

Field Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting

March 8, 2016

Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orlando, FL

Attendees

Terry Hopper, Dairy Lab Services & Chair, FSAC  
Bill VerBoort, AgriTech Analytics  
Tom DeMuth, AgSource Cooperative Services  
Tom Blevins, Arizona DHIA  
Neil Petreny, CanWest DHI  
Emily Howard, Dairy Lab Services  
George Cudoc, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc. & Chair, QCS Advisory Committee  
Jamie Zimmerman, Dairy One Cooperative, Inc.  
John Tauzel, Dairy One Cooperative  
Robin Andrews, Dairy Records Management Systems  
John Clay, Dairy Records Management Systems  
Brian Winters, DHI Cooperative Inc.  
Alfred Duran, DHIA West  
Cathy Myers, DHI-Provo  
Steven Smith, DHI-Provo  
John Rhoads, Eastern Lab Services  
Michael Gallenberger, Gallenberger Dairy Records  
Dennis Drudik, Heart of America DHIA  
Susan Lee, Idaho DHIA  
Robert Albrecht, Indiana State Dairy Association  
Emilio Chavez, Sr., Integrated DHI  
Lourdes Chavez, Integrated DHI  
Jere High, Lancaster DHIA  
Mark Witherspoon, Mid-South Dairy Records  
Bruce Dokkebakken, Minnesota DHIA  
Steven Sievert, National DHIA/QCS  
Jay Mattison, National DHIA/QCS  
Virginia Sheridan, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Carol Decker, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Gary Holterman, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Mark Eisenga, NorthStar Cooperative Services  
Chris Tucker, Rocky Mountain DHIA  
Jared Means, Southeast DHIA  
Dennis Marsh, Texas DHIA  
Steve Frank, United DHIA  
Anita Quesenberry, United DHIA  
Daniel Lefebvre, Valacta

Invited Guests

John Cole, USDA-ARS-AGIL  
João Dürr, Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding  
Duane Norman, Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding  
Joel Hastings, DairyBusiness Communications  
Uffe Lauritsen, RYK (Denmark)  
Reinhard Reents, VIT (Germany)  
Matt Shaffer, Dairy Australia

The 2016 FSAC meeting called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Terry Hopper, Chair. Terry Hopper asked for introductions of attendees and invited guests.

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as printed.

Steven Sievert, QCS, distributed the minutes from the March 9, 2015 FSAC meeting as part of the FSAC meeting materials. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as printed.

Steven Sievert was appointed as recording secretary for the 2016 FSAC meeting.

Steven Sievert, Quality Certification Services, presented the following:

1. Field Service Report (attached to the minutes). There was an extended discussion of the impact of vented inflations (Milkrite impulseAir & Conewango) and the effect on accuracy of portable milk meters. There were no proposed changes to the *Auditing Procedures for Field Services*.
2. Meter Center and Technician Report (attached to the minutes). There were no proposed changes to the *Auditing Procedures for Meter Centers and Technicians*.

Steven Sievert, who also serves as Chair of the ICAR Subcommittee for Recording and Sampling Devices, provided an update of both approved and non-approved ICAR recording devices and associated samplers. Comments specific to the use of electronic milk meter monitoring reports and troubleshooting were also presented. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

Steven Sievert presented answers on commonly asked questions related to testing of AMS (Robot) herds including test plans, shuttle sampling combinations and documentation that meet the current QCS guidelines related to auditing of field services. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

Jay Mattison, President, CDCB Board of Directors, and João Dürr, CEO, CDCB provided the FSAC attendees with historical review of payments made to NAAB for certain data (RIPs, CE, Stillbirth, etc.) along with the approved remuneration for records as part of the CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule. A copy of the presentations is attached to the minutes.

Jay Mattison, CEO, National DHIA/Quality Certification Services provided a frontline update on animal identification challenges facing DHI and the industry in general. Mattison also identified key research and innovation areas where the DHI industry needs to be engaged moving forward. These areas include AMS challenges, expansion of milk analysis using MIR, and recording and sampling device design/use.

The FSAC welcomed Dr. Steward Bauck, GeneSeek to provide an update on developments in genomic testing and Igenity products from Neogen.

Nathan Dewsbury, ThermoFisher Scientific, provided an update milk testing options for Johne's disease, BVD, Mastitis pathogens and *Salmonella dublin*.

João Dürr, CEO, and Duane Norman, Technical Advisor, from CDCB provided an operations and program update on CDCB activities.

The FSAC welcomed Dr. Reinhard Reents, VIT and Chair, Interbull Steering Committee, to provide a report on Interbull operations and an overview of dairy record processing in Germany by VIT.

Dr. John Cole, AGIL, provided the group with an update on 2016 objectives from AIP and current staffing and a summary of recent research efforts by AGIL.

Joel Hastings, DairyBusiness Communications, introduced the National DHIA mobile app under development. A spring/summer launch is anticipated on both Android and iOS platforms.

Stan Erwine, Dairy Management Inc. was welcomed by the group and provided a workshop on the need for improving our communications within our industry and externally with consumers.

Cheryl Marti, M.S., Zoetis shared the latest launch of the Clarifide Plus genomic test product from Zoetis.

The FSAC welcomed Matt Shaffer, Dairy Australia, on the industry wide approach in Australia engaging multiple organizations in the dairy industry for development of dairy herd management and education tools to maximize profit.

The FSAC meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully recorded,

Steven Sievert  
QC Program Manager/Field Service and Meter Center Auditor  
Quality Certification Services Inc.





## **Field Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort  
Orlando, FL

**Meeting Room – To Be Determined  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

***The FSAC Meeting and Lunch is a Closed Event  
Field Service Management, DRPC Management, and Invited Guests Only Please***

- 8:00 a.m.      Call to Order – *Terry Hopper (Dairy Lab Services), Chair, FSAC*
- Introductions
- Agenda Review and Additions
- Approval of Minutes from 2015 FSAC Meeting (attached)
- 8:30 a.m.      QCS Field Service Program Update – *Steven Sievert (QCS)*
- QCS Meter Center & Technician Program Update – *Steven Sievert*
- 9:00 a.m.      Recording and Sampling Devices Update – *Steven Sievert*
- AMS (Robot) Herds – *Steven Sievert*
- Test Plans and Supervision Codes
  - Approved Sampling Shuttle Combinations
  - What Documentation Meets QCS Guidelines
- 10:00 a.m.      Health Break
- 10:30 a.m.      CDCB Data Acquisition – What's Happening? – *Jay Mattison, President, CDCB/João Dürr, CEO, CDCB*
- Keeping You on the Frontline – Animal ID – *Jay Mattison, National DHIA*
- 11:20 a.m.      New Developments in Genomic Testing – *Stewart Bauck, GeneSeek*
- 11:50 a.m.      Proposed Changes to Auditing Guidelines – *Terry Hopper & Steven Sievert*
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.      Lunch

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding Update – *João Dürr, CEO & Duane Norman, Technical Advisor, CDCB*
- 1:30 p.m. Interbull Update & VIT Database – *Reinhard Reents, VIT, Germany*
- 2:00 p.m. AGIL Update – *John Cole, Acting Research Leader, AGIL*
- AGIL Research Update
  - Net Merit Health Index
- 2:30 p.m. Health Break
- 3:00 p.m. The Need for Improved Communications – *Stan Erwine*
- 3:30 p.m. New Developments in Genomic Testing – *Cheryl Marti, Zoetis*
- 4:00 p.m. A Look Down Under – *Matt Schafer, Program Manager, Genetics & Data Management, Dairy Australia*
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn/Close Meeting

Field Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting

March 9, 2015

Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH

Attendees

Terry Hopper, Dairy Lab Services & Chair, FSAC  
Bill VerBoort, AgriTech Analytics  
Daniel Aguiar, DHIA West  
David Bigelow, Sr., Lancaster DHIA  
Tom Blevins, Arizona DHIA  
Bruce Dokkebakken, Minnesota DHIA  
Brian Winters, DHI Cooperative Inc.  
Alfred Duran, DHIA West  
Daniel Lefebvre, Valacta  
Tony Nunes, Tulare DHIA  
Kathy Sackman, Washington State DHIA  
Alfred Duran, DHIA West  
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Cathy Myers, DHI-Provo  
Dennis Marsh, Texas DHIA  
Steven Smith, DHI-Provo  
Greg Palas, Dairy Records Management Systems  
John Clay, Dairy Records Management Systems  
Steven Sievert, National DHIA/QCS  
Jay Mattison, National DHIA/QCS

Invited Guests

Martin Burke, CE, ICAR (Ireland)  
John Cole, USDA-ARS-AGIL  
Duane Norman, CDCB  
Uffe Lauritsen, RYK (Denmark)  
Roman Kwasiborski, FOSS

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The agenda was reviewed and accepted as printed.

Steven Sievert, QCS, distributed the minutes from the March 10, 2014 FSAC meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as printed.

Steven Sievert was appointed to take minutes for the 2015 meeting.

Steven Sievert, Quality Certification Services, presented the following:

1. Field Service Report (attached to the minutes). Discussion regarding field service manager continuing education was held and the auditor was directed to draft potential language for consideration as an addition to the *Auditing Procedures for Field Services*. The proposed guideline will be reviewed and discussed later during the FSAC meeting after time for review.
2. Meter Center and Technician Report (attached to the minutes). The auditor or field service/meter center managers did not propose any changes to the audit guidelines for meter centers or meter technicians.

Steven Sievert led an open discussion related to data collection and transfer concerns. Three specific items requiring investigation or action were discussion.

1. Handling of multi-day milk yields from cows less than 14 DIM: Multiple managers have expressed concern that these 5d, 7d, or 10d yield averages underestimate actual cow production and negatively affect the lactation totals. After discussion on possible options, it was agreed that any data handling or estimations should be uniform at all DRPCs. Further, it was agreed that data edits or handling should be at the DRPC level as opposed to the field service level. This item was referred to the DRPC Advisory Committee for additional research of appropriate procedures and parameters to be considered.
2. As follow-up to the 2014 FSAC meeting, Steven Sievert reviewed the supervision codes and the inclusion of a specific supervision code ("4") for AMS (robotic) herds.
3. It was proposed that AMS herds should have their own test plan designations. The FSAC attendees directed Steven Sievert to develop a proposal for three test plan codes (Supervised AMS with Sampling, Supervised AMS – MO, and Supervised DHIR AMS. This proposal will be reviewed at the April 2015 DPRC Advisory Committee Meeting and implemented using the steps used for the last revision in National DHIA Test Plan Types.

Steven Sievert, who also serves on the ICAR Subcommittee for Recording Devices, provided an update of both approved and non-approved ICAR recording devices and associated samplers. Comments specific to the use of electronic milk meter monitoring reports and troubleshooting were also presented.

Martin Burke from Ireland was welcomed as the new Chief Executive of ICAR and Service-ICAR. Martin presented an update on ICAR activities including the actions of Subcommittees and Working Groups.

Bill VerBoort, AgriTech Analytics and DRPC Advisory Committee Chair provided a report of the activities of the committee during the past year. Bill also shared an overview of the DRPC auditing procedures and processes to the FSAC attendees.

Bill VerBoort presented his thoughts related to potential opportunities in data collection and the potential role of DHI field services and the DRPCs.

To meet the training needs of the new field technicians as well as personnel in the laboratory sectors, Steven Sievert provided an update on the planned development of training modules by National DHIA. There appears to be overwhelming support for the project.

Terry Hopper and Steven Sievert reviewed the process for changes to the auditing guidelines. There were no changes in the *Auditing Procedures for Meter Centers and Technicians* brought from the floor. Steven Sievert presented draft language for addition (insertion into document after page 5) to the *Auditing Procedure for Field Services* related to guidelines for 'Continuing Education for Field Service Managers.' After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to forward this recommended addition to the Audit Review Committee for action. It is anticipated that this would become effective on January 1, 2016.

#### ***Auditing of the Continuing Education of Field Service Managers***

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##### ***Continuing Education Responsibility***

Field service managers must complete additional training annually.

##### ***Training Format***

Continuing education should be in the format that best utilizes the resources available and meets the job requirements of the field service managers.

##### ***Documentation***

Documentation of the continuing education provided to each field service manager must be furnished during an audit.

This documentation must include:

- the name of each field service manager;
- a description of the training session, course, or meeting completed; and
- a list of the topics covered during the training event(s).

##### ***Verification of Documentation***

Individual training records may be reviewed or interviews held with field service managers to evaluate the continuing education completed by field service managers.

Terry Hopper was elected by unanimous acclamation to another two-year term as the Chair of the Field Service Advisory Committee.

John Clay, CDCB Board, and Duane Norman, CDCB Interim Director, presented an updated on CDCB activities to attendees related to overall CDCB role and specific data activities.

John Rhoads, Laboratory Advisory Committee (LAC) Chair, provided a summary of the 2014 LAC activities and changes to the *Auditing Procedures for Laboratories* that includes a new protocol for the approval of new instruments/analyzers placed into service at existing laboratories. John Rhoads also commented on discussions related to investigating the appropriate tolerances and calibration range for the MUN portion of the samples unknown program.

As an invited presentation, Roman Kwasiborski from FOSS provided an update the status of FOSS instruments that will be no longer available for service contracts or will be in the near future. Additional topics shared included the new technologies available in milk analysis.

Jay Mattison highlighted frontline topics facing the DHI providers with discussion on:

1. Release and use of data and timeline for revisions
2. Identification
  - a. Animal ID

- b. Sample ID
- c. Sample to animal ID linkage
- 3. Collection of health trait data with additional comments by John Cole, USDA-ARS-AIGL
- 4. Tools and resources needed for the future

An update on the collection of health trait data in Canada was provided by Neil Petreny from CanWest DHI. Neil highlighted the process, partners and engagement needed for success.

Daniel Lefebvre, Valacta, shared information from their use of the BOHB for ketosis screening of milk samples including successes and limitations.

FSAC meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully recorded,

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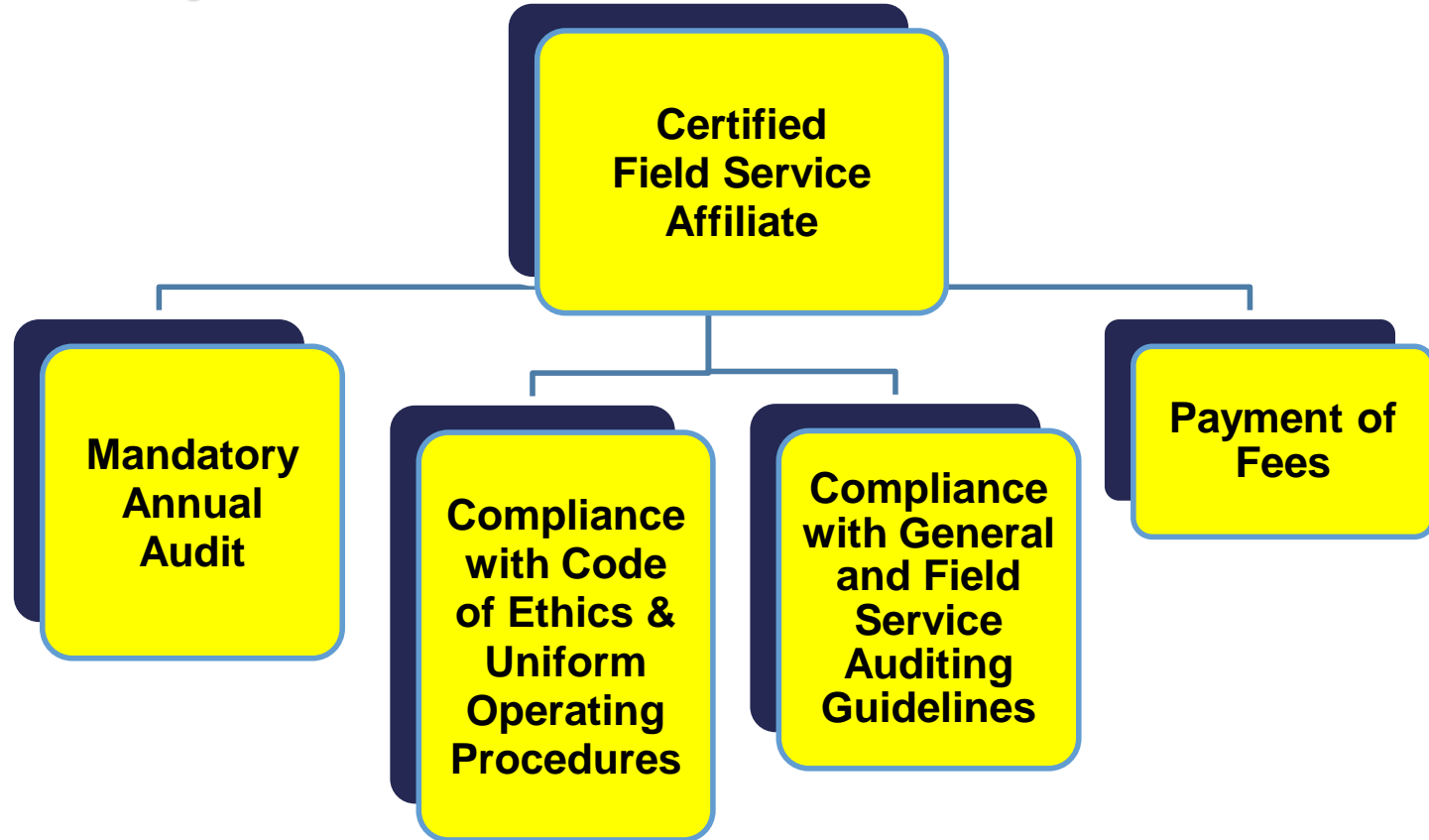


# Field Service Update

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Steven Sievert  
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Technical Director, National DHIA

# Components of Field Service Certification





# Observations – General Housekeeping

- **QCS FTP site makes submission of documentation easy**
  - Upload all files – Excel, PowerPoint, PDF, Access
  - Two way street – QCS can upload reports, field training presentations, other supporting documentation
- **On-site audits continue to be more efficient**
  - Presence of auditor increases ‘urgency’ to complete audit
  - Higher percentage of on-time submissions
  - Less follow-up materials and quicker turn around
  - Auditor can offer other support – Field Technician Training, Board Meetings, etc.
- **Don’t forget backups!**
  - **Common Issues**
    - Computer issues
    - Lost forms/documentation that was never filed or scanned in
    - Personnel changes

# Observations – Initial Training of Field Technicians

- Most field service affiliates meet the minimum
- Training documentation is dated for many organizations
  - No updates to training programs since 2000-2003
  - Failure to complete follow-up training as outlined in guidelines
  - We need to provide the tools for new technicians to succeed
  - QCS recognizes variances between affiliates – just document what training you provided
- What support is needed?
  - On-line training modules?
  - Customizable/fillable templates?
  - Other?

# Continuing Education for Managers

- **Certain field service affiliate managers do not attend any organized training meetings**
- **Change in Guidelines for Continuing Education of Field Service Managers effective January 1, 2016 – will report next year on compliance during 2016**
- **Increases challenges and increases costs of support**
  - **Not aware of industry changes (UOP, test plans, calibration procedures)**
  - **Have higher non-compliance issues during field service and meter center audits**

# Portable Meter Calibration Performance in 2015

*Meters need to be calibrated at least once every 12 months*

	Best Service Provider	Poorest Service Provider	2014 Weighted Mean	2014 Weighted Mean
Not Calibrated	0%	27.9%	0.6%	0.5%
% <365 days	100% *	0%	33.7%	50.2%
% 365-425 days	0%	0%	51.5%	40.4%
>425 days	0%	100%	14.2%	9.4%

*\* There were 2 field service providers with 100% >365d in 2015*

# Observations – Electronic Meter Reporting

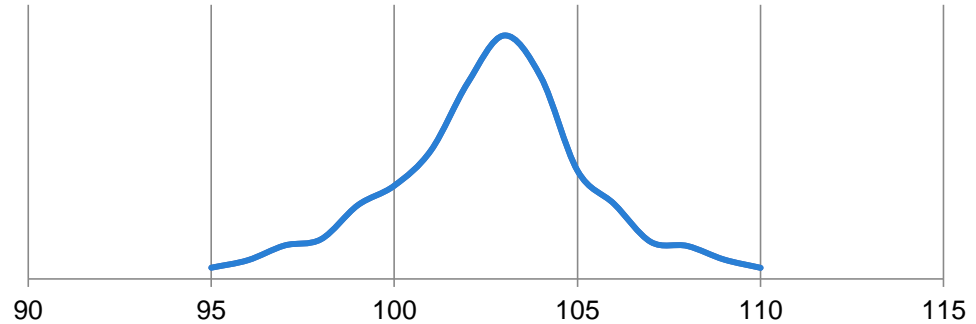
- **Guidelines required that herds using in-place electronic meters need to have them calibrated at least once every 12 months**
- **Guidelines offer three options for compliance**
  - **Water Test Calibration**
  - **Parlor Report/EMMR/Manufacturer's Software Report demonstrating that meters are accurately weighing milk**
  - **Other procedure approved by the auditor**
- **Growing number of dairy-owned meters used for DHI**
  - **+ 4.1% herds, 10.2% meters when comparing 2015 to 2014**

# Observations – Electronic Meter Reporting

- **Required for all herds**
  - All test plans are included – even 40's and 70's
  - Data is used for genetic and management research
- **Don't forget to update make, model and number of meters as parlors expand or are remodeled**
- **Myths about electronic meters**
  - Meters will always be in calibration
  - A 10-day average takes care of all individual cow errors

# What is the Normal TD/MS Deviation?

- **Average = 102.8%**
- **Standard Deviation = 7%**
- **Acceptable Range = 96% to 110%**



**Follow-up is required when:**

- **TD/MS = 0 (milk shipped not reported)**
- **TD/MS <96%**
- **TD/MS >110%**

# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations = Zero

## Supervised Herds

- ✓ New herd?
- ✓ Field tech fails to report?
- ✓ Not entered or uploaded?
- ✓ Owner fails to provide milk shipped totals?
- ✓ Field tech is afraid to ask for milk shipped?

## Unsupervised Herds

- ✓ Instructions to owner?
- ✓ Not uploaded on direct herds?
- ✓ Owner does not see value in reporting?

**There is a misconception that 'owner-sampler' data is not used by CDCB – this is FALSE!**



# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations < 96%

## Test-Day Events

- ✓ Use of milk for calf feeding?
- ✓ Correct accounting for treated milk?
- ✓ All hospital cows in tank?
- ✓ Multiple pickups or direct to tanker shipping?
- ✓ Vacuum issues leading to incomplete milk out?
- ✓ Meter function?

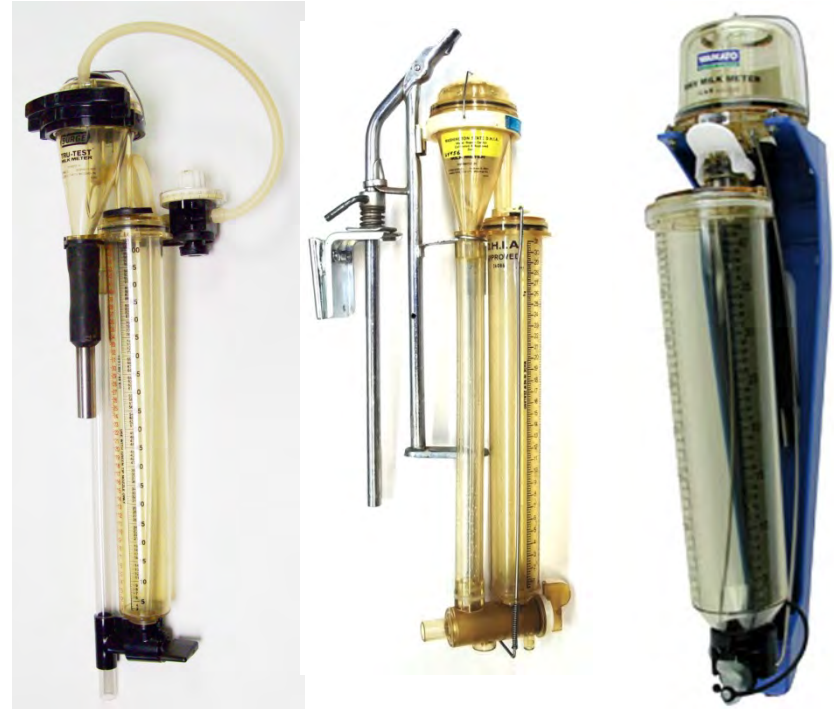
## Data Entry

- ✓ Incorrect reporting of milk sold/shipped?
- ✓ Correct milking times?
- ✓ Correct milking frequency?
- ✓ Drying cows off on test day?
- ✓ Multiple herd codes going into one bulk tank?

# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations < 96%

Are meters reading yields accurately?

