of galacturonic acid in 1-4 linkages that are neither  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ . Soluble.

4. Lignin – highly branched polymer of substituted phenylpropranes. **Insoluble.** 

#### **G.** Structures to memorize:

Glucose (open structure and ring structure), indicated above



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### II. Dietary sources of carbohydrates

Carbohydrate	Sources	Structure and properties
D-Glucose (dextrose)	Fruit; traces in most plant foods; honey; maple sugar	Water-soluble monosaccharide
D-Fructose	Fruit; traces in most plant foods; honey; maple sugar	Water-soluble monosaccharide
D-Galactose	Component of lactose	Water-soluble monosaccharide
Sucrose	Cane sugar; beet sugar; fruits; maple sugar	Water-soluble disaccharide; α-1,2-linked glu-fru
Lactose	Milk; dairy products	Water-soluble disaccharide; (ß-1,4-linked gal-glu
Maltose	Sprouted grain; produced during digestion of starches	Water-soluble disaccharide; α-1,4-linked glu-glu
Raffinose	Soybean and cottonseed meals; sugar beets	Water-soluble trisaccharide; α-1,6, α-1,2-linked gal-glu-fru
Stachynose	Soybeans	Water-soluble tetrasaccharide; α-1,6, a-1,6, α-1,2-linked gal-gal-glu-fru
Amylose	Starchy plants; grains	Water-soluble linear polymer of glucose; α-1,4-linked
Amylopectin (starch)	Starchy plants; grains; thickener in processed foods	Water-soluble <b>branched</b> polymer of glucose; α-1,4- and a-1,6-linked
Glycogen (animal starch)	Liver; muscle	Water-soluble <b>branched</b> polymer of glucose; $\alpha$ -1,4- and $\alpha$ -1,6-linked
Invert sugar	Processed foods	Hydrolyzed sugar (much

		sweeter than sugar)
Corn syrup	Processed foods	
		Hydrolyzed starch (i.e., glucose)
Pectins	Fruits	giucose)
		Water-soluble linear polymers of galacturonic acids and/or modified galacturonic acid; ß-1,4-linked
Lignin	Plant cell walls	
		Insoluble highly branched polymer of substituted phenylpropranes; not a carbohydrate
Cellulose	Plant cell walls; wheat bran	
		Insoluble linear polymer of glucose; β-1,4-linked
Hemicellulose	All land plants	
Xylan (cellulosan)		Insoluble linear/branched polymer of xylose; β-1,4-linked;
2. Amorphous		may contain glucuronic acid.
encrusting	All land plants	
		Insoluble ester linkage of xylose to lignin