

**Table S1.** Processing statistics for each sequenced library

Processing statistics are shown for the three fetal and lamb H3K27me3 nucleosomal libraries, as well as the two corresponding input nucleosome libraries. The latter represented pools of the three animals for each developmental state. ChIP-Seq, immunoprecipitated H3K27me3 nucleosomal DNA; Input, nucleosomal input DNA; Cumulative total sequence represented by the sequence reads, total sequence; Reads, total number of sequence reads returned; Clipped reads, number of reads with  $\geq 50$  bp of unmasked sequence after repeat masking; Mapped reads, number of reads mapped to the bovine genome; Uniquely mapped, number of reads where a single best match position on the bovine genome was identified; Multiple mapped, number of reads with more than one best match position; Final mapped, number of uniquely mapped reads with match length  $\geq 50$  bp and  $> 75\%$  identity.

Biological State	Animal identity	DNA	Total sequence <sup>3</sup> (Mb)	Read length (bp)	Reads <sup>4</sup>	Clipped reads <sup>5</sup>	Mapped reads <sup>6</sup>	Uniquely mapped <sup>7</sup>	Multiple mapped <sup>8</sup>	Final mapped <sup>9</sup>
Fetal	5011	ChIP-Seq <sup>1</sup>	705	65	10,844,945	7,008,076	4,609,462	4,489,106	120,356	4,006,092
	5012	ChIP-Seq	649	65	9,989,993	6,528,810	4,397,430	3,985,689	411,741	3,637,174
	5015	ChIP-Seq	622	65	9,566,151	6,539,802	4,571,301	4,175,258	396,043	3,972,559
		Input <sup>2</sup>	691	65	10,630,644	6,122,422	4,848,194	3,862,641	397,887	3,847,318
Adult	4531	ChIP-Seq	749	65	11,529,595	6,850,373	4,451,004	4,044,896	406,108	3,777,951
	4577	ChIP-Seq	699	65	10,747,932	6,758,549	4,087,111	3,714,896	372,215	3,419,886
	4572	ChIP-Seq	772	65	11,873,483	6,705,139	3,178,731	2,889,202	289,529	2,685,656
		Input	1341	65	20,632,072	10,497,190	7,073,899	6,390,629	683,270	5,966,574

<sup>1</sup>ChIP-Seq: H3K27me3 nucleosome immunoprecipitated DNA

<sup>2</sup>Input: control input nucleosomal DNA

<sup>3</sup>Total sequence: total sequence represented by sequence reads for each sample

<sup>4</sup>Reads: total number of sequence reads returned from sequencing

<sup>5</sup>Clipped reads: number of reads with  $\geq 50$  bp of unmasked sequence after repeat masking

<sup>6</sup>Mapped reads: number of reads mapped to the bovine genome with at least 75% identity

<sup>7</sup>Uniquely mapped: number of reads where a single best match position was identified

<sup>8</sup>Multiple mapped: number of reads where more than one equivalent best match position was identified

<sup>9</sup>Final mapped: number of uniquely mapped reads with match length  $\geq 50$  bp and  $\geq 75\%$  identity (indel size  $\leq 5$  bp)