- ✓ Older Standard Bore Tru-Test meters & Waikato meters accurately proportion milk at flow rates up to 24 lbs/minute
- ✓ May be underestimating milk yield during peak flow rates – possibly 3-5% of total milk yield
- ✓ Need to use the right equipment for the job
  - ✓ Wide Bore (WB) meters accurately proportion milk at flow rates up to 32 lbs/minute



# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations < 96%

Does the milking cluster have an effect?

- ✓ Reports of challenges with FloStar claws
- ✓ Claw is designed to encourage milk pooling and empties in a 'sump pump' fashion
- ✓ There is not a steady milk flow to portable volumetric meters
- ✓ DHI meters read about 3-5% lower than on-farm fill-and-dump meters (Perfection) on total milk yield.



# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations >110%

## Test-Day Events

- ✓ **Extended milking interval?**
- ✓ **Intentional manipulation?**
- ✓ **Machine stripping?**
- ✓ **Meter function and/or installation?**
- ✓ **Meter reading errors?**
- ✓ **Multiple pickups or direct to tanker shipping?**

## Data Entry

- ✓ **Incorrect reporting of milk sold/shipped?**
- ✓ **Correct milking times?**
- ✓ **Correct milking frequency?**

# Test Day/Milk Shipped Deviations < 110%

Are meters reading yields accurately?

- ✓ Use of Milkrite 'impulseAir' or Conewango vented inflations
- ✓ Changes the milk-air ratio in the cluster/milk line – exceeds the ISO standard for air flow
- ✓ Tru-Test meters (and all ICAR certified meters) are tested and approved to operate within ISO tolerances for air flow
- ✓ Tru-Test WB meters will read 6-10% high (usually around 7-8%)

LINERS

impulseAir  
impulse  
ultraliner



# Observations – Member/Service Agreements

- **Required for all herds**
  - All test plans are included – even 40's and 70's
  - Data is used for genetic and management research
- **Good business practice, even for non-processed herds**
  - Herds may convert from non-processed to processed
  - Record of herd code assignment
  - Release and use of data
- **About 7% of New or Restarted Herds Missing Agreement**
  - **Common Issues**
    - Never obtained agreement for new herd that subsequently quit
    - Missing signature(s)
    - Herd restarts DHI but member agreement is missing
    - Forget transferred herds



# Meter Center and Technician Update

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Steven Sievert  
Manager, Quality Certification Services, Inc.  
Technical Director, National DHIA

# Auditing Guidelines for Meter Centers & Technicians

- **Certification for meter centers is procedure specific**
  - **Standard Flow Test Method**
  - **Fast Flow Test Method**
  - **Dual Meter Test Method**
  - **Weight Test Method (Portable Scales)**
- **Certification for meter technicians is model specific**



# Service Provider Responsibilities

- To notify the auditor of changes in ownership, location address, billing address, list of customers and/or affiliates, equipment or meter technicians **within 30 days**.
- To pay the fees charged by the auditing organization prior to issuance of certification. For those providers certified biennially but billed in annual installments, certification will be issued on an annual basis with a renewal on receipt of the second installment payment.

# Audit Definitions

## Mandatory

- Regularly scheduled audit conducted during the centering month

## Discretionary

- Deemed necessary by either the auditor or provider when...
  - Changes in facilities, equipment, or staffing have occurred,
  - Certain aspects of the provider's performance are out of compliance with CDCB guidelines and/or the UOP,
  - Provider wishes to attain full certification from a conditional status,
  - Provider wishes to regain full certification from a provisional status, or
  - Provider wishes to regain provisional certification from a decertified status.

# Discretionary Audits

**What changes in facilities or equipment triggers a discretionary audit?**

- New location for meter center
- Reconstruction or redesign of meter center
- New meter technician(s)
- New procedure(s)
- New calibration wand (if moving from closed jar-to-jar system)
- Change in vacuum pump/source
- Change in receiving jar/vessel

**Meter centers are responsible for all costs with discretionary audits.**

# Standard Flow Calibration Wand



- QCS and Waikato worked together on development of a stainless steel 'standard-flow' calibration wand
- Works with Tru-Test pail and existing mounting brackets
- Includes restrictor, air admission orifice
- For all standard flow and dual-meter calibration procedures
- May be used for Tru-Test, FOSS and Waikato meters
- Requirement was effective on January 1, 2012
- Available from Waikato Milking Systems USA

Part number 81380021

\$110.80 plus shipping

# Changes in Auditing Guidelines

- **No proposed changes in guidelines**
- **No new ICAR-approved portable meters to add to list of approved models**
- **Still significant number of older Tru-Test standard bore (yellow) & FOSS Milko-Scope meters in service**

# Certified Portable (Monthly) Meters – 2015 \*

Model	Model	2012	2013	2014	2015
FOSS	Milko-Scope	108	96	31	31
Tru-Test	Auto Sampler (SB & WB Models)	20,141	18,518	17,558	16,884
Tru-Test	Economy (SB)	1,947	1,881	1,742	1,313
Tru-Test	Electronic Milk Meter	893	426	405	450
Tru-Test	Ezi-Test (SB & WB Models)	8,101	8,418	8,624	8,917
Tru-Test	Farmer (SB)	4,229	3,918	3,278	2,993
Tru-Test	Pullout (SB & WB Models)	43,947	41,902	39,873	39,105
Waikato	MK V (includes farmer-owned)	8,012	8,916	8,745	8,846
Waikato	SpeedSampler	208	186	179	168
Total		87,586	84,261	80,435	78,707

\*not for distribution

# General Observations from Meter Centers

- **Unapproved meter modification**
  - **Modification of parts so the meter samples faster resulting in inaccurate samples**
    - **Removal of ball in valve of the Tru-Test Ezi-Test meter**
    - **Cutting the tap of the Waikato MK V meter**
    - **Modification of the sampler in the Tru-Test Auto Sampler meter**

# General Observations from Meter Centers

- **Unapproved meter modification**
  - **Trying to repair cracked bodies or caps with glues/cement**
    - **Weakens the whole meter**
    - **Introduces air leaks**
    - **Not approved for Grade A dairies (PMO/FDA)**





# General Observations from Meter Centers

- **Unapproved meter modification**
  - **Trying to repair broken hose nipples on bodies or caps**
    - **Brass hose connectors**
    - **Ballpoint pens**
    - **Not approved for Grade A dairies (PMO/FDA)**



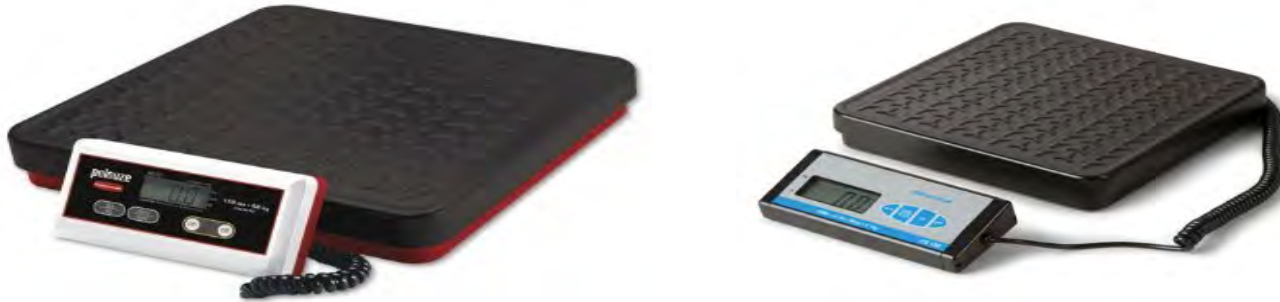
# General Observations from Meter Centers

- Equipment is aged beyond useful life in many meter centers
  - Vacuum pumps/gauges are failing
    - 8 in 2013, 2 in 2014, 3 in 2015
  - Receiver jars with air leaks, buildup
    - 5 in 2014, 5 in 2015, 2 in 2016



# General Observations from Meter Centers

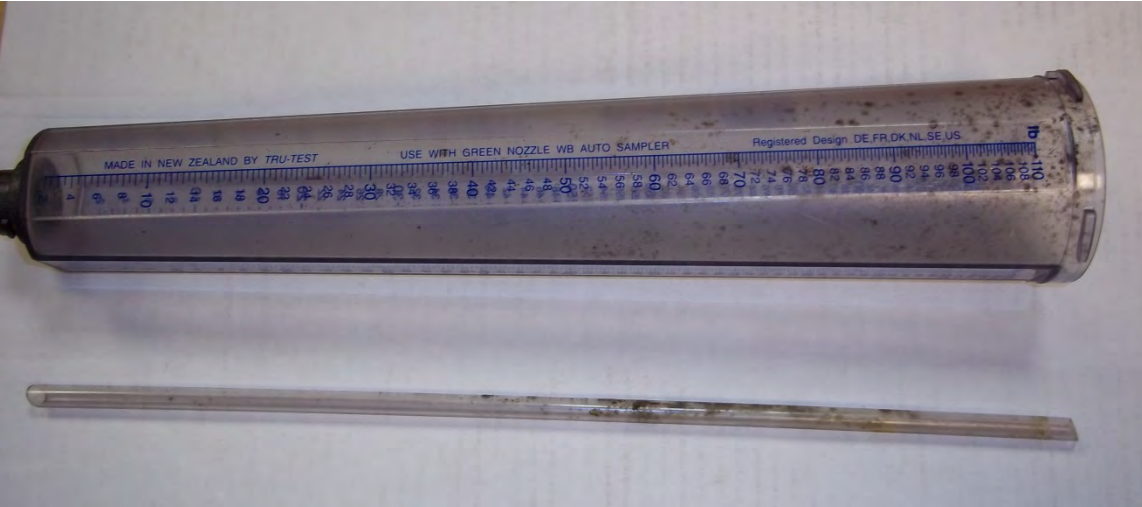
- Platform scales for initial water verification are failing
  - Limited lifetime
  - Usually one of four load cells fails leading to scale being off by a percentage
  - Limited options under \$200



# Observations – Portable Meter Calibration

- **Many affiliates calibrate more often**
  - QCS can handle multiple calibration dates
  - Use the latest two dates for the interval
- **Helpful hints**
  - Don't forget to record meter center and technician
  - Don't forget second calibration checks when required
  - No alphanumeric numbers if possible
    - 16A one year and 16-A next year creates need for manual edits
  - Use the manufacturer's serial number for QCS reporting whenever possible

# Dirty Meters Brought to Meter Center Audits



- Need to focus on meter cleaning and sanitization with field technicians
- How can QCS help?



# Meter Calibration Tag Options



Guidelines require tag with meter center name along with month and year of calibration



# American Weigh Scales – H & PK Series

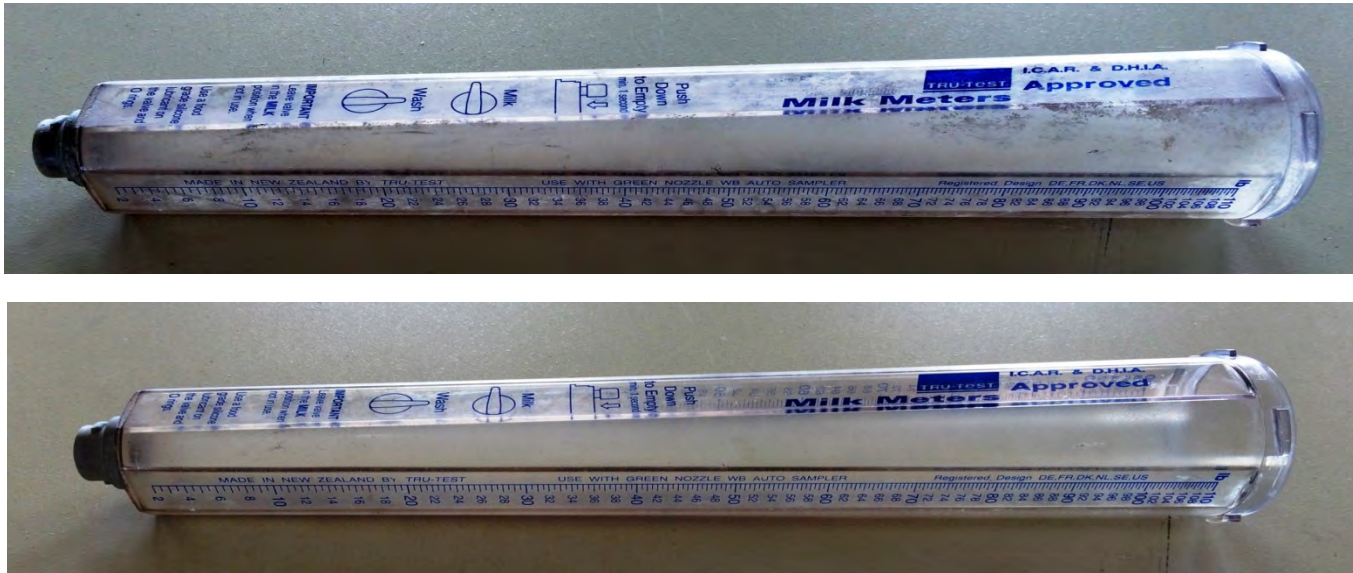


- Digital scale with low purchase price
- 66 lb. and 110 lb. models available
- Easy to carry in computer bag
- Accurate but not legal for trade
- Can be easily calibrated
- Modern image for DHI providing accurate results



# Keeping Flasks Looking Great

- Remove cloudiness from aged flasks
- Makes washing/cleanup easier
- Safe for polysulfone plastic products





# Keeping Flasks Looking Great



# Meter Technician Training School - 2015



***Southeast DHIA***  
***Gainesville, Florida***

# Meter Technician Training Schools - 2016

- **Queretaro, Mexico (taught in Spanish) in conjunction with the December 2016 regularly scheduled on-site meter center audit.**
- **Dalhart, TX (Circle H Headquarters, LLC) with focus on Tru-Test Auto Samplers only.**



# Resources Available Online

**QCS website is your source...**

- **Current auditing guidelines**
- **List of certified meter centers**
- **List of certified meter technicians**
- **List of approved meters and scales**
- **Links to manufacturers**

**[www.quality-certification.com](http://www.quality-certification.com)**





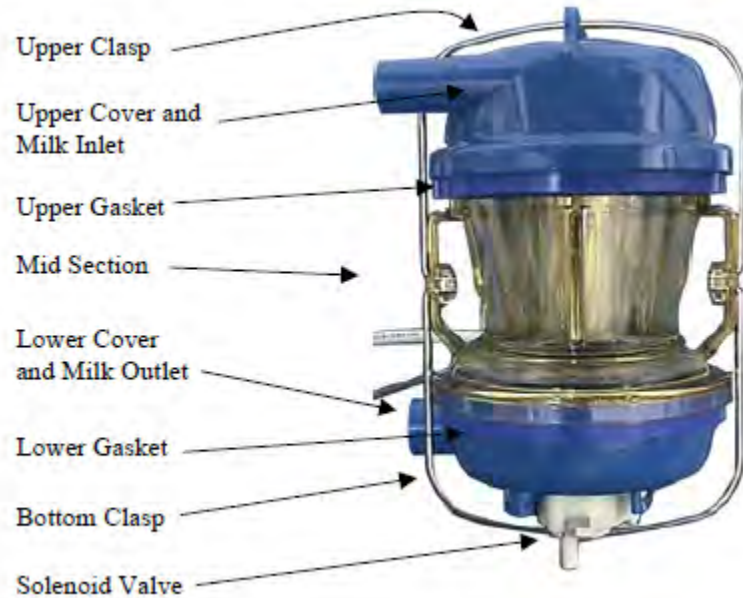
# Recording & Sampling Device Update

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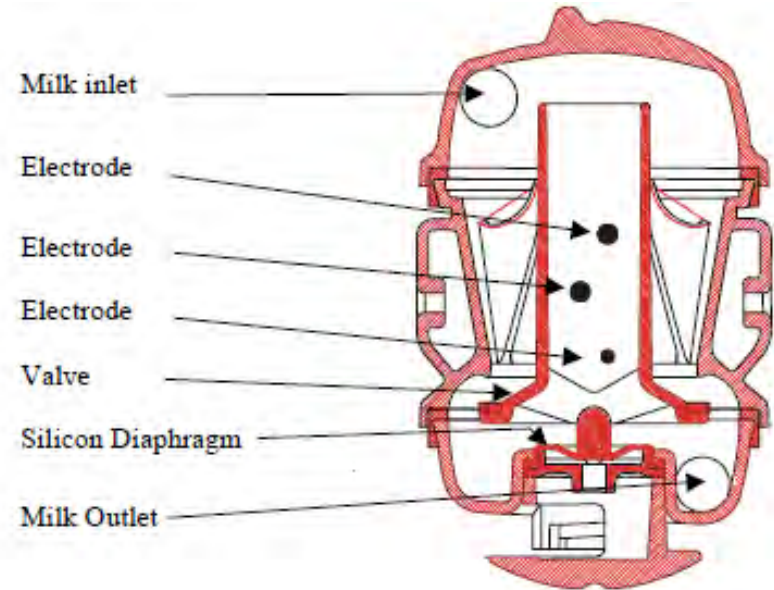


- Approved Models
  - ✓ Afiflo 2000
  - ✓ Afiflo 9000
  - ✓ Full Flow (MM 85/MM95)
  - ✓ Afilite (Germania's Essential)
  - ✓ Afi 155 & 155i (Sheep & Goat)
- Low-Line Installation Only
- Must Use Afikim Sampler
- There is no meter performance report available in the current version of the Afifarm software – must interface with DC305 or PCDART for EMMR



## • Routine Service

- ✓ Upper and Lower Gaskets
- ✓ Clean Electrodes
- ✓ Check and Clean Valve
- ✓ Silicon Diaphragm Replacement



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**SAE Afikim  
MM81 - MM85**

**DHIA MILK RECORDING  
AND METER CALIBRATION**

**SAE AFIKIM**  
COMPUTERIZED DAIRY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



**Afi-lite Plus™  
Milk Meter**

(Product number 4098999)

User Manual



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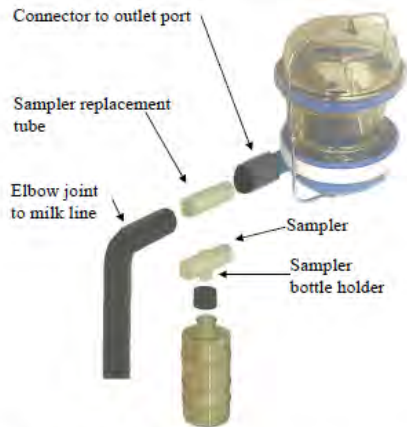


The Heart of the Dairy Farm

### Mounting the Fat Sampler

The fat sampler is mounted between the outlet port and the elbow joint to the milk line.

**NOTE:** During normal milking, when not sampling, a sampler replacement tube fills the gap reserved for the fat sampler.



### Fat Sampler Operation

The fat sampler is made up of a sampling bottle and a sampler head.

Milk is sampled each time the meter body is emptied. As the milk flows out of the milk meter body, a small quantity is diverted by the sampler head into the sampler bottle. This method assures sampling during all stages of the milking session.

- The Afi 2x Sampler is only approved for use with Afikim meters.
- Cannot be used with GEA Metatron, Boumatic Perfection, or DeLaval meters
- Decoupled systems have not been tested and are not ICAR-approved
- Issues
  - Biased results
  - Sampler flooding with other meters
  - Foaming and flooding with vented inflations (impulseAir, Conewango)



- The Ambic sampler is not approved for DHI programs under any conditions.
- Is not ICAR approved
- Appears to be a negative bias for fat in limited testing
- The challenge is the local milking equipment dealers are selling this sampler with on-farm meters instead of the higher-priced ICAR approved sampler for the respective meter model



- The Beco Scan Nexus is not approved recording of milk weights in DHI programs
- Is not ICAR approved
- QCS is working with Beco on testing but they have no sampler for the meter at the present time



- Precision/Precision XL approved
- Also known as Model M/M+
- Must use the Boumatic Precision Sampler
- Service manual, troubleshooting guides, and calibration instructions are available from QCS.



- **Perfection 3000**
- Must use Boumatic Perfection Sampler with the meter
- Service manual, troubleshooting guides, and calibration instructions are available from QCS.



- SmartControl Meter is ICAR Approved
- Must use the Boumatic Perfection Sampler
- Must retrofit deflector
- Must upgrade software





DIAMOND S RANCH INC.

MLKG NO. IS 1

18 FEB 09

3:58 PM

ProVantage Prime

Stl	Cows	P/E	Prod	Exp	Time	#Cnd	C/AC	Cond	AvgC	MDet	MMod	RCtr	F120	Data	CIP
1	38	103	38	37	5	37	98	5.9	6.0	0	2	0	7	0	141
2	38	99	38	38	5	38	108	6.7	6.2	0	1	0	10	0	126
3	37	104	38	36	5	36	112	6.9	6.1	1	2	0	8	0	118
4	37	103	37	36	5	36	104	6.4	6.1	0	2	0	9	0	128
5	36	103	39	37	5	36	82	5.0	6.1	0	1	0	8	0	118
6	35	97	36	37	5	35	106	6.4	6.0	1	2	1	8	0	100
7	35	105	38	36	5	34	108	6.6	6.0	1	2	2	8	0	119
8	36	101	36	36	5	36	113	6.7	5.9	0	2	0	8	0	116
9	36	98	37	38	5	35	81	5.1	6.2	0	1	0	8	0	140
10	36	99	38	38	5	36	103	6.3	6.1	0	1	0	8	0	148
11	35	96	38	39	6	35	99	6.2	6.2	0	3	1	8	0	130
12	34	101	39	39	5	33	107	6.8	6.4	0	2	0	7	0	121
13	39	99	36	37	5	38	102	6.4	6.2	0	3	0	8	0	110
14	39	107	37	35	5	38	108	6.6	6.1	2	2	5	8	0	109
15	39	105	38	36	5	38	101	6.1	6.0	0	2	1	8	0	109
16	38	92	35	38	5	38	98	6.0	6.1	0	2	0	7	0	116
17	36	102	37	36	5	35	106	6.6	6.2	0	3	0	8	0	111
1	35	100	37	37	5	34	112	7.2	6.4	0	1	0	8	1	104
19	35	106	37	34	5	35	104	6.6	6.4	1	1	1	8	0	107
20	36	101	36	35	5	35	90	5.5	6.1	1	1	2	7	0	109
21	36	107	41	39	5	36	111	6.8	6.1	0	1	0	9	0	107
22	34	96	34	36	5	33	105	6.7	6.3	2	2	2	9	1	110
23	34	98	39	40	5	34	105	6.5	6.2	0	0	0	9	1	109
24	32	99	38	39	5	32	110	6.9	6.3	0	1	0	9	1	105



# Boumatic SmartDairy Report

SmartDairy

## Stall Summary Report

ROTARYBARN

START:2014-05-01 10:05 - STOP:2014-05-01 16:52

STALL	MILK	TOTAL LBS	AVG COND	MANU. MODE	MANUAL DETACH	REATTACH	AVG LBS / MIN 60 120	MAX LBS / MIN 60 120	% OF XPCTD	MIN ATT'D	# WASH DUMP
1	39	1690.4	6.8	2	7	0	11.7	19.0	101	5.3	131
2	40	1796.8	7.0	1	5	2	12.2	26.0	100	5.2	136
3	40	1808.6	6.9	1	7	7	12.5	29.0	106	5.3	140
4	38	1714.0	6.6	5	10	2	10.5	20.0	101	5.8	79
5	39	1737.8	7.1	4	8	4	12.4	22.0	102	5.2	138
6	40	1738.3	0.0	6	10	10	12.3	24.0	104	5.3	134
7	40	1874.4	7.1	1	4	2	12.3	21.0	106	5.4	139
8	38	1732.4	6.5	1	8	8	11.9	24.0	110	5.5	133
9	36	1671.0	7.1	2	14	9	13.1	24.0	102	5.2	141
10	39	1703.5	5.3	0	3	0	13.3	24.0	102	5.1	149
11	39	1782.0	7.3	3	7	2	11.1	25.0	103	5.7	134
12	39	1726.5	7.0	6	6	7	12.7	21.0	98	5.5	143
13	37	1605.7	7.2	4	8	2	10.0	19.0	99	5.7	154
14	38	1621.7	6.8	2	4	3	11.0	19.0	99	5.4	136
15	40	1864.0	6.9	2	4	2	11.7	25.0	103	5.5	145
16	39	1755.5	7.2	1	6	2	12.4	24.0	107	5.5	140
17	40	1783.4	0.0	0	2	4	11.9	22.0	104	5.3	134
18	38	1726.0	4.0	2	3	2	12.4	24.0	101	5.6	143
19	39	1730.0	4.1	3	5	5	11.3	17.0	101	5.4	150
20	40	1886.3	6.9	2	5	6	13.6	22.0	105	5.2	147
21	38	1674.7	6.0	3	3	4	12.4	25.0	100	5.2	147
22	38	1739.6	0.0	8	18	15	12.1	21.0	110	5.7	144
23	40	1887.6	6.9	0	6	6	14.9	22.0	113	4.8	169
24	40	1561.0	7.1	3	4	3	11.2	19.0	96	5.1	164
25	39	1765.5	7.0	2	7	3	11.1	17.0	101	6.0	163
26	40	1980.3	6.8	4	6	3	12.8	22.0	110	5.7	132
27	38	1616.3	0.0	1	5	5	11.1	21.0	102	5.8	132
28	37	1613.7	7.3	3	4	2	12.4	22.0	101	5.4	135
29	37	1586.9	6.4	3	6	3	11.7	24.0	101	5.6	141
30	39	1726.6	7.1	1	2	2	13.0	22.0	103	5.3	133

reported: 2014-05-15 10:24

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# Boumatic SmartDairy Report





# Boumatic SmartDairy Report

STALL SUMMARY REPORT	
<b>STALL</b>	This column displays the stall number in the zone.
<b>MILK</b>	This column displays the number of cows that had attaches at this stall during the milking shift.
<b>TOTAL WT</b>	This column displays the total amount of milk produced at this stall during the milking shift.
<b>AVG COND</b>	This column displays the average conductivity of the milk produced at this stall during the milking shift.
<b>MANUAL MODES</b>	This column displays the number of times that the milk meter of the stall was put into Manual Mode.
<b>MANUAL DETACHES</b>	This column displays the number of manual detachment events recorded by the milk meter(s) of particular stall.
<b>REATTACHES</b>	This column displays the number of reattaches at the stall during the milking shift.
<b>AVG WT/MIN 60 120</b>	This column displays the average quantity of milk produced at the stall during the time duration of 60 to 120 seconds after attach. The value is given as a rate of milk produced per minute.
<b>MAX WT/MIN 60 120</b>	This column displays the maximum quantity of milk produced at the stall during the time duration from 60 to 120 seconds after attach. The value is given as a rate of milk produced per minute during the milking shift.
<b>% OF XPCTD</b>	This column displays the percentage of milk obtained relative to that of which was expected.
<b>MIN ATT ' D</b>	This column displays the duration in minutes for which the milking meter was attached at this stall during the milking shift.

**# WASH DUMPS  
Or  
MINS above  
WASH TEMP**

For all detachers except the AMI 5450, this column displays the number of wash dumps for the stall for a milking shift prior to the one currently selected. Previous milk shift wash dumps are shown because this report must be generated immediately after a milk shift was ended and thus, no wash dumps will be recorded for the current shift. For the AMI 5450 detachers, the number of minutes the wash temperature was above the wash temperature threshold is recorded.



- Approved Models
  - ✓ Weighall
- Both high line and low-line installations are approved
- No meter performance report in current Dairymaster Milk Manager software
- Dairymaster recently changed the dump cycle in software – affects accuracy of meter
- Weighall meter could be decertified if Dairymaster does not retest it in a timely fashion



- Challenges with the Dairymaster subsampler
- Mixing of milk is crucial before sampling due to shape of sampler
  - 10 seconds mixing time
  - Complete drainage of sampler
- Failure to properly mix subsample can result in overestimating milk fat and SCC values
- High carryover potential if sampler is not emptied



- Approved Models
  - ✓ Flomaster
  - ✓ MM15 (Flomaster Pro)
  - ✓ MM25/MM25W/MM27
  - ✓ SG (Sheep & Goat)
  - ✓ Delpro MU480
- Must use proper DeLaval sampler for each model
- All meters are low-line except for Delpro MU480
- New meter performance report in Delpro software



## MM15 (Flomaster Meter)

- Must use the correct sampler
- Fill and dump meter – unaffected by vented inflations
- Calibration instructions and troubleshooting guides available from QCS





## MM25/MM27BC Meters

- Must use the correct sampler
- Sensor meter from SCR – reported issues with vented inflations
- Calibration instructions and troubleshooting guides available from QCS





## Alpro/Delpro Report for Calibration of MM25/27 Meters

- Can be calibrated every month
- Uses milk shipped weights
- Must enter new bias values into meter

**Milk Meter Calibration**

Save File... Print... Refresh Close

MAYER FARMS INC  
ALPRO Time: 2:00 09.04.10

Milk Meter Calibration

Current calibration factor: 1.00 Update...  
Last calibration date: -

Save the new BIAS values...

MPC Parlour Pos	Relative Yield	Current BIAS	New BIAS	MPC Parlour Pos	Relative Yield	Current BIAS	New BIAS
1	97.16	1000	1029	21	97.87	1000	1021
2	97.43	1000	1026	22	99.39	1000	1006
3	98.57	1000	1014	23	98.73	1000	1012
4	100.00	1000	1000	24	98.48	1000	1015
5	98.17	1000	1018	25	97.63	1000	1024
6	98.42	1000	1016	26	98.80	1000	1012
7	98.49	1000	1015	27	98.79	1000	1012
8	99.78	1000	1002	28	97.61	1000	1024
9	97.86	1000	1021	29	99.23	1000	1007
10	99.50	1000	1005	30	97.88	1000	1021
11	98.08	1000	1019	31	99.02	1000	1009
12	98.71	1000	1013	32	98.25	1000	1017
13	98.85	1000	1011	33	98.66	1000	1013
14	96.90	1000	1031	34	99.12	1000	1008
15	96.89	1000	1032	35	98.50	1000	1015
16	96.07	1000	1040	36	97.99	1000	1020
17	97.59	1000	1024	37	98.80	1000	1012
18	98.77	1000	1012	38	98.77	1000	1012
19	98.31	1000	1017	39	97.36	1000	1027
20	98.84	1000	1011	40	98.69	1000	1013





- The E-Z Sampler is not approved for DHI programs under any conditions.
- Is not ICAR approved
- Appears to be a negative bias for fat in limited testing
- The challenge is the local milking equipment dealers are selling this sampler with on-farm meters instead of the higher-priced ICAR approved sampler for the respective meter model



- Metatron Meter
- Approved Controllers
  - ✓ Metatron 12
  - ✓ S21/P21
  - ✓ Dematron 70
  - ✓ Dematron 75
- Low-Line Installation Only
- Must Use GEA/Westfalia Sampler
- Reports of Sampler Flooding with Higher Milk Flow Rates



Reports of Metatron Meters reading high after calibration with new CircoTop MBX Fluid – QCS and ICAR RSD-SC are investigating

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GEA Farm Technologies

### **CircoTop MBX** **New calibration fluid for Metatron milk meters**



The new calibration fluid CircoTop MBX for calibrating milk meter systems with Metatron milk meters will be available from the beginning of 09/2010.

- CircoTop MBX ensures simple and exact calibration of ICAR/LKV approved Metatron milk meter systems.
- CircoTop MBX is replacing CircoTop MB.  
Any remaining amounts of CircoTop MB can still be used up.

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# Metatron report

DairyPlan DPList 5.212.022 NO10C108 BOS 4

1-02-09 6:45

Meter	Number Weights	No Cow#	Cow# Hand	Cow# Auto	Auto %	----Averages----			Total Milk
						Milk	Time	%Dev	
54	47	0	0	47	100	27.11	5.0	0	1274
55	46	0	0	46	100	27.79	5.1	1	1278
56	47	0	0	47	100	31.78	5.1	9	1494
57	45	0	0	45	100	27.42	5.1	-5	1234
58	47	0	0	47	100	28.78	5.1	7	1352
59	46	0	0	46	100	26.76	4.8	-3	1231
60	46	0	0	46	100	26.96	4.8	-2	1240
61	47	1	0	46	100	25.81	5.0	-0	1213
62	47	0	0	47	100	24.92	4.8	-6	1171
63	47	1	0	46	100	28.43	5.0	3	1336
64	46	0	0	46	100	28.17	4.8	4	1296
65	46	0	0	46	100	25.97	5.0	-5	1195
66	46	0	0	46	100	26.98	5.0	-1	1241
67	46	0	0	46	100	26.73	4.9	-7	1230
68	45	0	0	45	100	26.49	5.0	-3	1192
69	47	0	0	47	100	28.53	5.0	2	1341
70	46	0	0	46	100	27.88	5.1	-1	1283
71	45	0	0	45	100	25.84	4.9	-0	1163
72	46	0	0	46	100	26.23	5.0	-3	1206
	3302	8		3294	100	26.67	4.9	-1	88060

NO QUALIFYING DATA TO PRINT

0 Cows identified more than once

0 Unknown responders



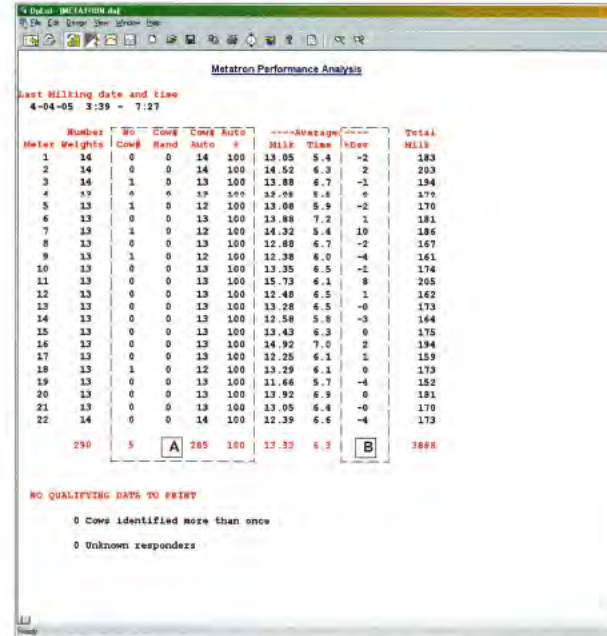
# Metatron Meter Report

## Metatron yield analysis

At the end of the milking session, the Metatron yield analysis gives an overview of the key figures for the milking session.

An identification statistic (A) gives an idea of the quality of automatic identification. Milk quantities without identification are not included in this because the causes are too numerous.

In this example, the percentage deviation (B) of the amount milk obtained from the amount of milk expected shows a negative trend in the herd. If individual Metatron units show two-figure deviations over several days, this points to a fault.



Metatron Performance Analysis

Last Milking date and time  
4-04-05 3:39 - 7:27

Meter	Number	Wt	Cows	Cows	Auto	---	Average	---	Total
Weights	Cows	Hand	Auto	Auto	Auto	Milk	Time	Index	Milk
1	14	0	0	14	100	13.05	5.4	-2	183
2	14	0	0	14	100	14.52	6.3	2	203
3	14	1	0	13	100	13.88	6.7	-1	194
4	13	0	0	13	100	12.98	5.8	0	170
5	13	1	0	12	100	13.88	6.9	-2	170
6	13	0	0	13	100	13.88	7.2	1	181
7	13	1	0	12	100	14.32	5.4	10	186
8	13	0	0	13	100	12.88	6.7	-2	167
9	13	1	0	12	100	12.38	6.0	-4	161
10	13	0	0	13	100	13.35	6.5	-1	174
11	13	0	0	13	100	15.73	6.1	8	205
12	13	0	0	13	100	12.40	6.5	1	162
13	13	0	0	13	100	13.28	6.5	-0	173
14	13	0	0	13	100	12.58	5.8	-3	164
15	13	0	0	13	100	13.43	6.3	0	175
16	13	0	0	13	100	14.92	7.0	2	194
17	13	0	0	13	100	12.25	6.1	1	159
18	13	1	0	12	100	13.29	6.1	0	173
19	13	0	0	13	100	11.66	5.7	-4	152
20	13	0	0	13	100	13.92	6.9	0	181
21	13	0	0	13	100	13.05	6.4	-0	170
22	14	0	0	14	100	12.39	6.6	-4	173
290	5			285	100	13.33	6.3		3888

NO QUALIFYING DATA TO PRINT

0 Cows identified more than once

0 Unknown responders

The results of previous milking sessions can also be displayed by shifting the visible section of the window.



- Unapproved Meter from SCR
  - ✓ FFS 30 Sensor
  - ✓ ED 200 Display
  - ✓ MC 200 Controller
- Marketed by Dairy Micro Logic
- Part of Semex ai-24 program
- SCR has not tested or applied for ICAR testing/approval

# Accurate ID is Important

## Cow ID and Stall ID are essential to the Meter Performance Report

- **Electronic ID systems**
  - Manufacturer ID – transponders
  - Third Party EID tags and readers
  - ***Primary Source of Error – TECHNOLOGY***
- **Manual ID entry**
  - Cow ID is keyed on the controller in the milking stall
  - Usually leg bands or visual cow number
  - ***Primary Source of Error - HUMAN***



# Potential Sources of Error in Data Recording

Accuracy	Excellent	Good	Fair
Milk Meter	98%	98%	98%
Controller	99%	99%	99%
Animal ID	100%	97%	95%
Milker (Human)	99%	99%	99%
Data Transfer	100%	100%	100%
<b>Maximum Data Accuracy from On-Farm System</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>90%</b>

- **Calibrating the milk meter alone may not be sufficient**
- **Errors also exist when using portable meters for herd recording**
- **Need to review entire system and minimize errors**

# Meter Performance Reports cannot be used with..

- Herds with incomplete identification or EID system challenges
- Herds with one or more failing/non-communicating controllers
- Herds with one or more missing or out-of-service meters
- Herds where all strings do not have the same milking frequency (some strings 4x, some strings 2x) – may be solved with additional programming/logic

# Using Third-Party software

- **Interface with manufacturer's software**
  - *GEA Westfalia (Dairy Plan)*
  - *Afikim (Afimilk, Afifarm)*
  - *Boumatic (Provantage, Metrix)*
  - *DeLaval (Alpro)*
  - *DairyMaster*
  - *Universal*
- **Short List of Vendors**
  - *Dairy Comp 305 (Valley Ag Software)*
  - *PCDart (Dairy Records Management Systems)*

Stall No.	No. Milking	No. Obs.	% Difference From Expected		
1	10	71	+2.0		
2	10	71	+3.0		
3	10	69	-5.8	Diff.	5%
4	10	67	-1.8		
5	10	66	+0.4		
6	10	58	-0.1		
7	10	59	+0.6		
8	10	55	+0.4		
9	10	74	+0.7		
10	10	75	+6.7	Diff.	5%
11	10	77	+1.1		
12	10	77	+0.6		
13	10	78	-2.9		
14	10	73	-3.1		
15	10	67	-0.7		
16	10	63	-1.9		

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMR) Detail  
Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

Stall No.	Date/Milking Number									
	08-22 1	08-22 2	08-21 1	08-21 2	08-20 1	08-20 2	08-19 1	08-19 2	08-18 1	08-18 2
1	+5.5	+2.8	+1.7	-1.1	+4.9	+5.8	-2.5	+3.2	+2.7	-1.3
2	+1.4	+5.4	-2.8	-0.1	-0.5	+4.4	+8.7	+1.1	+13.6	-0.6
3	+3.9	-0.5	+8.9	+2.2	-1.4	-96.5	+5.2	+8.3	-6.2	-5.0
4	-1.3	-8.1	+0.5	+4.1	-6.3	-4.1	-2.7	-0.9	-0.9	-1.5
5	-1.8	+2.7	-3.7	+3.5	+0.0	+7.2	-0.7	-0.8	+0.5	+0.5
6	-0.9	-1.7	+0.9	-2.9	-0.2	+6.8	-1.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4
7	+1.4	-9.8	+3.7	-5.2	+4.0	+6.0	+3.2	-4.8	-1.0	+4.6
8	-1.1	-2.9	-5.1	-3.2	+1.5	+3.7	+2.3	+7.7	-1.4	+3.6
9	+2.0	+1.6	+1.7	-2.1	+0.0	+6.1	-0.5	-1.6	+0.0	+0.7
10	+6.6	+7.8	+13.6	+2.0	+7.4	+15.5	+2.9	+4.8	+1.2	+4.3
11	+6.0	-2.4	-2.2	+6.5	-2.3	+5.0	+0.5	-0.3	+0.0	+1.8
12	-2.8	+0.9	-0.7	-0.5	+6.5	+4.9	-1.3	-0.7	+1.3	+0.0
13	-0.2	+2.1	+1.9	-1.7	-11.5	-0.7	-6.5	-1.2	-4.9	-5.4
14	-9.2	-3.6	-2.4	-2.9	-4.7	-1.2	+0.0	-3.8	-4.5	+1.2
15	-1.6	+0.8	-1.3	-1.8	+2.2	+12.1	-4.2	-10.5	+2.1	-3.1
16	-10.2	+1.4	-12.1	+2.6	+3.0	+8.4	-0.7	-2.6	-3.0	+0.5
AV.	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.0	+0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2

Detail information for each milking for each cow stored in file METERDTL.CSV  
File is located in PCDART 34120121. Open file with spreadsheet program.



# PCDart 817 EMMR



# Acceptable 817 EMMR

Stall No.	No. Milkings	No. Obs.	% Difference From Expected
101	10	252	-1.1
102	10	246	+1.6
103	10	252	0.0
104	10	257	-0.1
105	10	258	-0.4
106	10	253	-1.9
201	10	259	-0.3
202	10	260	+3.7
203	10	254	+0.7
204	10	258	+0.2
205	10	260	-0.8
206	10	254	-2.0

Stall No.= Station (first char.), Side (next char.) and Stall (last 2 chars.)

817 - Milking Report - Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report - Date 02-21-2011

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMMR) Detail  
Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

***** Date/Milking Number *****										
Stall No.	02-21 1	02-21 2	02-21 3	02-20 1	02-20 2	02-20 3	02-19 1	02-19 2	02-19 3	02-19 4
101	+1.1	+2.4	-3.5	-2.4	-2.1	+1.4	-7.7	+0.4	-1.2	+1.1
102	+9.2	-0.7	-2.7	+1.6	+5.8	+1.8	+3.3	+2.1	-0.5	-4.5
103	-1.4	+0.7	+1.2	+1.1	-1.0	-1.4	+2.1	+0.1	-0.6	-1.2
104	-2.4	-3.1	-0.2	+2.0	+4.1	-1.3	+1.1	-2.6	-0.3	+2.5
105	-2.2	-1.6	+1.4	+4.8	-2.5	-0.4	+1.6	-0.3	-4.2	-1.0
106	+2.3	-5.8	-2.3	-3.5	-3.7	-1.4	-0.9	+0.2	-1.4	-2.8
201	-4.6	-2.5	+2.6	+1.3	-0.3	-0.6	-3.4	+1.9	+1.1	+1.1
202	+1.9	+3.2	+5.7	+2.8	+2.4	+4.9	+5.9	+2.3	+3.7	+4.2
203	-0.4	-0.5	+2.1	+2.0	+0.8	+1.3	+0.7	+0.6	-2.0	+2.1
204	+1.4	+1.1	+0.5	-2.9	-1.2	+2.5	+0.7	-0.7	+1.8	-0.6
205	+0.0	-4.0	-1.3	+0.6	-0.1	-2.0	-2.4	0.0	+2.3	-1.9
206	-3.3	-2.5	-2.8	-5.3	+0.2	-4.1	-0.9	-1.7	+2.4	-1.2

# DC 305 – Parlor Performance Report

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 - NORTHSTAR ----- North Star Acres ----- 7/28/09-----

Milking report for 7/28/09 Milking 1 at 12:07 PM 3.04E 12

PEN	Total Milk	Milk /Hr	Milk /Cow	Cows	Cows /Hr	Total Time	Start Time	Stop Time	Avg #/m	Avg Dur	Avg Dev	Not ID
1	1399	2268	22	64	103	0:37	4:09	4:47	5.0	4.5	1	4
2	1663	1918	16	106	122	0:52	4:57	5:49	3.7	4.3	0	6
3	1912	383	22	88	17	4:59	5:54	10:54	4.4	5.1	-1	3
5	4176	1482	29	146	51	2:49	6:48	9:38	5.7	5.3	-1	7
6	4672	1752	33	142	53	2:40	8:18	10:58	6.0	5.7	0	8
4	2130	2778	30	71	46	9:49	10:35	10:55	5.6	5.6	0	3
9	490	2100	41	12	51	0:14	10:45	10:59	5.4	8.0	0	0
Total	16442	2406	26	629	92	6:50	4:09	10:59	5.2	5.2	0	31

Description	Pen	1	2	3	5	6	4	9
% Units were attached	33	31	36	6	19	21	36	28
Milk / stall / hour	100	92	79	15	61	73	115	86
Cows / stall / hour	3.8	4.2	5.0	0.7	2.1	2.2	3.8	2.1
Flowrate 0 to 15 seconds	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.5
Flowrate 15 to 30 seconds	5.6	5.0	4.1	4.8	5.8	6.9	6.3	7.0
Flowrate 30 to 60 seconds	5.3	5.2	3.4	4.2	5.6	6.1	6.7	8.0
"Peak" Flowrate	7.0	7.2	4.4	5.7	7.7	8.3	7.8	8.8
Milk in the first 2 minutes	11	11	7	9	12	14	13	15
Percent milk in 2 minutes	43	52	47	42	43	41	44	36
Percent time in low flow	20	21	30	22	17	17	18	19
Seconds in low flow	64	57	79	69	57	60	61	96

Error Summary:	Pen	1	2	3	5	6	4	9
Reattach	12	1	2	1	4	1	3	0
No Letdown	41	4	6	6	9	11	5	0
Manual Mode	10	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Early Falloff	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Late Rehang	8	0	1	1	2	2	2	0
Manual Detach	28	4	1	2	5	6	8	1
Total	99	9	12	13	21	21	19	4

Stall	Cows	Dev	Milk	Time	Flow	Cond	Peak	Fall	Mode	MDet
1	30	0	23	5.0	4.7	9.2	6	1	0	1
2	30	0	25	5.7	4.6	9.3	5	0	2	2
3	30	0	26	5.4	4.7	9.2	6	1	1	1
4	28	0	26	5.7	4.6	9.1	6	1	0	0
5	28	0	24	5.0	4.9	9.2	6	0	0	0
6	27	0	26	5.3	5.1	8.7	6	1	1	1
7	26	1	23	4.7	5.4	8.5	8	0	0	1
8	26	-1	23	5.2	3	9.2	7	2	0	2
9	26	-2	23	4.8	5.0	9.9	7	0	1	0
10	26	0	26	5.4	5.0	9.4	6	1	1	1
11	26	1	26	5.8	4.9	9.1	7	1	1	1
12	26	0	24	4.9	5.0	9.4	6	2	0	2

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13	29	3	29	5.5	5.3	9.4	6	1	0	2
14	28	0	28	5.2	5.5	9.2	7	0	0	0
15	29	-1	26	5.0	5.3	9.6	7	1	0	1
16	29	-1	26	5.2	5.0	9.7	7	1	1	1
17	29	0	27	5.1	5.3	9.6	7	1	0	1
18	29	0	25	5.0	5.1	9.8	7	0	0	2
19	28	0	24	4.9	5.0	9.2	6	1	0	2
20	26	1	27	4.8	6.0	8.8	8	1	1	3
21	26	0	25	4.7	5.3	8.9	7	0	0	0
22	26	24	24	4.5	5.4	8.9	7	0	0	0
23	26	0	26	5.3	5.1	8.7	6	1	1	4
24	26	0	28	5.1	5.9	9.1	8	1	0	0
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Average	28	1	26	5.1	5.1	9.2	7	1	0	1
Side	Cows	Dev	Milk	Time	Flow	Cond	Peak	Fall	Mode	MDet
1	329	0	25	5.2	4.9	9.2	6	14	7	12
2	331	2	26	5.0	5.3	9.2	7	8	3	16
Average	330	1	26	5.1	5.1	9.2	6	11	5	14

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# Deviating Meters on the Report

- It does not necessarily mean the meter is out of calibration...
  - But if one meter is out of tolerance on the report, the whole report is not usable
- Time to be a detective and isolate/correct errors...
  - Primary contacts
    - Dairy Manager
    - Representative(s) from Herd Recording Organization
  - Secondary contacts
    - Milker(s)
    - Representative from Equipment Manufacturer



# Sources of Variation – ID System

## Possible cause(s)

- Inaccurate ID reads from automated system
- Incomplete herd ID
- Duplicate animal ID
- Data entry errors by milking personnel

817 - Milking Report - Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report - Date 07-31-2009

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMMR) Detail  
Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

Stall No.	Date/Milking Number									
	07-31 1	07-31 2	07-30 1	07-30 2	07-29 1	07-29 2	07-28 1	07-28 2	07-27 1	07-27 2
80	+10.1	+49.2	+14.6	-8.0	+7.9	+8.2	+11.4	+19.4	+18.7	+18.9
81	-0.1	+52.4	+10.6	+3.3	+4.7	+13.7	+9.9	+24.8	+10.0	+14.8
82	+1.1	+27.3	-0.8	+9.5	+10.0	+19.9	+16.1	+8.8	+29.2	+12.5
83	+10.3	+47.0	+5.0	+6.8	+6.8	+15.5	+13.3	+26.2	+7.3	+19.6
84	+26.9	+56.6	-2.6	+9.8	+5.7	-0.2	+13.3	+17.8	+39.0	-8.6
85	-8.9	+19.4	+5.3	+2.8	-3.5	+11.3	+21.4	+31.4	+20.9	+18.3
86	+116.5	+39.0	+0.9	-28.2	+5.7	+12.7	+15.0	+22.2	+39.3	+27.7
87	+2.0	+59.2	+2.5	+27.5	+0.6	+16.2	+2.3	-5.1	+25.8	+18.3
88	+4.9	+23.8	+22.5	-98.6	+21.8	-24.9	-9.0	+40.3	+44.9	+24.5
89	-4.9	+42.5	+42.5	+73.6	+36.3	+163.0	+30.1	+33.2	+14.9	+18.6
90	+18.6	+10.7	+19.8	+39.0	+27.3	+22.4	+22.4	+11.9	-1.9	+110.9
91	+110.9	+51.5	+12.3	+33.7	+7.9	+51.2	+8.5	+5.4	+18.5	+113.5
92	-11.8	+59.7	+64.5	+24.8	+53.8	+57.8	+57.5	+48.5	+77.9	+27.9
93	+54.8	+60.1	+74.9	+73.2	+20.8	+23.7	+39.6	+21.1	+28.3	+41.8
94	+17.4	+46.3	+48.4	+38.3	+38.4	+29.7	+8.8	+15.6	+54.6	+54.6
95	+41.9	+51.8	+43.6	+66.2	+12.1	+100.5	+39.8	+40.2	+25.9	+45.8
96	+20.5	+43.9	+35.6	+56.3	+78.5	+60.1	+19.6	+27.7	+33.5	+18.4
97	+18.4	+40.9	-13.3	+79.1	+12.3	+103.0	+13.6	+91.0	+45.6	-1.6
98	+39.6	+51.0	+23.0	+103.0	+7.4	+98.8	+28.4	+24.9	+28.9	+58.3
99	-21.5	+31.5	+7.7	+30.7	+1.8	+35.8	+26.6	+72.4	+32.9	+83.7
100	+36.5	+25.7	+70.9	+116.0	+84.3	+86.5	+31.8	+60.3	+44.6	+54.8
101	-11.8	+83.8	+132.8	+194.7	+27.3	+77.7	+22.4	+99.0	-28.5	+116.6
102	+11.6	+29.2	-5.0	+39.8	+6.1	+46.4	+4.0	+16.7	-19.2	+5.7
103	-3.6	+46.8	+89.7	+80.2	+111.3	+49.7	+61.4	+22.1	+29.4	+119.8
AV.	+13.8	+43.7	+27.6	+40.6	+24.4	+44.9	+20.2	+32.3	+25.9	+40.0

Detail information for each milking for each cow is stored in file MeterDtl.csv  
File is located in C: PCDART 12184502. Open file with spreadsheet program.

# Sources of Variation – Equipment

- Reattachment of milkers – Is the total milk weight computed?
- Treated cows – do they bypass the meter?
- Incomplete letdown by cows
- Meter out of calibration

817 - Milking Report - Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report - Date 06-25-2009

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMHR) Detail  
Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

Stall No.	***** Date/Milking Number *****									
	06-25 1	06-25 2	06-25 3	06-24 1	06-24 2	06-24 3	06-23 1	06-23 2	06-23 3	06-23 4
1	+8.1	+2.9	+6.9	+7.8	-0.4	-2.4	+1.6	+1.0	+3.0	+8.9
2	+0.8	+9.5	+4.7	-1.5	+9.6	+5.4	+6.9	+5.7	+3.8	+1.5
3	+4.6	+12.3	+8.4	+9.9	+6.9	+2.1	+6.4	+8.4	+2.9	+2.3
4	+8.0	+2.5	-4.1	+2.8	+3.4	+9.5	+7.2	+4.3	+7.5	+2.4
5	+9.4	+11.7	+3.3	-4.6	+3.7	+6.6	+5.0	-3.0	+13.5	+6.7
6	-2.3	+1.0	+0.6	-0.8	+0.3	-2.3	+4.1	+0.3	-0.9	-1.3
7	+10.4	+6.3	-2.3	+6.0	+7.6	+3.6	+4.7	+6.2	+8.0	+10.0
8	+6.4	-0.6	+0.2	+3.8	+3.3	+1.1	+2.4	+5.8	+6.6	+2.7
9	+4.1	+4.3	+3.3	-0.5	-2.1	+2.3	+1.7	+7.9	+3.8	+8.4
10	+0.3	+4.1	+12.5	+7.8	+0.2	+0.2	+7.8	+8.8	+9.5	+6.3
11	+11.4	-1.6	+9.8	+5.6	+1.9	+2.7	+4.3	+4.0	+1.3	-0.2
12	+2.4	+13.1	+2.2	+4.6	+6.2	+3.0	-5.5	+3.1	-1.6	-0.3
13	-3.3	+0.0	+3.3	-0.6	+2.1	+4.1	+7.8	+5.5	+3.4	-1.0
14	+2.4	+4.2	+13.0	+9.5	+7.1	+6.5	+11.7	+9.4	+6.1	+8.8
15	-5.9	-5.5	-6.2	-3.4	+4.0	-3.8	-5.3	-10.9	-4.9	-11.6
16	+10.3	+10.2	+6.2	+9.8	+14.7	+6.2	+6.3	+10.3	+6.3	+10.6
17	-27.0	-21.9	-22.1	-28.2	-30.1	-23.8	-23.8	-29.2	-24.0	-19.0
18	+1.8	+6.9	+8.2	+9.6	+8.1	+7.8	+13.3	+5.1	+6.2	+1.2
19	-23.3	-22.9	-25.2	-24.3	-27.3	-22.5	-26.7	-22.4	-24.9	-20.1
20	+3.3	+3.2	+10.4	+8.8	-1.2	+15.1	+9.3	+9.7	+6.0	+5.0
21	-25.7	-35.5	-27.9	-18.3	-26.2	-22.0	-26.5	-26.1	-24.4	-25.6
22	-13.1	-14.8	-15.4	-12.1	-10.8	-15.4	-18.5	-21.2	-17.4	-14.2
23	+5.3	+4.4	+6.3	+7.9	+6.2	+8.1	+1.2	+3.1	-2.6	+3.2
24	+3.2	-1.4	-5.7	-0.5	+1.7	-5.0	-1.2	-2.3	-0.6	-2.9
AV.	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8

Detail information for each milking for each cow is stored in file MeterDtl.csv  
File is located in C: PCDART 23150461. Open file with spreadsheet program.

# Sources of Variation - Equipment

- Meters installed properly?
- Meter out of calibration?
- Modifications to milking system?

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMMR) Detail

Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

\*\*\*\*\* Date/Milking Number \*\*\*\*\*

Stall No.	03-18 1	03-18 2	03-18 3	03-17 1	03-17 2	03-17 3	03-16 1	03-16 2	03-16 3	03-15 1
1	+0.0	+1.7	+1.2	+5.1	+5.4	+0.2	+2.9	+2.0	+0.2	+3.7
2	+4.4	+4.5	+5.9	+9.6	+9.9	+1.5	+3.7	+10.0	+1.2	+4.7
3	+2.2	+4.8	+2.9	+3.7	+5.0	-1.2	+4.5	+8.8	+1.2	+5.5
4	-34.2	-37.1	-31.4	-30.6	-25.0	-15.5	-31.0	-30.4	-38.8	-37.4
5	+5.2	+8.2	+4.0	+3.2	+13.4	+3.6	+6.2	+2.0	+2.6	+5.6
6	+0.1	-5.1	-3.4	-5.2	-6.2	-1.2	-9.9	-6.6	-4.7	-1.3
7	+4.5	+4.2	+0.3	+0.9	+0.0	+4.7	+3.8	+7.2	+4.2	+4.6
8	+1.4	+5.1	+3.2	+2.3	-1.2	-1.3	+1.1	+5.3	+2.9	-4.1
9	+2.4	+0.4	+0.2	+1.3	-3.2	-3.3	+8.5	-2.7	-0.5	+3.8
10	+7.4	+6.7	+3.7	-1.5	+8.0	+0.0	+0.6	+1.7	+7.3	+9.8
11	-0.4	+0.0	-1.0	+5.3	-6.5	+0.5	+7.1	+4.6	+9.9	-0.2
12	+4.4	+6.1	+9.6	+7.8	+1.4	+6.6	+2.5	-3.0	+5.3	+6.9
AV.	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.0	+0.4	-0.4	+0.6	-0.2	-0.3	+0.1

Detail information for each milking for each cow stored in file METERDTL.CSV  
File is located in PCDART 32200303. Open file with spreadsheet program.

# Sources of Variation – Missing Milkings

Electronic Milk Meter Monitoring Report (EMMMR) Detail  
Percent Difference From Expected By Milking

Stall No.	***** Date/Milking Number *****									
	07-30 1	07-30 2	07-29 1	07-29 2	07-28 1	07-28 2	07-27 1	07-27 2	07-26 1	07-26 2
80	+4.6	-4.2	+5.2	-4.2	+0.1		+22.9	-2.1	+4.5	-3.6
81	+3.6	-5.4	+4.1	-5.4	-4.1		+7.6	+0.9	-0.6	+10.1
82	-1.7	-6.2	-2.9	-6.2	+0.0		-3.8	-0.6	+4.4	-6.9
83	+15.0	+10.1	+3.2	+10.1	+11.0		+0.4	-3.4	+3.3	+2.1
84	+9.1	+14.0	+9.5	+14.0	-7.4		+1.2	+11.3	-5.1	+10.3
85	+4.8	+7.4	+5.1	+7.4	+2.3		+9.6	-4.6	+6.0	-1.5
86	-97.5	-96.4	-98.0	-96.4	+6.1		+9.9	+0.0	+4.9	-3.5
87	+1.8	-0.7	+2.4	-0.7	+4.3		-0.7	+6.1	-0.6	+5.2
88	+5.1	+14.1	+5.5	+14.1	+1.4		+0.5	-12.4	+23.6	+4.0
89	-2.0	+3.7	-1.5	+3.7	+1.2		+2.5	+1.5	+9.3	+1.3
90	-9.7	-0.3	-9.3	-0.3	+1.5		-3.2	-0.3	-2.7	+3.6
91	+8.4	-5.2	+3.8	-5.2	-6.3		-1.6	-6.3	-6.5	-6.0
92	+3.7	+3.3	+8.5	+3.3	-0.1		-3.0	+3.5	-4.3	-6.2
93	-6.9	+2.6	-6.6	+2.6	-1.3		-3.8	+8.2	+2.0	+0.4
94	+4.2	+5.0	+4.6	+5.0	-3.9		-2.5	-8.0	+8.1	-0.7
95	+5.4	+1.9	+4.1	+1.9	-11.3		-2.2	-0.8	+1.9	-0.7
96	-3.0	+0.6	-8.4	+0.6	+3.5		+3.0	+4.5	-19.7	+0.0
97	+5.3	+10.4	+5.7	+10.4	+2.5		+3.9	+8.0	+1.9	+0.0
98	+0.5	+6.0	+3.0	+6.0	+0.4		-6.4	+1.7	+4.6	+1.2
99	+0.7	+22.3	+0.8	+22.3	+1.1		+4.5	-2.1	+4.0	-1.6
100	-0.1	+3.4	+0.3	+3.4	+5.8		-14.7	-3.4	+0.1	-3.3
101	+2.0	+7.7	+2.3	+7.7	-3.4		+4.3	+8.4	-8.4	-2.1
102	-2.9	+1.2	-2.2	+1.2	-1.7		-6.4	-2.6	-0.4	-0.4

# Electronic Meters – Follow-up Service

- Identified Meters out of tolerance
  - Three stall with malfunctioning displays
  - One stall with air leak
  - One with bad wire
  - One stall with bad valve
  - Three stalls needed electrodes cleaned



- ☒ Inspect Take-offs: MANY RAD #1, #6, #10 Replaced AFE Display's  
#41 Replaced Air hose, #29 Retract valve, #47 Remote start wire  
#15, #25, #68 cleaned electrodes with RAG, (these units not reading proper milk weight)
- ☒ Inspect Crowd Gate Keylock missing EAST Trolley - Adjusted both track chains  
There was Hole in Forward Signal hose + Bud 250A valve for forward  
Cylinder hose Union was leaking air and secured one crowd gate wheel



# Considerations on Meter Performance Reports

- Low cost
- Frequency – i.e. monthly
- Ease of producer access
- Ease of recording personnel access
- Shorter turnaround and targeted repairs compared to annual water test calibration
- Identify weaknesses in the entire linked milk recording system
- Service opportunity for herd recording organization – build value into recording program
- Ongoing assurance of data validity for use in recording programs

## Advantages

- Does not clearly indicate whether a meter is operating within tolerances
  - Part of the process
  - Not the answer or result
- There is no meter system certification or validation without...
  - communication
  - interpretation
  - action
  - follow-up
- Does not replace installation test or routine maintenance

## Disadvantages

# Common Questions on Testing of AMS (Robot) Herds

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# UOP for Automatic Milking Systems

Data obtained from automatic milking system software may not be used in genetic evaluations unless the system meets National DHIA/Quality Certification Services standards

- Test day milk weights will be obtained as 24-hour yield obtained from the automatic (robotic) milking system software. The average 24-hour milk yield reported should represent a minimum of three consecutive days and not to exceed ten consecutive days.
- Milk samples shall be obtained using National DHIA accepted sampling devices for one of the milkings during the test day. There will be no application of AM/PM factors on milk samples.

# DHI Testing of AMS (Robot) Herds

The most common questions are:

- Are the milk weights supervised?
- Is the sampling supervised?
  - Is the yield recording is electronic by an approved device?
    - All milkings are weighed
    - Yes if using the system software and transferring 24-hour weights
  - Is the sampling is automatic by an approved device?
    - Less than all milkings are sampled (usually one milking)
    - Yes - if using an approved shuttle

# What Test Plan for Robotic Herds?

Sampling Protocol	Supervised DHI		Supervised DHIR		Unsupervised		Supervised Commercial	
	Supervised DHI test conducted by certified field tech/rep		Supervised DHI test conducted by certified field tech/rep plus adherence to breed association rules		Dairy producer weighs and samples milk on test day		DHI field tech weighs and samples milk, but certain aspects of the uniform operating procedures are not followed	
All milkings weighed & less than all milkings sampled on test day	DHI-APCS	02	DHIR-APCS	22	DHI-OS-APCS	42	DHI-COMM-APCS	72
All milkings weighed, but no samples taken on test day	DHI-MO	33	-----		DHI-OS-MO	43	DHI-COMM-MO	73



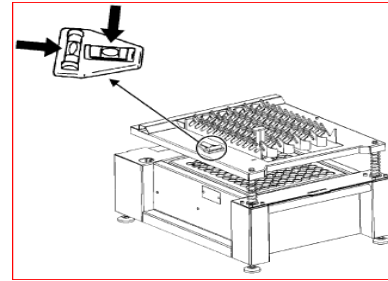
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- Approved AMS Models
  - Astronaut/Astronaut A2
  - Astronaut A3/A3 Next
  - Astronaut A4
- Approved Shuttles
  - **Not all shuttles are approved with all Lely AMS Models**
  - Lely Shuttle A
  - Lely Shuttle XY
  - Ori-Collector
- Modifications required to use Shuttle XY (handout)
- Must provide a calibration report annually to QCS

# Common Challenges with Shuttle A

- Shuttle not leveled
- Tube between shuttle and robot too long
- Shuttle sticky and dirty at arrival
- Shuttle not maintained
- Robot valve too high/low air pressure
- Robot valve not maintained: stuck in dirt.



## 4.2 Monthly maintenance

### 4.2.1 Inspection of serrated frame

### 4.2.2 Inspection of float chamber

Check that the float chamber (4, figure 4.5)  
Proceed as follows:

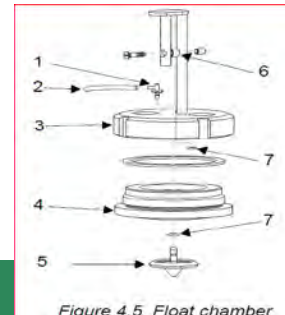


Figure 4.5 Float chamber

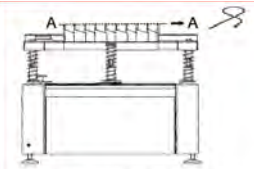


Figure 4.3 Flat serrated frame

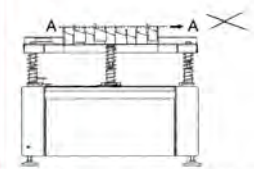
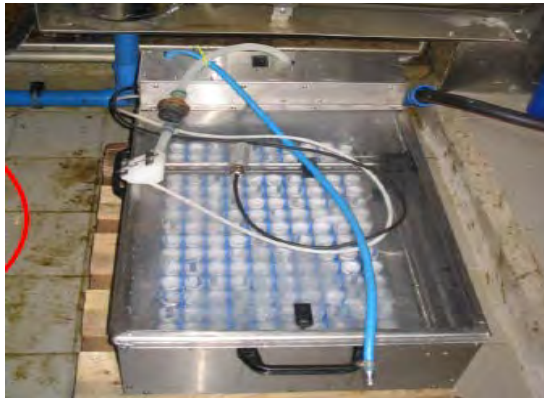
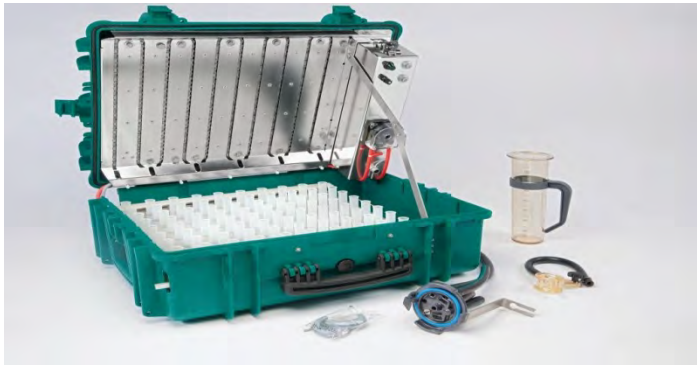


Figure 4.4 Distorted serrated frame



- DeLaval VMS
- DeLaval Shuttle for DHI sampling in the USA
- Possible to use Ori-Collector with Adapter Kit and Software Patch when released in USA
- Must provide a calibration report annually to QCS





- MIOne AMS System
- Must use the MIOne sampler
- The Ori-Collector is not approved to work with the MIOne
- Must provide a calibration report annually to QCS





- Ori-Collector Sampling Shuttle (France)
- Advantages
  - Lightweight
  - Larger Vial Capacity than Shuttle A
  - Approved for Lely A3, A3Next, and A4
- Disadvantages
  - Requires adapter kit and software patch for DeLaval VMS
  - Failed ICAR test for MIOne AMS
- Vial size is part of crown construction – not a stock item ready to go off the shelf

# ICAR Approved AMS-Shuttle Combinations

	Shuttle A	Shuttle B	Shuttle XY	VMX Sampler	VMX7 Sampler	GEA Sampler	Ori-Collector
Lely A1	YES	NOT APPROVED	NO				NO
Lely A2	YES	NOT APPROVED	NO				NO
Lely A3	NOT APPROVED	UNDER TEST	YES				YES
Lely A3 Next	NOT APPROVED	UNDER TEST	YES				YES
Lely A4	NOT APPROVED	UNDER TEST	YES				YES
DeLaval VMS				YES	NO		NO
DeLaval VMS 2007				YES	YES		YES
DeLaval VMS 2010					YES		YES
Boumatic MR-S1	NOT APPROVED						NO
Boumatic MR-D1	NOT APPROVED						NO
GEA MIOne						YES	NO

# Calibration Report Required Annually



Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association  
307 Brighton Avenue South • Buffalo, MN 55313  
(763) 682-1091 • Fax (763) 682-1117 • [www.mndhia.org](http://www.mndhia.org)

## IN-PLACE ELECTRONIC CALIBRATION REPORT—ROBOTIC SYSTEM

According to the National Dairy Herd Improvement Program, Uniform Operating Procedures, producer-owned electronic meters used for DHIA testing must be checked for accuracy by a qualified technician with the same standards used for DHIA meters if the producer wants information to go to USDA. DHIA information is used by USDA for Sire proofs and other genetic evaluations and is required if the dairy is on a young sire program.

- Calibration reports are required on an annual basis with a maximum interval of 14 months.
- Meters must be within 5% of the Expected reading.

Herd Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Herd Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Rep Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Field Rep Number (We will add) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Robotic Make (Ex Lely) \_\_\_\_\_ Model (Ex A3) \_\_\_\_\_  
Install Date (if new install) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Units \_\_\_\_\_

Robot Serial # \_\_\_\_\_  
This Robotic Meter has been calibrated as per dealer instructions and is within certified tolerance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of person performing test \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Dealership Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Dealership State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes or Comments \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL TO: MINNESOTA DHIA, 307 BRIGHTON AVE S, BUFFALO MN 55313  
or FAX TO MINNESOTA DHIA: (763) 682-1117 attention: Gabe.



## ARENSEN FARM SALES & SERVICE INC

6875 Albers Road, Albers, IL 62215  
618-248-5005 618-248-5002 fax

33-13-0846  
JERRY ARENSEN

September 10, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lely A4 Robots at Arentsen Dairy, Serial # 5000613 and Serial # 5000614 were calibrated on September 10, 2014 by our Lely Technician, Patrick Bach.

Sincerely,  
  
Gary Arentsen  
President  
Arentsen Farm Sales & Service Inc



Excel Dairy Systems, Inc.  
145 Stephenson St.  
Cedarville, IL 61013  
815-583-4703 fax 883-4704

October 2, 2014

To Whomever It May Concern,

The Lely Robots on the Scott Haas Dairy, Elizabeth, Illinois was calibrated on  
September 30, 2014 by Rick Duchow -L756.

Serial # 50000308

Serial # 50000309

33-41-0029  
A4

Sincerely,  
  
Rick Duchow  
Rick Duchow  
Co Owner



# An Alternative to Calibration Report for AMS Systems

## Milk Shipped Comparison (ICAR approved in 2014)

Robotic Meter Test Day Bulk Tank Differences										
brezzy hill		35561556		14-May		2014				
Collection Date	Number of Robots	Collection Time	Actual tank	Tank Volumn	Milk Weight into Tank robot #1	Milk Weight into Tank robot #2	Milk Weight into Tank robot #3	Milk Weight into Tank robot #4	Sum of Daily Milk Weights Measured by the Milk Meter	Deviation %
05/04/14	2			3305	1428	1903			3331	100.79
05/05/14	2			3549	1701	2052			3753	105.75
05/06/14	2			3549	1872	2084			3956	111.47
05/07/14	2			3946	1889	2225			4114	104.26
05/08/14	2			3946	2006	2072			4078	103.35
05/09/14	2			3876	1919	1961			3880	100.10

- Minimum of 3 consecutive days, 5 days give better results
- Deviation must be  $\pm 3\%$  average over evaluation period
- Spreadsheet template available from QCS
- **Cannot use EMMR like PCDART or DC305**

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

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Jay Mattison & João Dürr

51<sup>st</sup> National DHIA Annual Meeting

March 8-10, 2016 – Orlando, Florida



# Previously

- NAAB collected assessments for
  - Records in Progress (RIPs)
  - Calving Eases & Stillbirth
  - Conception & Breeding

Totalled about \$370,000/year

# Transition

- Database & genetic evaluation system moved from AGIL to CDCB
- Data acquisition (payments to DRPCs) also moved from NAAB to CDCB



# males represent a large % of CDCB revenue

CDCB Fee Schedule (Updated March 2, 2015)

Rate Code	Participation type	Female fee (\$)	Initial male fee (\$)		AI service fee for males (\$)
1	Total program	0,00	15,00		575,00
2	Member	1,00	22,00		575,00
3	Non-member	3,00	150,00		575,00
			<15 mo	> 15 mo	
4	Canada	6,00	150,00	575,00	575,00
5	Approved partners	7,00	15,00	575,00	575,00
6	All others	7,00	150,00	1200,00	1200,00





Dairy farmer supports it  
all but division of  
“the pie”



# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## **Data Flow Working Group (DFWG):**

- John Clay (DRPC)
- John Meyer (PDCA)
- Chuck Sattler (NAAB)
- Bruce Dokkebakken (DRPs)
- João Dürr (Convener)

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## Scope:

- Since December 2014 the services fees previously paid by NAAB members to the DRPCs have been paid by the CDCB.
- Remunerate phenotypic data suppliers for the additional services associated with the preparation of data for the CDCB cooperator database.
- The aim is to continuously stimulate data suppliers to provide records that meet the editing criteria adopted by CDCB for genetic evaluations.

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## Criteria for Record Counts:

- Fee per record effectively included in the CDCB genetic evaluations
- Different values for the different record types
- Payments made after each official evaluation date (April, August and December)
- Only records added to the system since the previous run will generate service fee.
- Record completeness also impacts the value per record.

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## Proposed Remuneration Equation:

Record count categories:	\$/rec
Lactation records with valid values for all components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.016
Lactation records with valid values for 3 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.014
Lactation records with valid values for 2 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.012
Lactation records with valid values for 1 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.010
Calving ease records	0.050
Stillbirth records	0.050
Breeding records (cows or heifers)	0.007

*Obs. Records containing sire ID but lacking dam ID are discounted by 25%.*

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## **New record types:**

- The remuneration for services associated with new record types to be incorporated into the CDCB database will be done by defining a separate associated fee per record.

## **Budget for 2016:**

- \$ 600,000



# Opportunities



Dairy Herd Improvement Associations

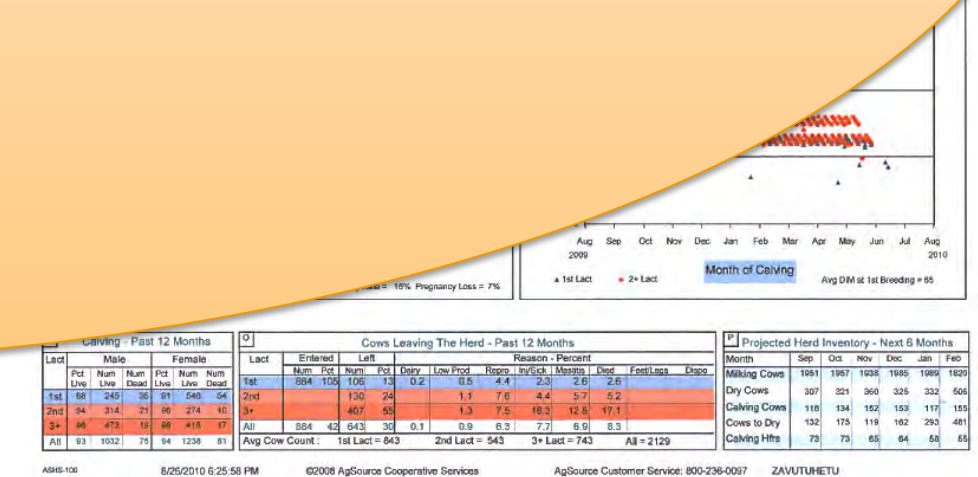


Pedigree, performance and management records → CDCB

Pedigree and conformation records → CDCB



Dairy Records Processing Centers



Pedigree and genomic records → CDCB

Genomic Nominators

Genomic Laboratories



Breed Associations

# Genetic Evaluations for New Traits - Data available at CDCB

- Cow livability
- Heat stress
- Age at first calving
- Interval calving to first insemination
- Persistency
- Gestation length
- Calf livability

# Novel traits: Udder Health (Egger-Danner et al., 2014)

- Clinical mastitis
- Improved SCC
  - Prolonged elevated SCC
  - Differential cell counts
- Electrical conductivity
- Pathogen information
- Near IR spectroscopy, PCR and IR thermography for detection of mastitis
- Lactoferrin
- Minerals

# Novel traits: Reproduction (Egger-Danner et al., 2014)

- Fertility-related diseases (cystic ovaries, retained placenta, metritis, silent heat, etc.)
- Interval from calving to commencement of luteal activity
- Multiple ovulation, ovarian cysts, retained placenta, metritis, silent heat
- Retained placenta, ovary cycle disturbances



# Novel traits: Metabolism (Egger-Danner et al., 2014)

- Displaced abomasum
- Ketosis
- Milk fever
- Ratio fat and protein content (first 2 test days)

# Novel traits: Feet and legs (Egger-Danner et al., 2014)

- Lameness
- Disorders based on veterinarian diagnoses
- Disorders based on data from hoof trimming data



# Other novel traits (Egger-Danner et al., 2014)

- General temperament, aggressiveness, milking temperament
- Suckling behaviour
- Milkability from automated milking systems (AMS)
- Behaviour traits from AMS
- Activity data
- Fatty acids (spectral data)
- Feed efficiency
- Residual Feed Intake
- Methane emissions

# Genetic Evaluations for Novel Traits

- Data pipeline:
  - Who is the driver?
  - What needs to be recorded and how it should be done?
  - What is the value added?
  - Business model
- Data quality:
  - Standards
  - QC
  - Branding
- R&D:
  - AGIL
  - Universities
  - Funding
- Data flow:
  - Ownership
  - Incentives
  - Data protection
- Services implementation:
  - Validation
  - Communication
  - Implementation

# Summary:

- CDCB is moving ahead as planned
- CDCB's revenue model likely to be stable over the next years
- CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule in place
- Novel traits:
  - Data already available
  - New data pipelines





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# On the Front Line

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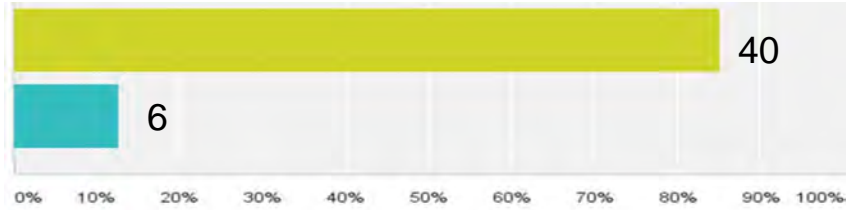
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National DHIA

# Observations

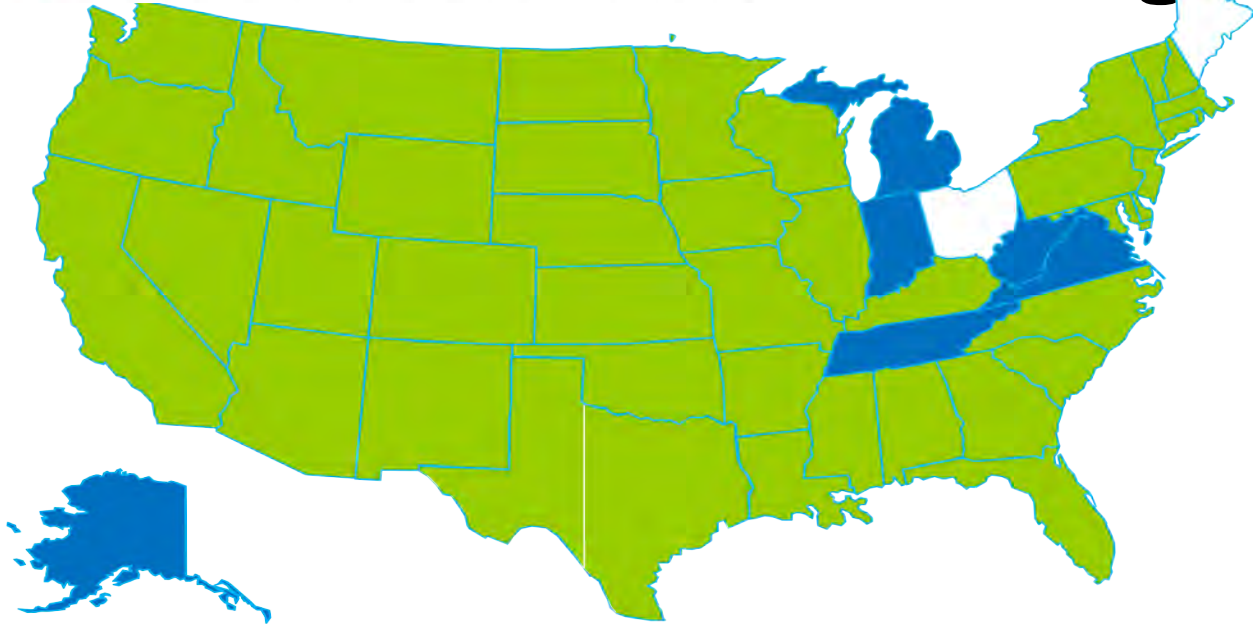
- **ID issues are huge overhead on the system**
  - **Getting errors and omissions fixed takes labor at many points**
  - **Hard for the dairy farm to understand why because a “nobbed” system**
  - ***DHI field service is placed in a difficult position***



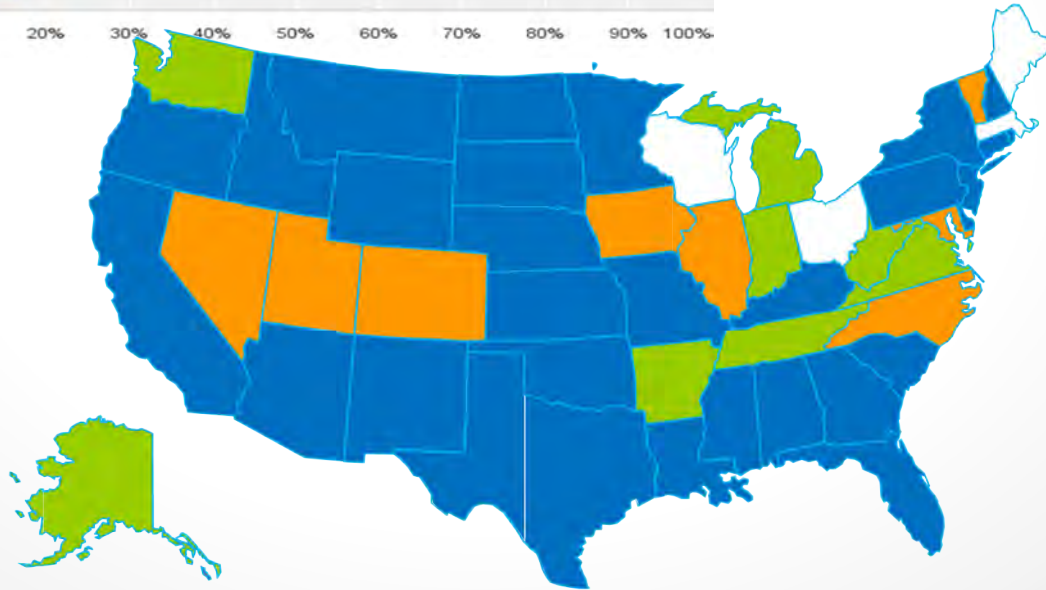
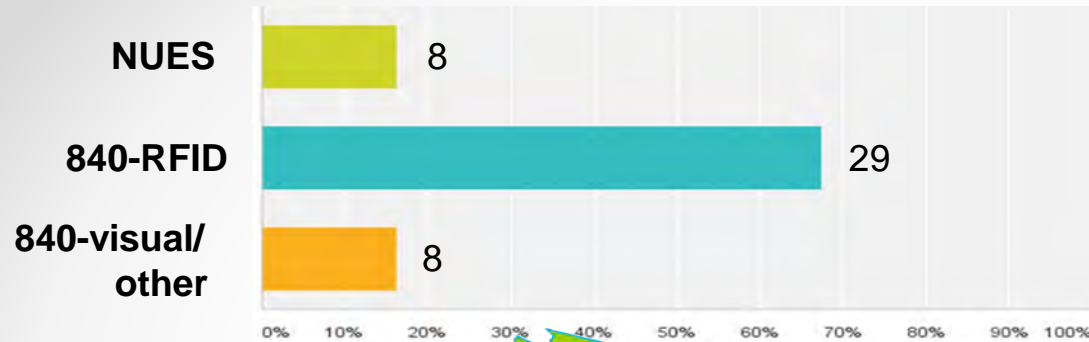
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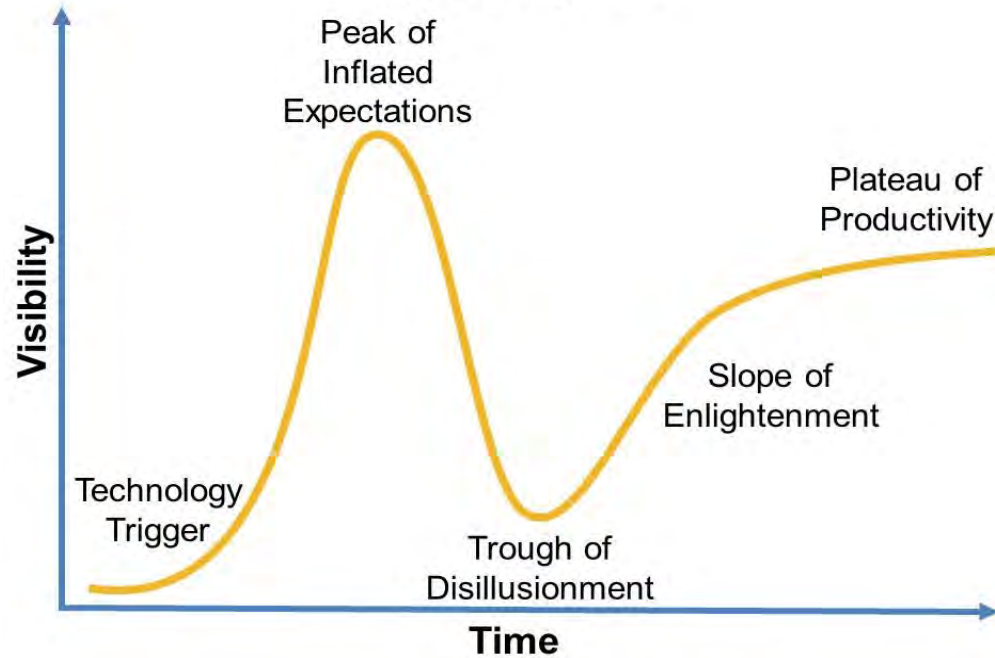


# Secondary eartag



# Innovation of technology

## Hype Cycle



# Observations

- **Research and Innovation**
  - Innovation and research
  - Research and innovation
  - *Innovation and research*
  - *Dairy farms and milk support it all!!!*

***Capital investment – how to best spread and deliver innovation***

# Observations

- **Some examples**
  - **AMS (robotic) challenges**
    - **Establish a technical group**
    - **Earn a seat or position with Canadians/Germans**
  - **Milk recording devices**
  - **Universal Samplers**

***Capital investment – how to best spread and deliver innovation***

# Observations

- **Some examples**
  - **MIR**
    - *What is it?*
    - *Status*

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[www.optimir.eu](http://www.optimir.eu)

2011 - 2015



# • Innovation on Milk Recording

## New Management Indicators

Decision Making and Profitability

**Pregnancy, Embryo loss,**

**Ketosis, Acidosis,**

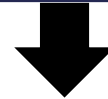
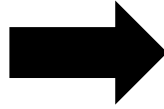
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**Energy Balance...**

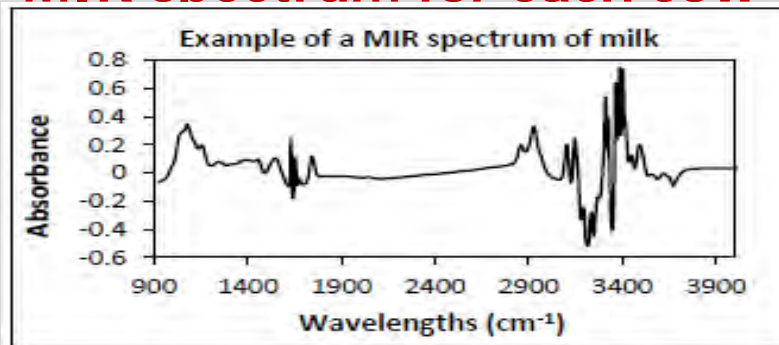




# Milk recording and Mid Infrared spectrometry



## MIR spectrum for each cow



**MILK  
RECORDING  
DATA**

**Fat  
Proteins  
Cells  
Urea**

# Observations

- **Some examples**
  - *Data Handlers*
  - *Data Collection*
  - *Delivery of Information*

***Capital investment – how to best spread and deliver innovation***

# Observations

**Providing solutions and innovation  
for dairy producers**



# Igenity Dairy Heifer Program

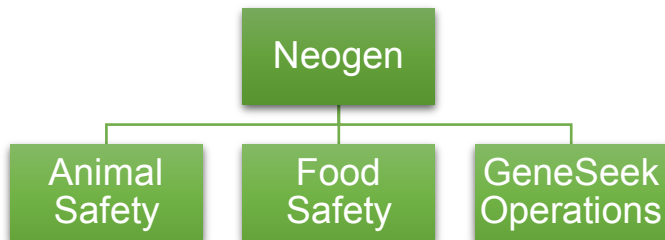
## *For DHIA*

Introduction to GeneSeek and Igenity Products  
*51<sup>st</sup> National DHIA Annual Meeting*  
*March 8, 2016*



# Who is Neogen?

- 1000+ employees
- Forbes Magazine – 200 Best Small Companies in America
- NASDAQ: NEOG



*Neogen CEO, Jim Herbert*





# Global Presence





# GeneSeek Operations

- 30,000 sq. ft. (2800 sq. meters) lab based in Lincoln, NE- USA
- World's leading commercial agricultural genomics lab
- > 130 Scientists and Technicians around the globe
- Providing Fast, Accurate, Affordable DNA based services for agribusiness and R&D since 1998
- Igenity branded products for end user genomic applications





# Business partners



**Smithfield**



**ANGUS**  
THE BUSINESS BREED

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION



**MARS**

**USJersey**





# GeneSeek and Igenity History

1998

- GeneSeek founded by Dr. Abe Oommen and Dr. Daniel Pomp from UN-Lincoln

2003

- Merial launches Igenity profile for dairy

2010

- GeneSeek acquired by Neogen Corporation

2012

- Neogen acquires Igenity from Merial.

2014

- Igenity Dairy Heifer Program is launched.

# History of dairy genomics



- L1 Dominette 01449, the Hereford subject of the Bovine Genome Project
  - More than 300 scientists, 25 countries six years of effort
  - Published in *Science* on April 24, 2009
- 
- Dominette's genetic material will be re-genotyped at USDA-MARC to correct errors and anomalies in the original project
  - The process will be faster, less costly and more accurate





# Current state of technology

## Fast-forward to 2016.....

Producers are using DNA testing and dairy genomics for:

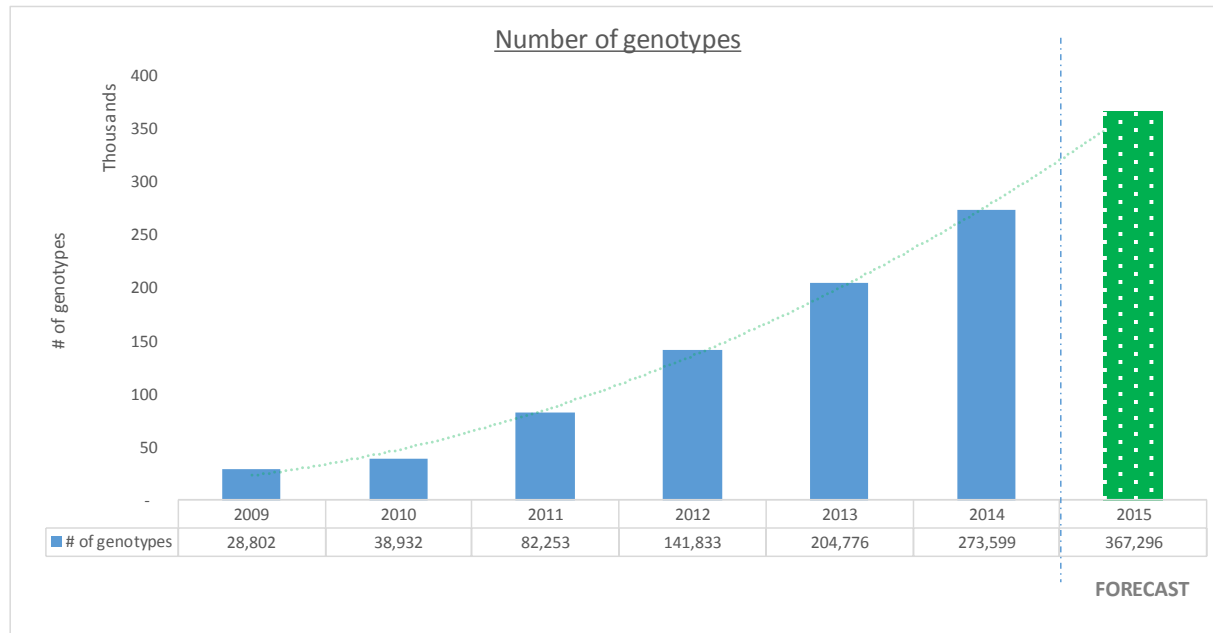
- Diagnosis and screening for genetic health issues
- Selection, breeding, herd improvement and management decisions
- When buying or selling breeding stock and commercial cattle

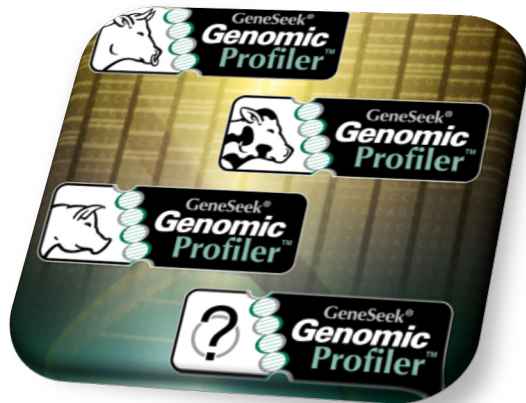




# Genomic evolution

- Over 1,000,000 samples submitted
- Shift from registered to commercial





## GeneSeek Genotyping BeadChips

GGP Dairy and Beef low density – 42k SNPs

GGP Dairy and Beef high density – 150k SNPs

GGP F-250 Functional Variant chip -250K SNPs

GGP *indicus* LD and HD – 20k and 80k SNPs

GGP Porcine low density – 9k SNPs

GGP Porcine high density – 70k SNPs

Horse – 74k SNPs

MegaMUGA (Mouse)– 80k SNPs

GIGAMuga (Mouse) – 150K SNPs

Eucalyptus – 60k SNPs

Sheep low density – 12k SNPs



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## GGP Whole-Genome Genotyping Arrays

### Overview

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## GeneSeek GGP Whole-Genome Genotyping Arrays

Illumina offers GeneSeek® Genomic Profiler (GGP) genotyping array products for non-human organisms through a co-agreement with Neogen®.

These specialty whole-genome arrays enable accurate genotyping to understand the impact of genetics in selection, breeding, and managing livestock and model organisms. Find ready-to-use solutions with a variety of densities for bovine, porcine, mouse, and equine.



### GGP Bovine Arrays

**GGP Bovine 150K Array:** GGP Bovine 150K leverages Illumina array technology and bovine base content with GeneSeek custom content for this genome-wide bovine genotyping array, featuring over 134,000 SNPs, for *Bos taurus* breeds.

**GGP *Bos Indicus* HD Array:** GGP *Bos Indicus* HD leverages Illumina array technology and bovine base content with GeneSeek custom content for this genome-wide bovine genotyping array, featuring over 74,000 SNPs, for *Bos indicus* breeds.

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### GGP Porcine Arrays

**GGP Porcine HD Array:** GGP Porcine HD leverages Illumina array technology and porcine base content with GeneSeek custom content for this genome-wide porcine genotyping array, featuring over 70,000 SNPs, for all major porcine breeds.





# Igenity advantages

## TRUSTED LEADER.

Neogen's GeneSeek laboratory is the world's largest, most innovative animal genomics laboratory.

## ELITE TECHNOLOGY.

Our chips include custom content for highly accurate prediction. Igenity-Essential is the only product on the market today that is an alternative to the USDA-CDCB dairy evaluation.

## QUALITY ADD-ON CONTENT.

By offering BVD and Y SNP testing in addition to genomic testing, you know more with just one sample.

## VALUE.

With products under \$30, Igenity has the best products for cost-conscious producers.

## QUICK TURN AROUND TIME.

Time is money and we strive to get every sample through our lab in 14 days.

## SUPERIOR SUPPORT.

Programs like Igenity Dashboard and personal assistance from the Neogen customer service team are there to help you every step of the way.





# Igenity genomic solutions

## Igenity-Select

### Traits include:

#### Key Traits

- Parentage verification
- Net merit
- Milk yield
- Fat (lbs.)
- Protein (lbs.)
- Somatic cell score
- Productive life (months)
- Daughter pregnancy rate
- Daughter calving ease\*
- Igenity performance index (IPI)
- Grazing Merit
- Final score (PTAT)
- Genomic future inbreeding

#### Fertility Traits

- Sire caving ease\*
- Heifer conception rate
- Cow conception rate
- Daughter stillbirth\*
- Sire stillbirth\*
- Haplotype status

#### Yield Traits

- Fat (%)
- Protein (%)
- Cheese merit
- Fluid merit

#### Type Traits

- Feet/legs composite\*
- Udder composite\*
- Stature
- Strength
- Body depth\*
- Dairy form
- Rump angle
- Thurl width
- Rear legs side view
- Rear legs rear view\*
- Foot angle
- Feet and leg score\*
- Fore udder attachment
- Rear udder attachment
- Rear udder height

- Udder cleft
- Udder depth
- Front teat placement
- Rear teat placement\*
- Teat length

#### Genetic Conditions

- Coat color (including black/red)\*
- Dominant red coat color\*
- Haplotype polled
- Haplotype brachyspina\*
- Haplotype CVM\*
- HCD\*
- BLAD\*
- DUMPS\*
- Mulefoot\*

#### Add-ons

- BVD diagnostic testing
- Y SNP testing



## BVD Diagnostic Testing

- Available for all animals tested.
- Can be run using the same sample submitted for genetic testing.
- Ensures you are only paying to test animals most likely to become a superior females.

## Igenity-Prime

### Includes all the traits listed above plus:

- Kappa casein
- Beta casein
- Beta lactoglobulin

#### Add-ons:

- A2 Beta Casein
- Brachyspina
- CVM
- Horned/polled

- User-friendly interface to view genomic results
- Mobile-friendly for easy use on tablets and phones
- Allows users to sort, filter and rank heifers
- Ability to graph and visualize end-user data
- Capacity to allow consultants and other third-party entities view data

**ANIMALS TESTED: 22**

Key Traits:  Size:  Dam:

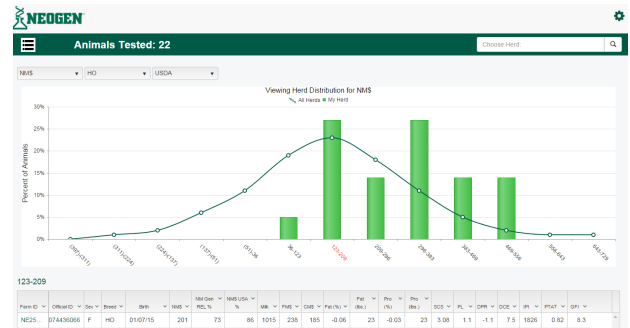
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Compare To My Herd Only

Viewing: Key Traits Compared To All Herds

Trait	Percentile
Age	75%
Age2	55%
Age3	75%
Age4	78%
Age5	78%
Age6	15%
Age7	15%
Age8	65%
Age9	62%
Age10	68%
Age11	78%
Age12	78%
Age13	82%
Age14	72%
Age15	65%
Age16	22%
Age17	22%
Age18	22%
Age19	22%
Age20	22%
Age21	22%
Age22	22%

Health/Yield/Fertility  
Genetic Conditions





# The future with GeneSeek

## ■ GGP-F250

- Functional gene variant genotyping chip for beef and dairy cattle
- Discover mechanisms for traits difficult to measure phenotypically such as reproductive loss, disease resistance and feed efficiency

## ■ Sequencing

- Custom solutions that can adapt to changing market
- High volume, low-cost alternative to chip-based solutions





# CDCB Report

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João Dürr & Duane Norman

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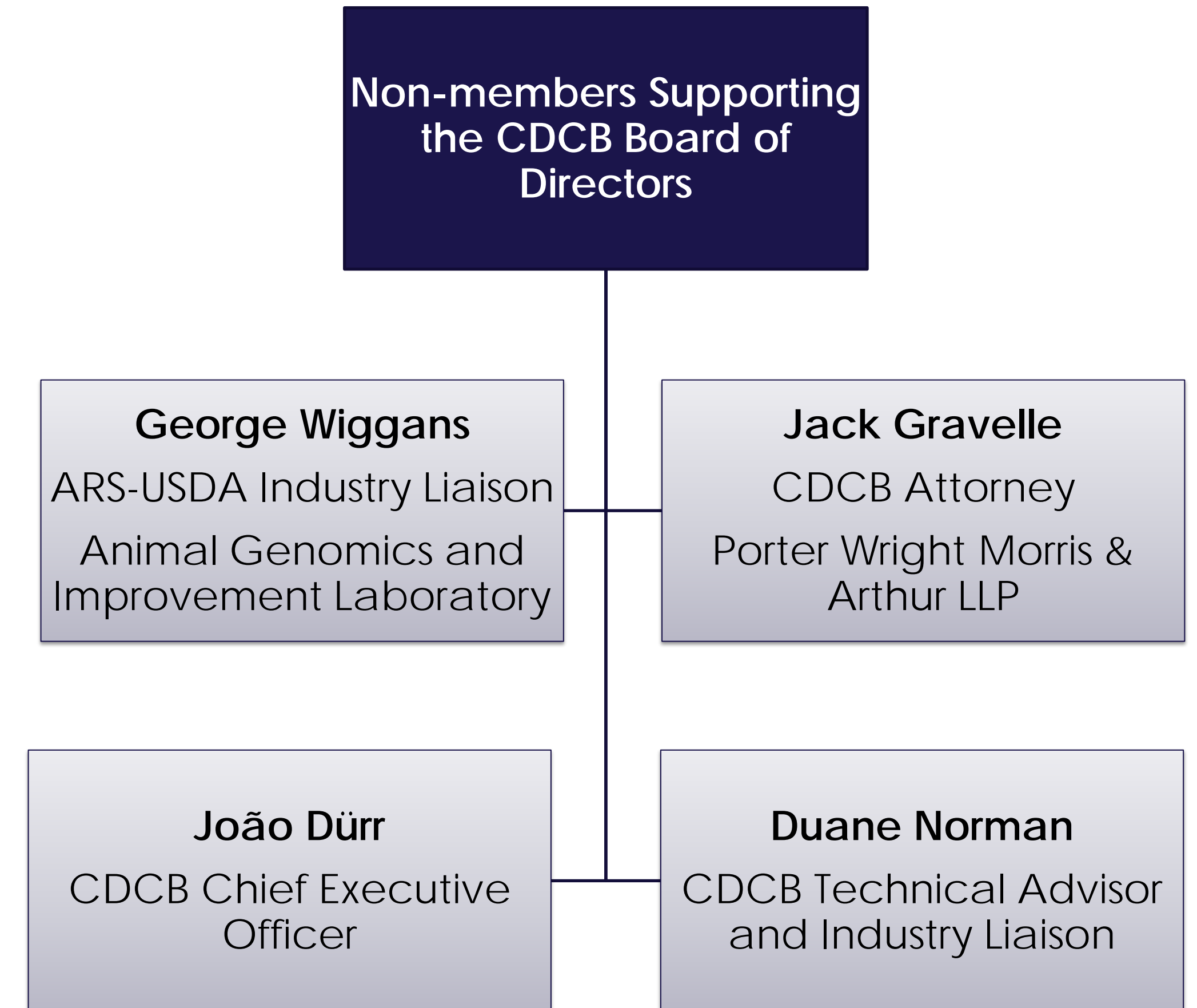
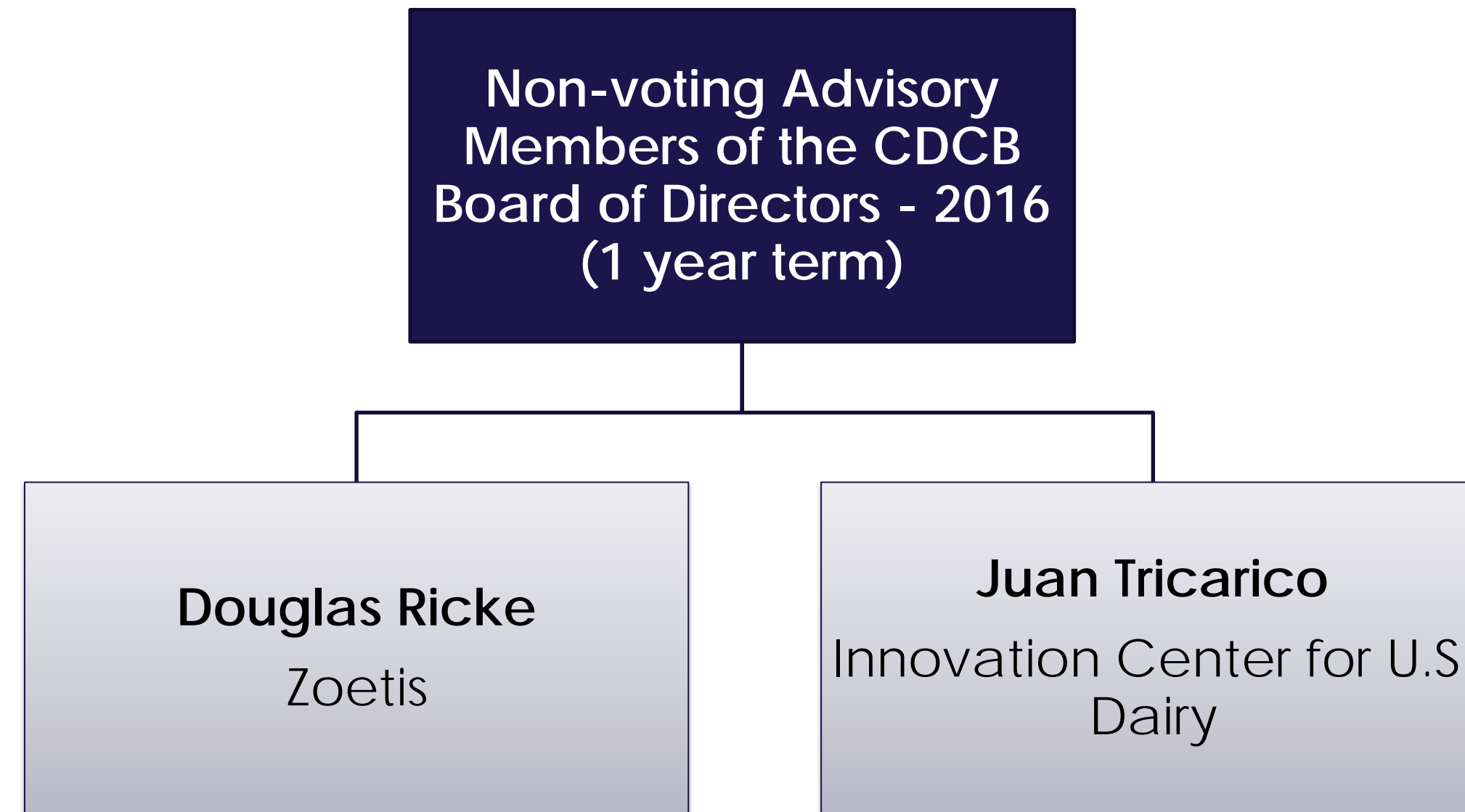




# **CDCB Core Value:** **Providing Premier Dairy Genetic Information Services & Industry Collaboration**







# CDCB Key Objective for 2015 Delivered

Transferring the genetic evaluation system,  
data editing and industry cooperator  
database from USDA-AGIL to CDCB  
hardware and operational control







# CDCB 2015

- Transfer of Operations
  - Significant process and required the efforts of the AGIL and CDCB staffs to complete.
  - Testing was started in mid-summer 2015 with parallel operation taking place in October and November 2015 with final stand-alone deployment in November and December.
- Material license agreements (MLAs)
  - Finalized with all data providers in June 2015 and signed by December 2015 (>30)
  - Non-funded Cooperative Agreement with USDA-ARS.

# CDCB Fee Schedule

## (Updated March 2, 2015)

Rate Code	Participation type	Female fee (\$)	Initial male fee (\$)		AI service fee for males (\$)
1	Total program	0,00	15,00		575,00
2	Member	1,00	22,00		575,00
3	Non-member	3,00	150,00		575,00
			<15 mo	> 15 mo	
4	Canada	6,00	150,00	575,00	575,00
5	Approved partners	7,00	15,00	575,00	575,00
6	All others	7,00	150,00	1200,00	1200,00

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## Criteria for Record Counts:

- Fee per record effectively included in the CDCB genetic evaluations
- Different values for the different record types
- Payments made after each official evaluation date (April, August and December)
- Only records added to the system since the previous run will generate service fee.
- Record completeness also impacts the value per record.

# CDCB Data Acquisition Service Fee Schedule

## Proposed Remuneration Equation:

Record count categories:	\$/rec
Lactation records with valid values for all components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.016
Lactation records with valid values for 3 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.014
Lactation records with valid values for 2 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.012
Lactation records with valid values for 1 out of 4 components (Milk, Fat, Protein, SCS)	0.010
Calving ease records	0.050
Stillbirth records	0.050
Breeding records (cows or heifers)	0.007

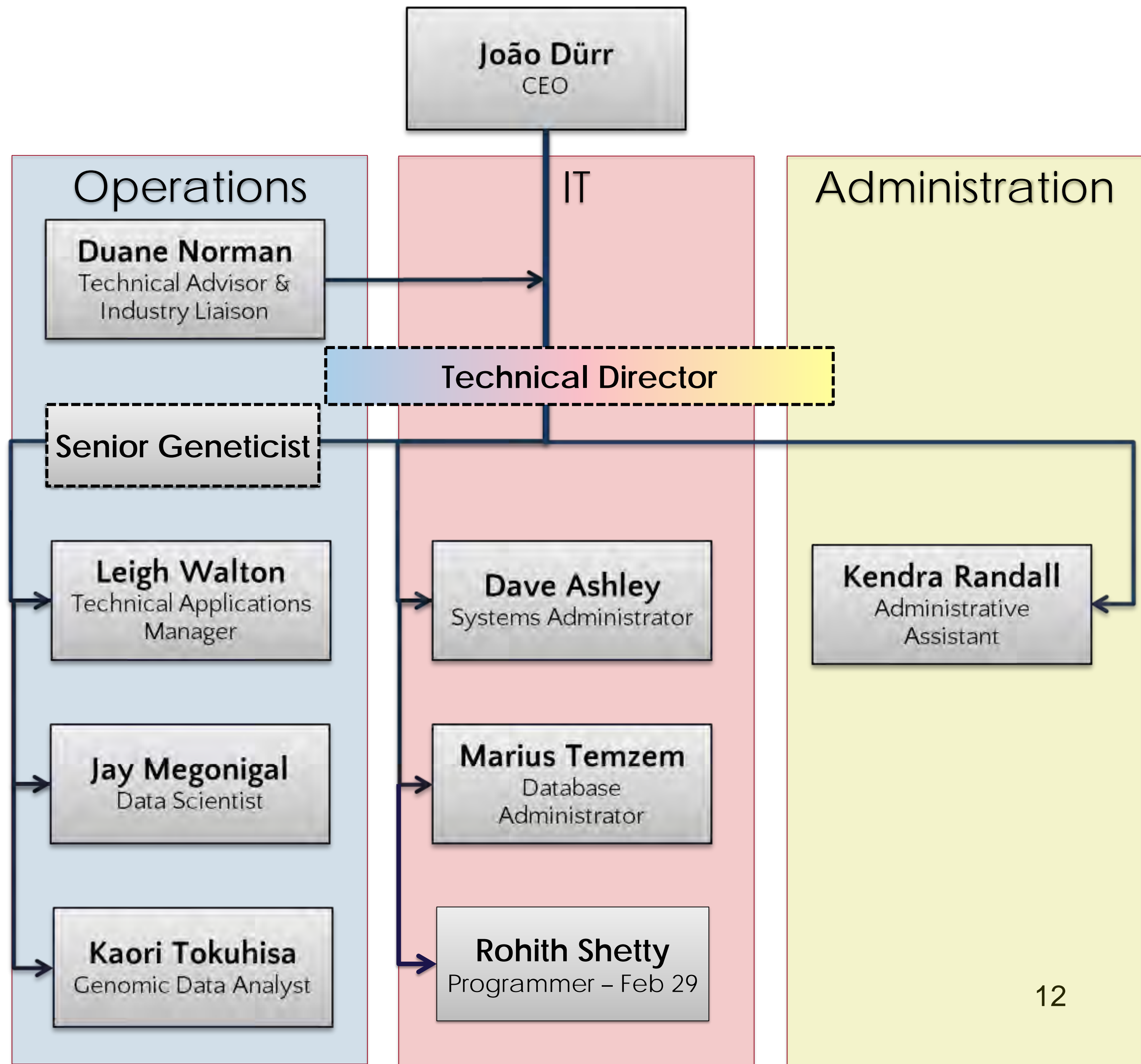
*Obs. Records containing sire ID but lacking dam ID are discounted by 25%.*

# CDCB 2015

- In July 2015, the industry cooperator database surpassed genotypes for 1 million animals.
- Predictions of genetic merit are made available to the industry 55 times per year.



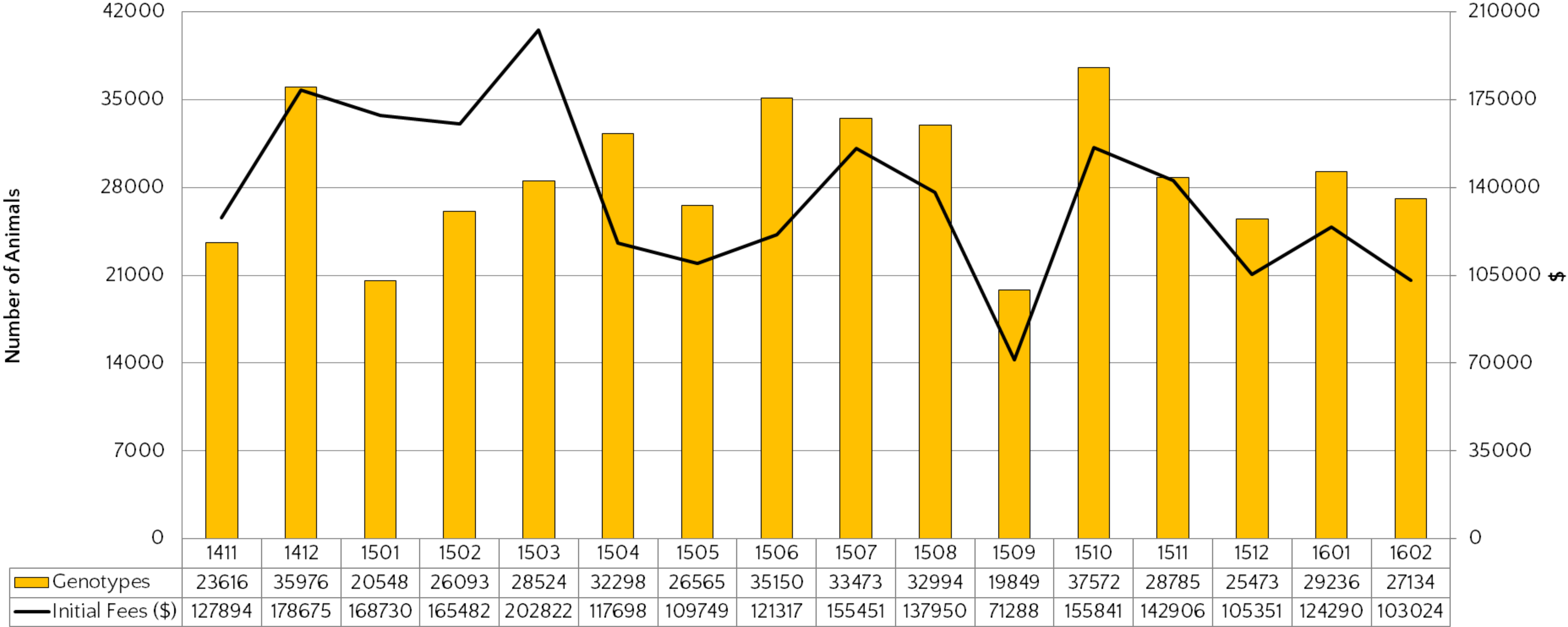
# CDCB Staff



# Industry Outreach

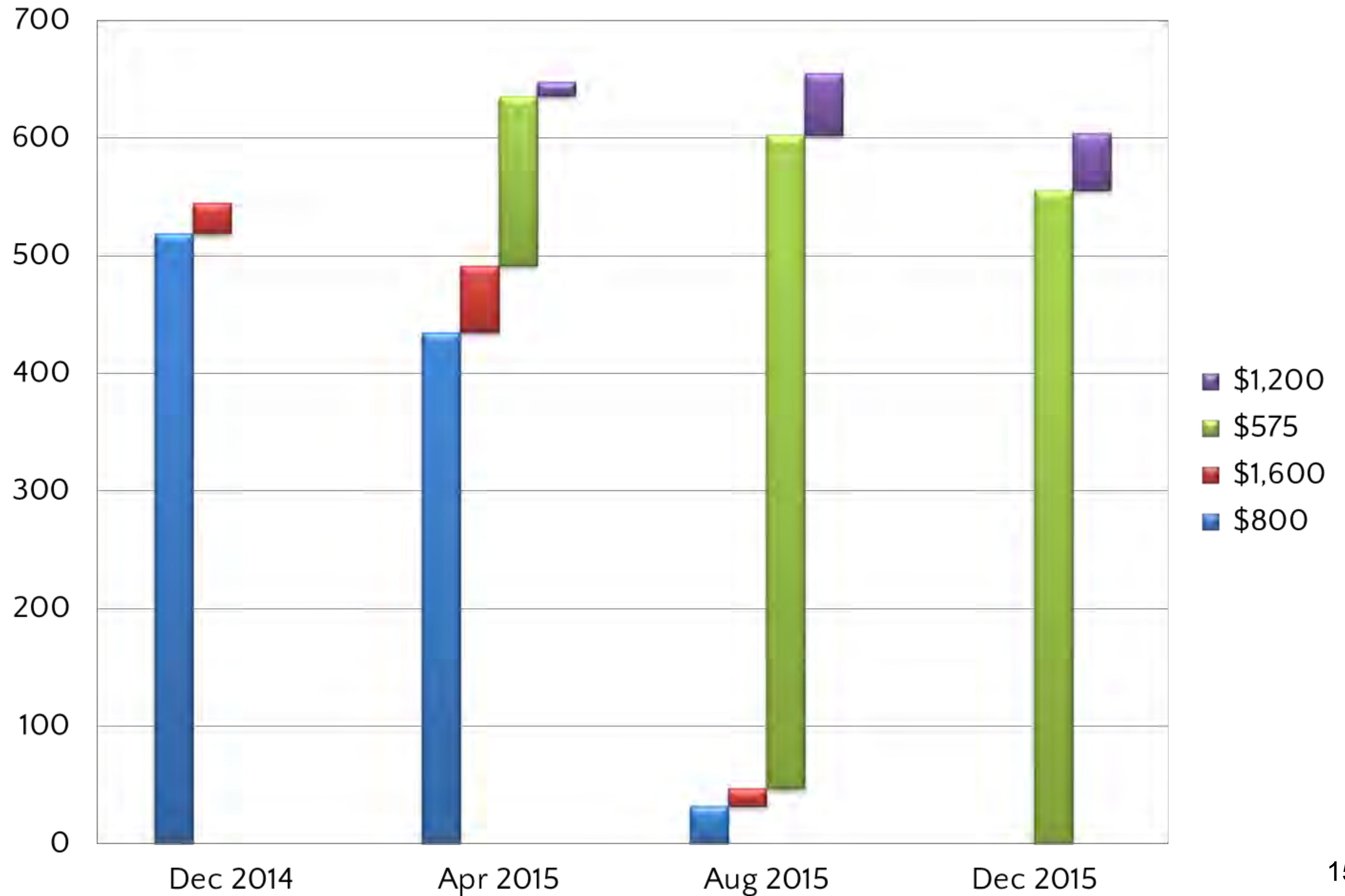
- Industry meeting
  - September 2015 in Middleton, WI, in association with World Dairy Expo
  - > 130 attendants
  - Progress reports: CDCB, AGIL, Interbull Steering Committee
  - “Status of Dairy Cattle Breeding Research in the U.S.”
  - “One Million Genotypes: How Genomics Re-Shaped the Dairy Industry”
- A joint meeting between representatives of both Boards of Directors was held with the Canadian Dairy Network in Toronto, ON, Canada, in April 2015 to discuss a common agenda and develop further cooperation between countries.
- CDCB sponsored the Interbull/ADSA-ASAS Joint Annual Meeting symposium (Use of Genomics To Improve Limited and Novel Phenotypes in Animal Breeding) held in July 2015 in Orlando, FL.

# CDCB Initial Fees



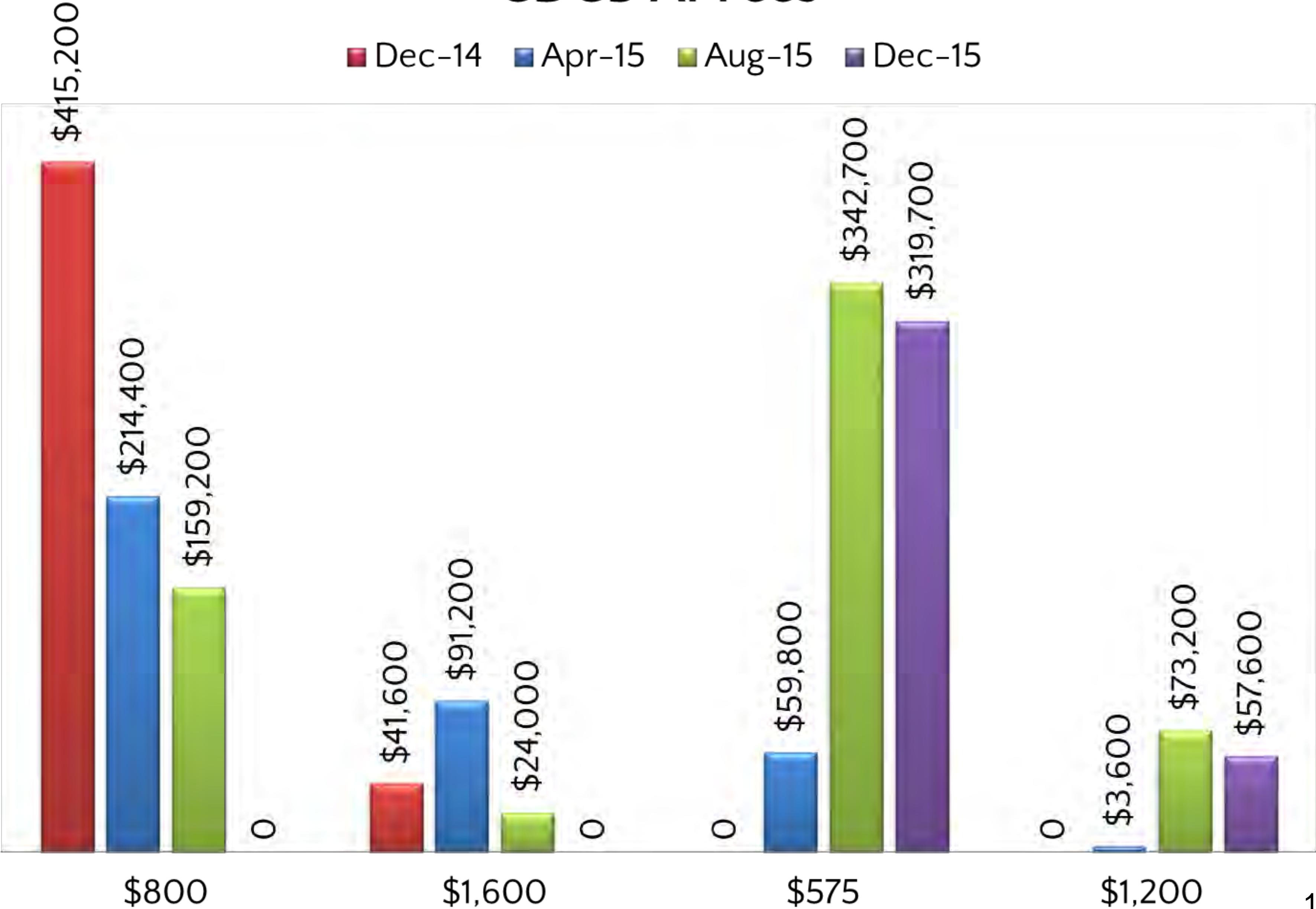


## Number of Bulls paying CDCB AI Fees



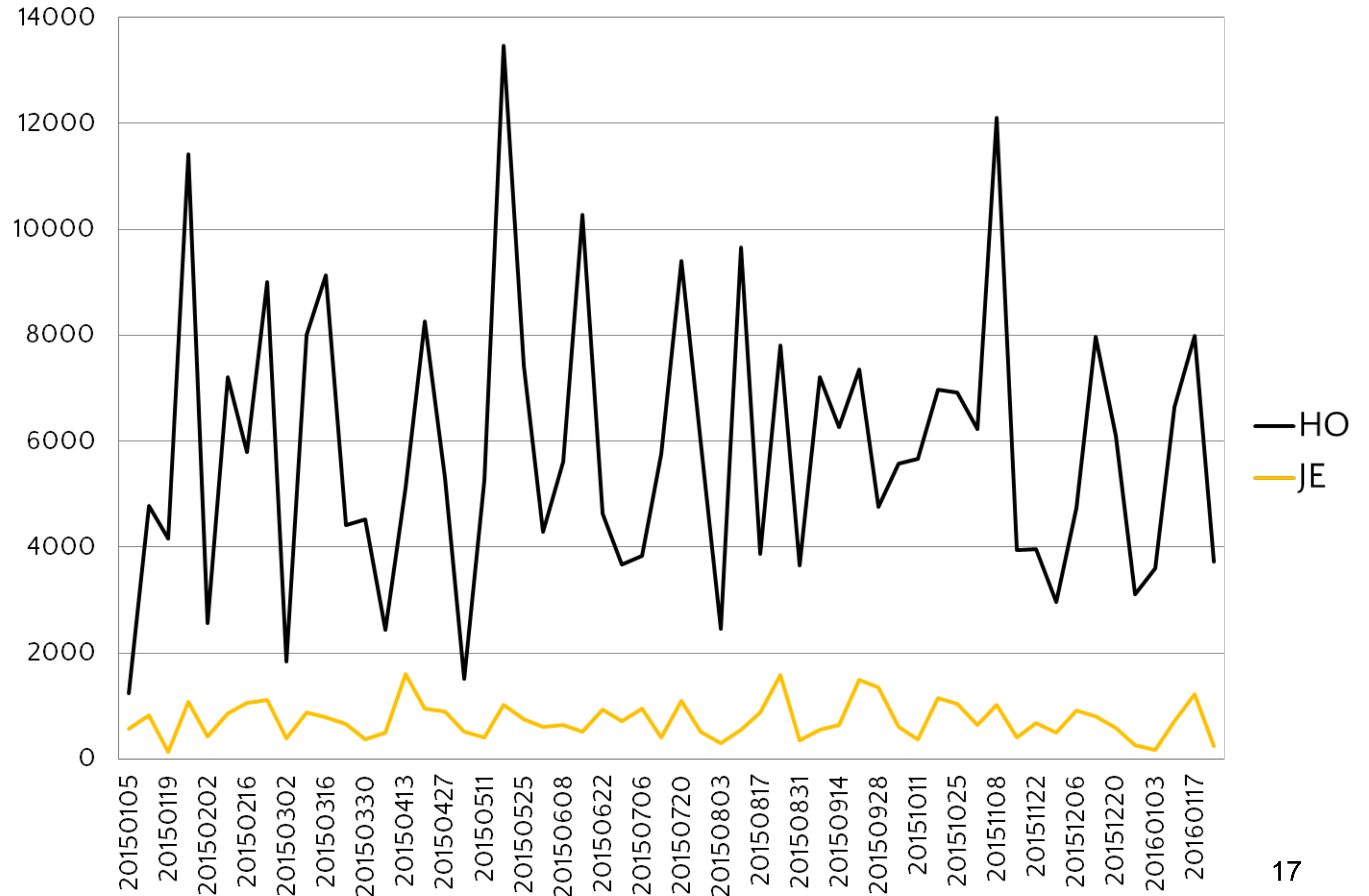
# CDCB AI Fees

■ Dec-14 ■ Apr-15 ■ Aug-15 ■ Dec-15





# Number of Nominations per Week



# Summary

- The 2015 operational year of CDCB activity showed great progress and had a positive impact on the industry and dairy farmers. There is still much work to do, but cooperation seems to be the intent of many individuals and organizations to get the system in place for the benefit of the U.S. dairy farmer. It has been pleasure meeting and working with all the different people during 2015.





Thank You!  
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# Evaluation Changes since Last Year's NDHIA Meeting

- April 2015:
  - Sire conception rate and calving traits for all bulls
  - Brown Swiss haplotype for polled
  - Productive life standard deviation
- August 2015:
  - Holstein haplotype for cholesterol deficiency (HCD)

# Evaluation Changes since Last Year's NDHIA Meeting

- December 2015:
  - Genetic variance for Jersey type traits (correction)
  - Unknown parent group definitions
  - Additional breeds from Interbull
  - Editing changes for sire conception rate
  - Transition from Animal Improvement Programs to CDCB by the Effective Date

# Evaluation Changes since Last Year's NDHIA Meeting

- April 2016: Coming next month
  - Genomic evaluation of Guernseys
  - Edit for heifer conception rate (HCR)
- May 2016: Probably finalized in 2 months
  - Breed Base Representation (BBR) for crossbreds
- August 2016: Possibly an additional evaluation trait
  - Cow Livability

# Breed Base Representation (BBR)

## INTRODUCTION:

- DNA can reveal ID of sires 99% of the time, grandsires 97%.
- DNA can identify the breeds that produced the crossbreds.
- AIP developed a method to reveal the breeds that produced any crossbred



# BBR: HOW IS THIS DONE?

- Purebred reference groups formed using registered AI bulls of 5 U.S. breeds.
  - (Bulls with multiple breeds in their recorded pedigree excluded).
- Procedure checks similarity of DNA in 5 reference groups to each animal genotyped.
- BBR percents (sum to 100%) can reveal outcross bloodlines or crossbreeding.
  - Deciding which of these 2 is sometimes difficult.
- Exact percentages of breed sources not possible because animals vary.
  - True contribution from various breed often differs from estimated BBR percentages (sometimes by 5% or more).

# REASONS PRODUCERS MIGHT WANT TO KNOW BBR

- Many want animals whose ancestors are all of the same breed.
- Some want bulls that will give them a specific multi-breed composition, to capitalize on heterosis.
- Others want to transform their herd to an alternate breed.

# BBR: EXAMPLE 1

The BBRs for 2 outcross animals; i.e., animals somewhat isolated from the current North American population:

	% Breed AY	% Breed BS	% Breed GU	% Breed HO	% Breed JE
U-OF-MN Holstein	3	1	1	93	2
Danish Jersey cow	1	0	2	1	96

# BBR: EXAMPLE 2

The BBRs from 2 first-generation crossbreds; i.e., animals resulting from mating purebreds of 2 different breeds:

	% Breed A	% Breed B	% Breed C	% Breed D	% Breed E
Animal 3	0	48	0	52	0
Animal 4	1	0	51	47	1



# BBR: EXAMPLE 3

The BBRs from 2 animals resulting from initiating a rotational crossing system; i.e., animals resulting from crossing F1s with a third breed:

	% Breed A	% Breed B	% Breed C	% Breed D	% Breed E
Animal 7	23	52	24	0	1
Animal 8	28	0	24	48	0

# BBR CONCLUSIONS

- BBR is great at revealing DNA from various breeds when the breed contributes a significant portion of DNA.
- However, caution is needed as the percents provided can vary by 5% or more from what's expected.
- BBR will improve the genetic predictions for crossbreds in the future.



# ICAR

## Subcommittee Interbull



NDHIA meeting Orlando, March 8-10, 2016



Reinhard Reents

- Chairman of the Interbull Steering Committee
- CEO IT Solutions for Animal Production, vit, Germany

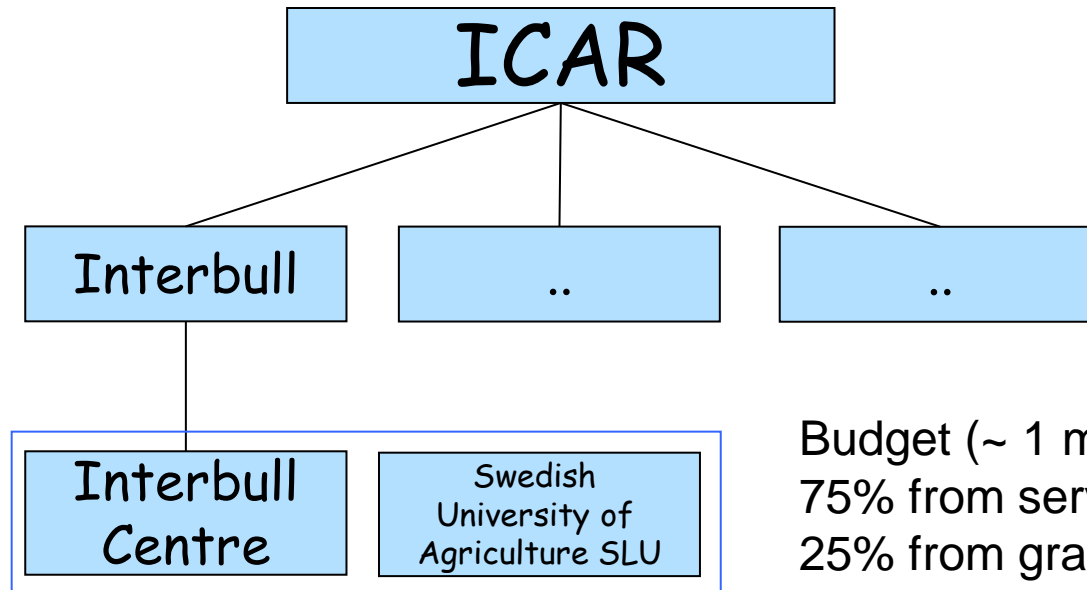






# Interbull - ICAR

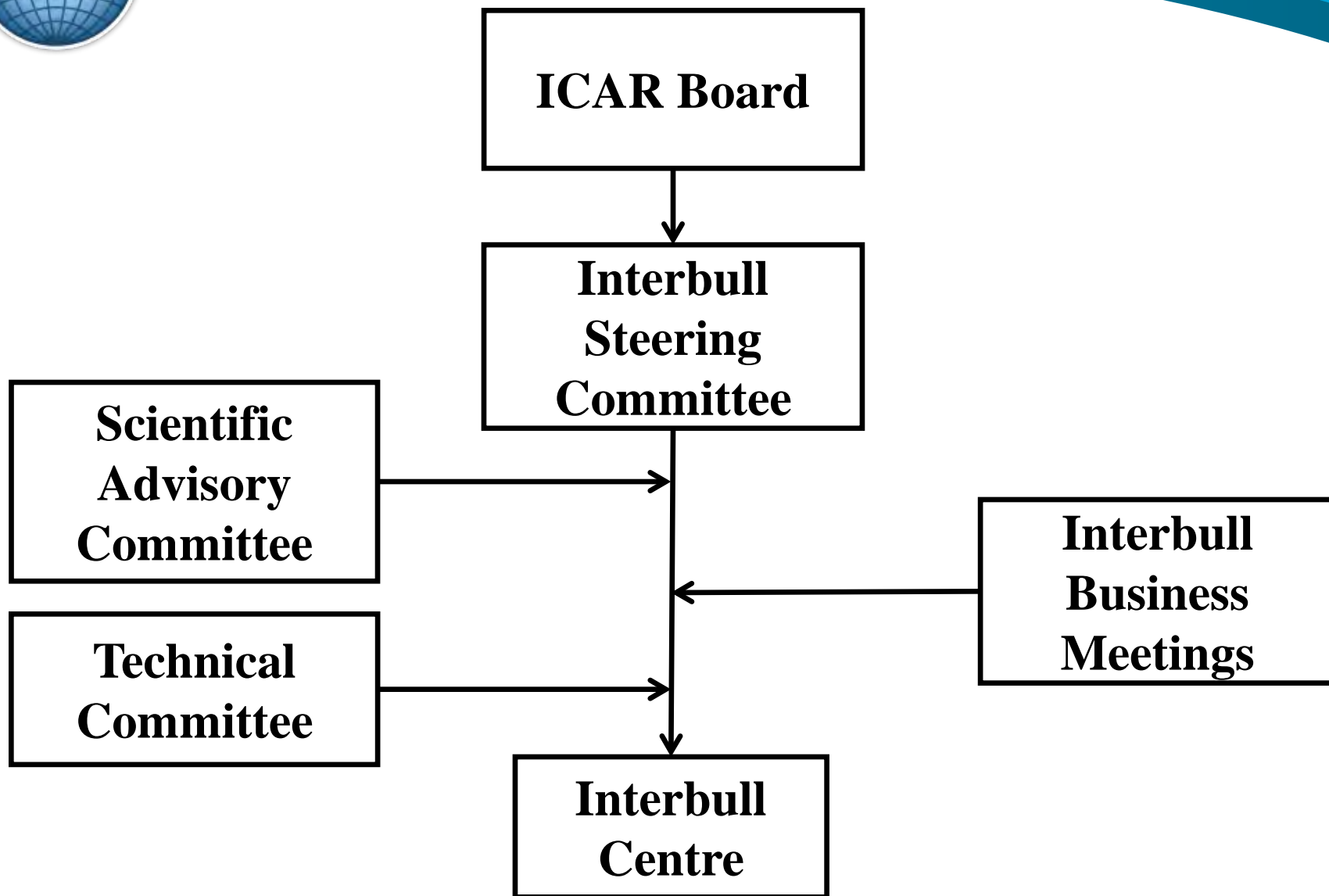
- 1983 Interbull Committee founded by IDF, EAAP and ICAR 1982  
→ make genetic merit of dairy bulls comparable
- 1988 Interbull permanent subcommittee of ICAR with its own Steering Committee



Budget (~ 1 mio EUR):  
75% from service fees  
25% from grants  
- EC, SLU  
- ...



# Operational structure





# Main Interbull Activities

- Networking → Meetings, Workshops, Seminars
  - 2015 JAM US +EAAP in Warsaw
  - 2016 ICAR, Chile + EAAP in Belfast
  - 2017 EAAP, Estonia + ADSA (?)
  - 2018 ICAR NewZealand,
  - 2019 ADSA,
- Services
  - Validation
  - MACE
  - GMACE
  - Intergenomics
  - Interbeef
- Standard setting → ICAR guidelines for genetic evaluation
- Publications



# Interbull Centre in Uppsala

- Toine Roozen started September 2015 as Interbull Centre Director and replaced Joao Dürr
- EU Reference Lab
  - Since 1996
  - Renewed for 2016 and 2017
- ISO 9001:2008 certified



ISO 9001

**BUREAU VERITAS**  
Certification





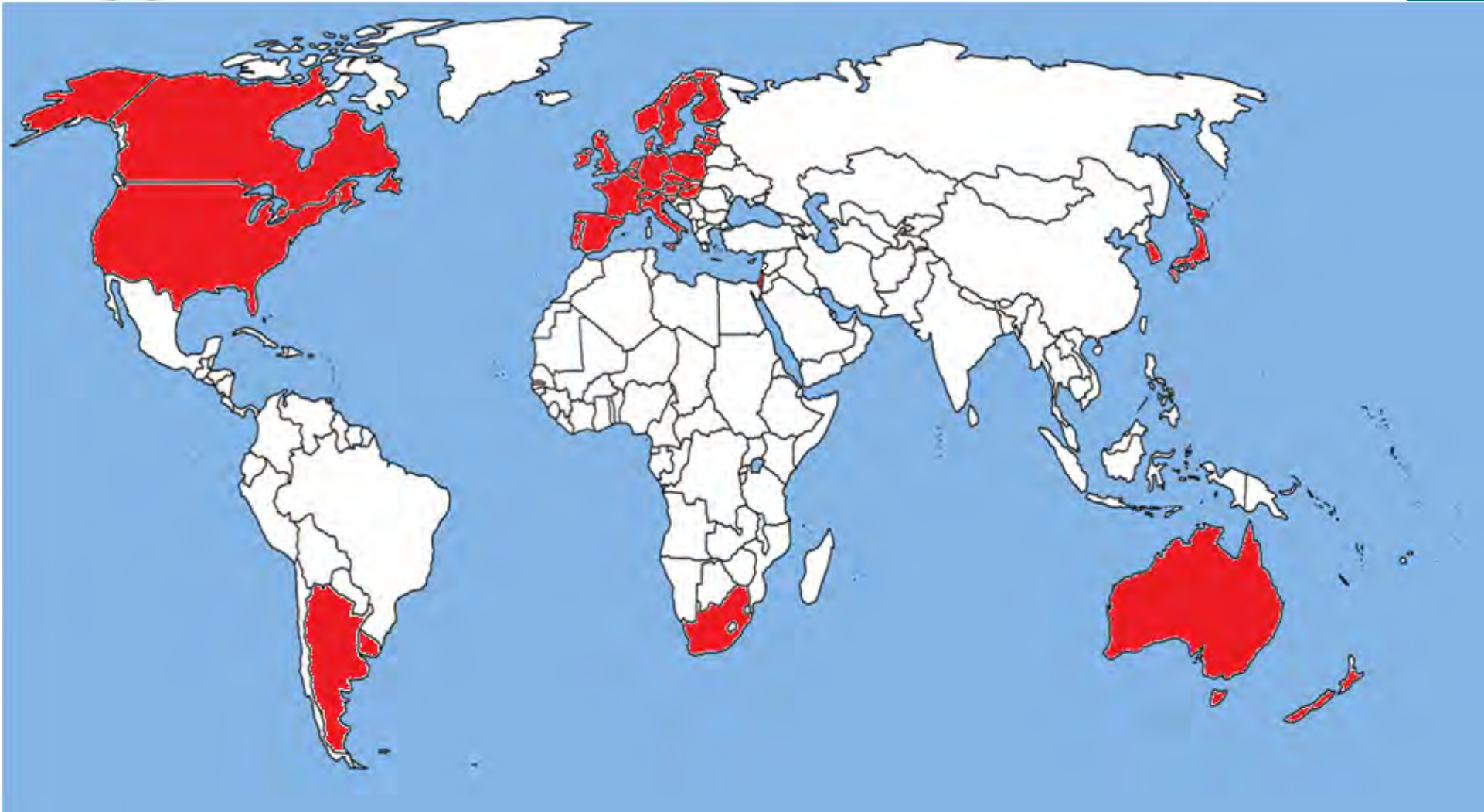


# Portfolio of Interbull → traits, services

1995	Production											
1999	Production	Type										
2001	Production	Type	Udder health									
2004	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity								
2005	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving							
2007	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility						
2008	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility	Workability					
2010	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility	Workability	GEBV-test				
2011	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility	Workability	GEBV-test	InterGeno mics			
2014	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility	Workability	GEBV-test	InterGeno mics	GMACE		
2015	Production	Type	Udder health	Longevity	Calving	Fertility	Workability	GEBV-test	InterGeno mics	GMACE	Beef	



# Interbull Customers





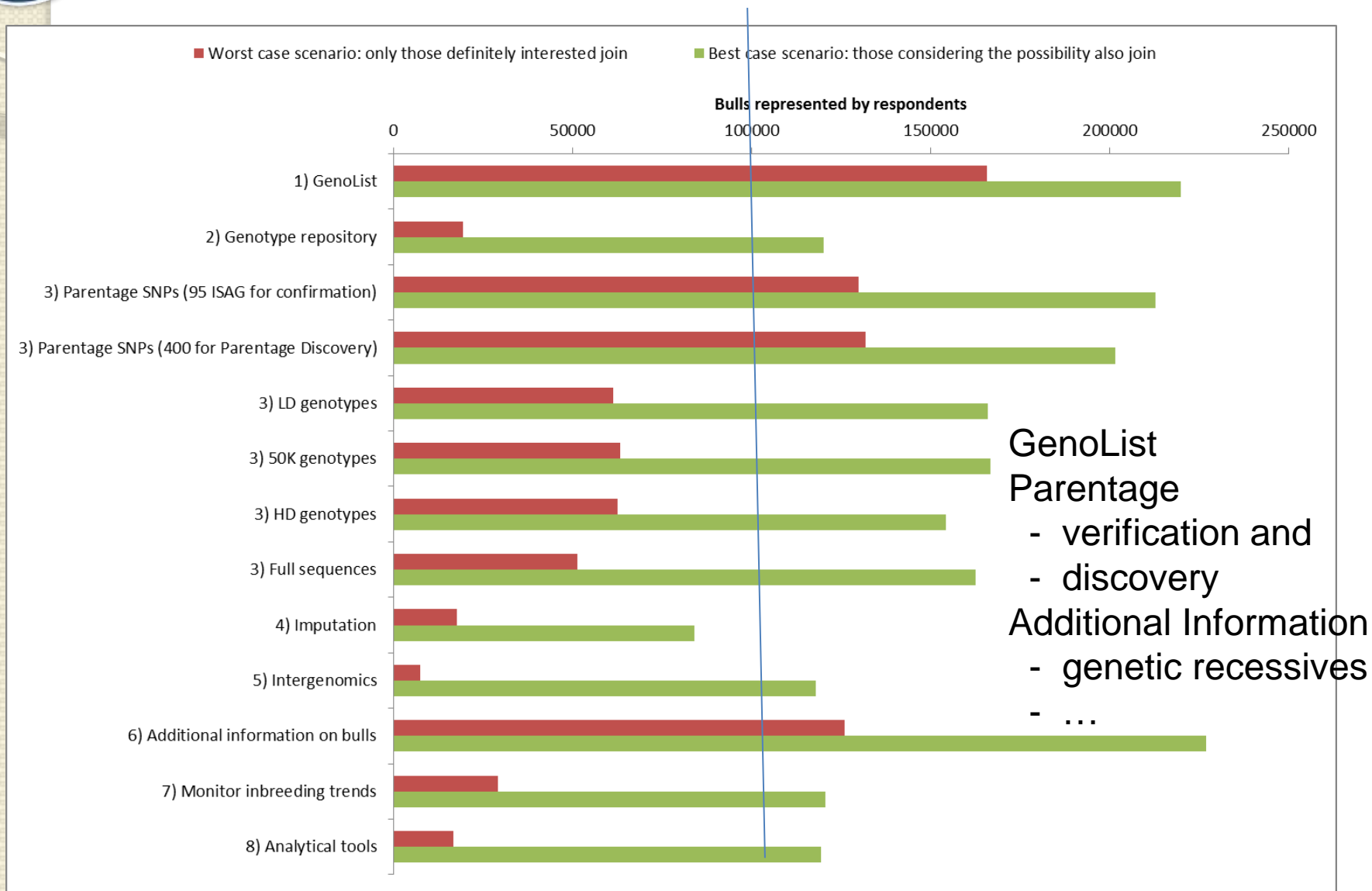
# Populations in MACE (April 2015)

Breed Group	Production (3)	Conformation (23)	Udder Health (2)	Longevity (1)	Calving (4)	Female Fertility (5)	Workability (2)	TOTAL (40)	Number of publishable proofs (production)
Brown Swiss	11	9	10	10	5	9	6	<b>60</b>	10 242
Guernsey	6	4	6	6	0	6	0	<b>28</b>	1 079
Holstein	31	24	29	20	15	19	10	<b>148</b>	139 799
Jersey	11	9	8	9	0	5	5	<b>47</b>	11 479
Red Dairy Cattle	14	9	13	10	7	11	6	<b>70</b>	14 800
Simmental	12	0	11	5	0	0	0	<b>28</b>	28 823
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>206 222</b>



# Genomic data in Interbull

## — potential demand from survey





# International **Genotype Exchange** Platform

- Infrastructure at Interbull Centre
- BC|SNPmax, by Biocomputing Platforms:
  1. Parentage SNP Exchange (PSE)
    - Launch October 2016
  2. Genomic Data Exchange (GDE)
  3. Customised Genomic Repository (CGR)





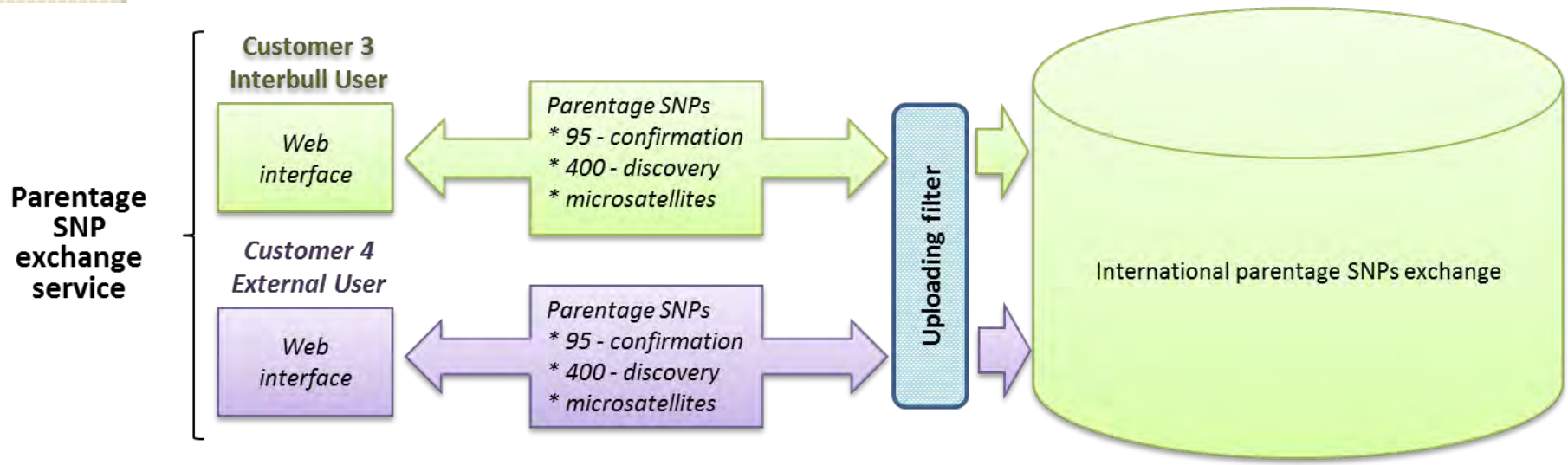


# GENOEX PSE (Parentage SNP Exchange)

- PSE Data types
  - Parentage confirmation SNPs (~100)
  - Parentage discovery SNPs (~400)
  - Parentage confirmation microsatellite markers
- Business model
  - Participation voluntary
  - Initial investment by SLU and ICAR
  - PSE service provide through (annual) fees
  - Operating on not-for-profit basis

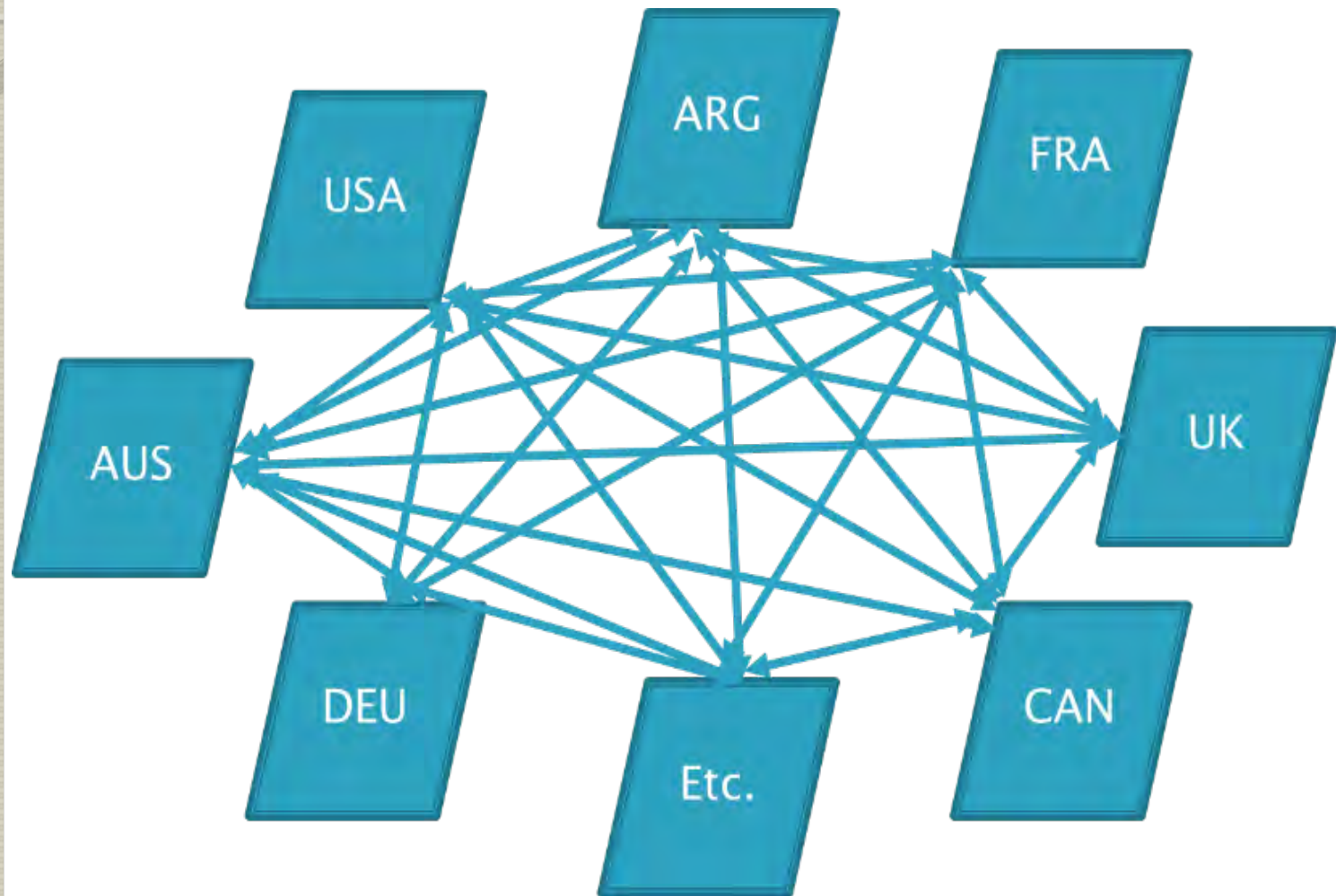


# Parentage SNP exchange service (PSE)



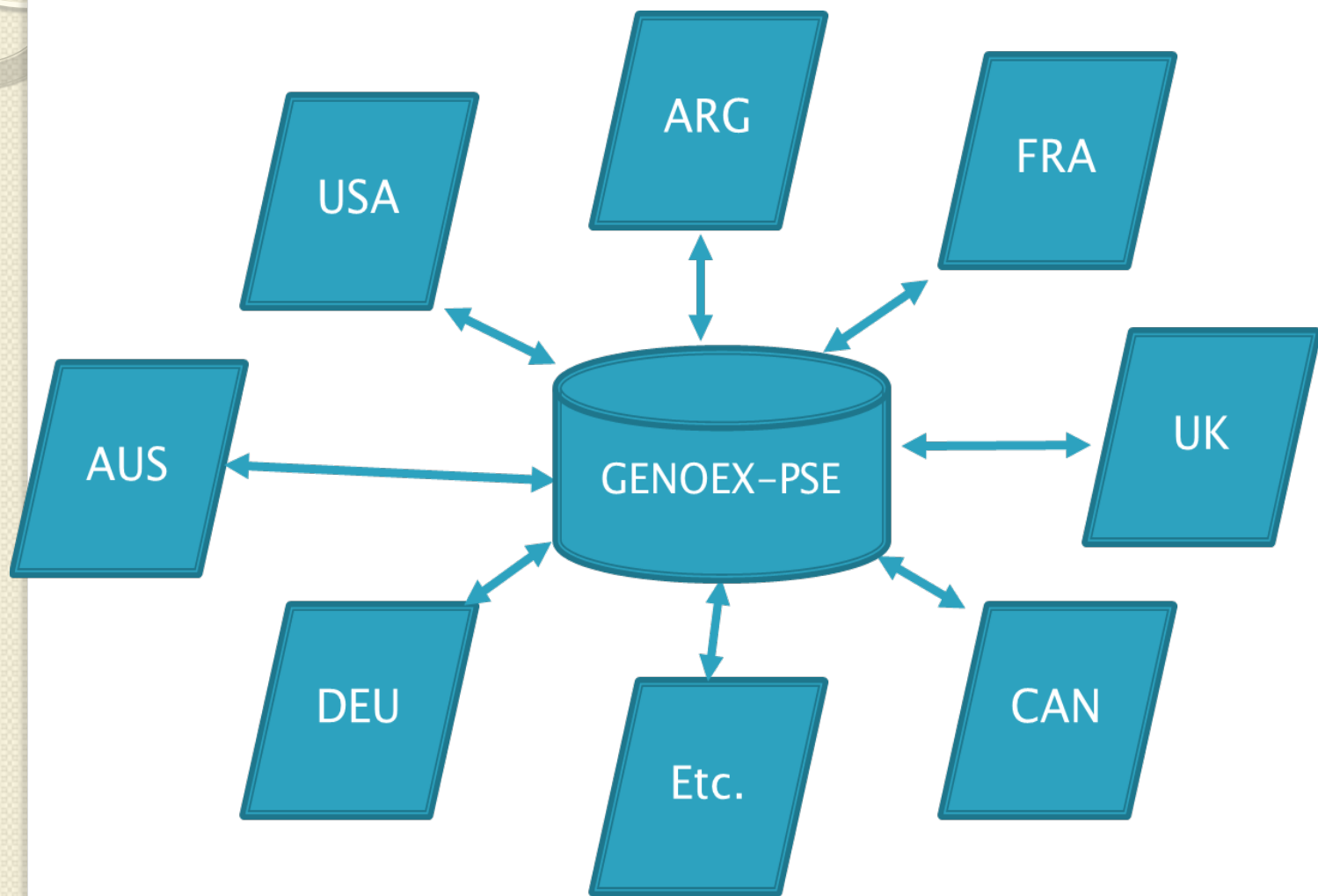


# Before GENOEX – PSE





# With GENOEX – PSE





# Thank You !

Your Interbull Team





# Proposed service categories

- Parentage SNP exchange service (PSE)
- Genomic data exchange service (GDE)
- Customized genomic repository service (CGR)



# PSE Data types

- Parentage confirmation SNPs (~100)
- Parentage discovery SNPs (~400)
- Parentage confirmation microsatellite markers



# GenoEX

- Infrastructure for International Genotype Exchange Platform
- 2012 Interbull Survey
  1. Parentage SNP Exchange Service (PSE)
  2. Genomic Data Exchange Service (GDE)
  3. Customised Genomic Repository Service (CGR)



# GenoEx-PSE users

- Interbull service users
- ICAR member users
  - Organization that is an associate or full member of ICAR or represents a full member of ICAR and that is responsible for official parentage verification services in its own coverage area



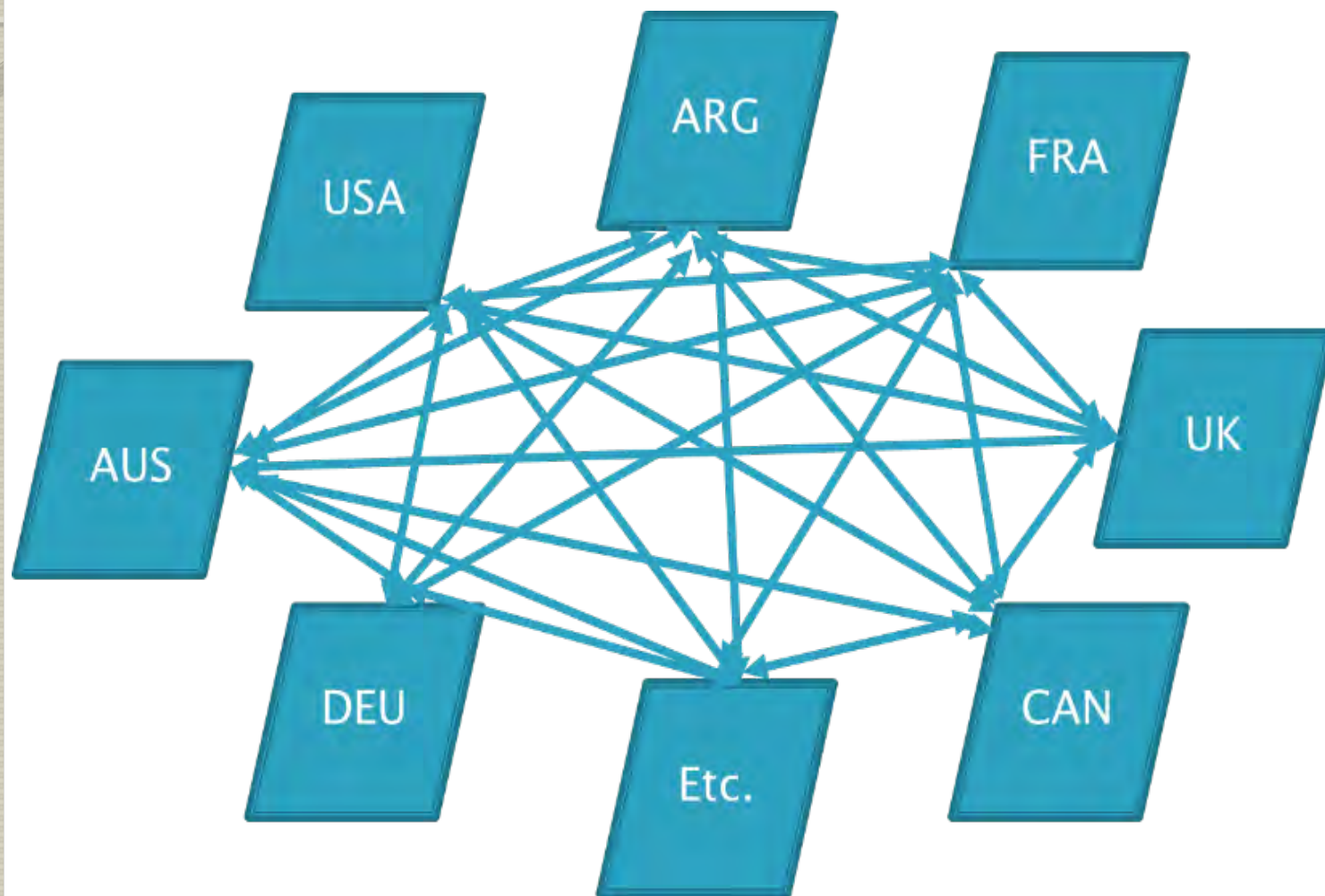
# GenoEx-PSE Expert Group

- **Brian Van Doormaal – Chair** Canadian Dairy Network (CDN), (Interbull SC)
- **Hossein Jorjani – Secretary** Interbull Centre
- **Matthew McClure** Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, (Parentage Recording WG)
- **George Wiggans** Animal Genomics and Improvement Laboratory, USA (Parentage Recording WG)
- **Louise Marguin** Institut de l'Élevage, France (nominated by Interbull SC)
- **Romy Morrin-O'Donnell** Weatherbys DNA Laboratory (Genetic Analysis WG)
- **Tom Lawlor** Holstein USA (Breed Association WG (Dairy))
- **Johnny Mackay** Aberdeen Angus Cattle Society, (Breed Association WG & Interbeef)



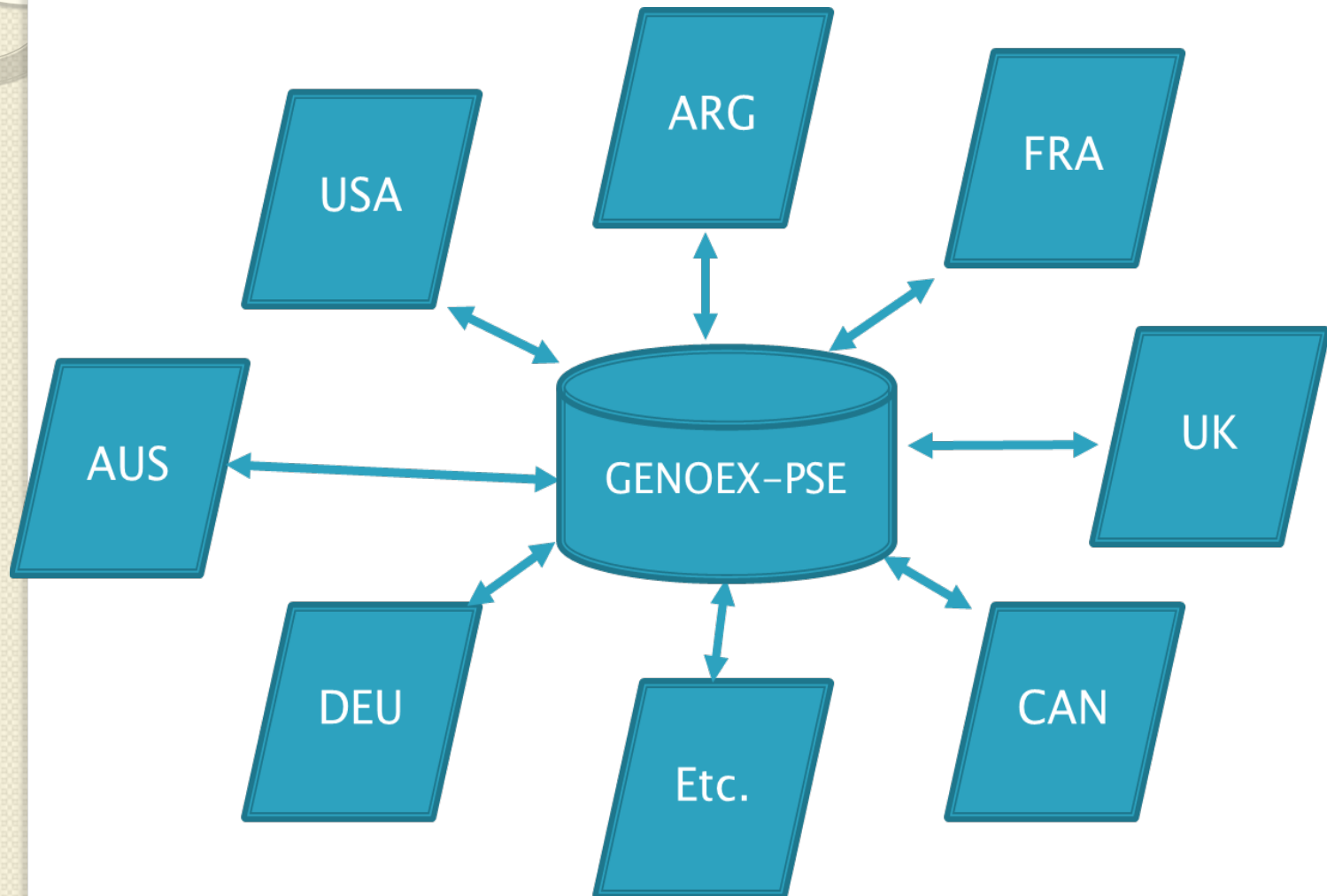


# Before GENOEX – PSE





# After GENOEX – PSE





# Thank You !

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# GENOEX-PSE

## Implementation Task Force

1. Sophie Mattalia, Interbull Steering Committee
2. Suzanne Harding, ICAR Parentage Recording WG
3. Wim van Haeringen, ICAR Genetic Analysis WG
4. Matthew Shaffer, ICAR Breed Associations WG
5. Andrew Cromie, ICAR Interbeef WG
6. Secretary: Brian Van Doormaal, Interbull Steering Committee
7. Convener: Toine Roozen, Interbull Centre Director



# **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

## **INTERBULL**

**(2016)**





# Strategic planning





# Vision/Mission

Interbull: The worldwide network providing genetic information services for improvement of livestock.

- Developed in 2009. Did not change in 2013.



# Planning overview

- Interbull vision
  - Alignment with ICAR's vision
- Mission
  - Interbull's role under the ICAR umbrella
- **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, **T**hreats
- Key strategic areas
  - specific focus on 'strategy into action' during 2016 and 2017.



## 2. Guiding Principles.

- Our fundamental, norms & values.

Ranking	Guiding Principles
1	Customer oriented
2	Accurate / Unbiased
3	Independent / Impartial
4	Transparent
5	Cost effective



# Strategy Headlines

‘Mini Task Forces’ to work on development of:

- MACE and Validation
- Customer service orientation and new traits
- SNP-based International evaluations





# Strategic Plan

- The outputs of the meeting will be documented in a draft Interbull Strategic Plan, which will be circulated for consultation amongst Interbull Service Users during 2016.
- The final plan will be presented during the Interbull Business Meeting on 24 October 2016 in Puerto Varas, Chile.



# Relationship ICAR <-> Interbull

## ICAR duties

- Standards / publications etc. (board and GA)
- Services and operations of other Subcommittees
  - Service ICAR → mainly in contracting a service provider (examples ID testing, ..)
- ICAR has to work on this structure because these activities rely heavily on the Chair and members of these SC (all volunteers)



# **PERSONNEL I B CENTRE**



# Interbull Centre

- ❖ Erling Strandber
- ❖ Toine Roozen (From 09'15)
- ❖ Hossein Jorjani (acting dir.)
- ❖ Eva Hjerpe
- ❖ Valentina Palucci
- ❖ Carl Wasserman
- ❖ Mohammad A. Nilforooshan
- ❖ Petri Pennanen
- ❖ **Joanna Sendeck (Jan 2015)**
- ❖ **Haifa Benhajali (Mar 2015)**

## Staff that left

- ❖ João Dürr (in September '14)
- ❖ **Jette Jakobsen (January 2013)**
- ❖ **Anne Loberg (PhD student)**
- ❖ Dan Englund (retired)
- ❖ Gerald Jansen (consultant, contract ended)



# Duties at Interbull centre

- ❖ Interbull Centre Director (ITBCD) → Joao Dürr
  - Decided in Summer 2014 to become 1s director of CDCB in the US
    - Congratulation to CDCB
    - But also big loss for Interbull





# Strategic issues

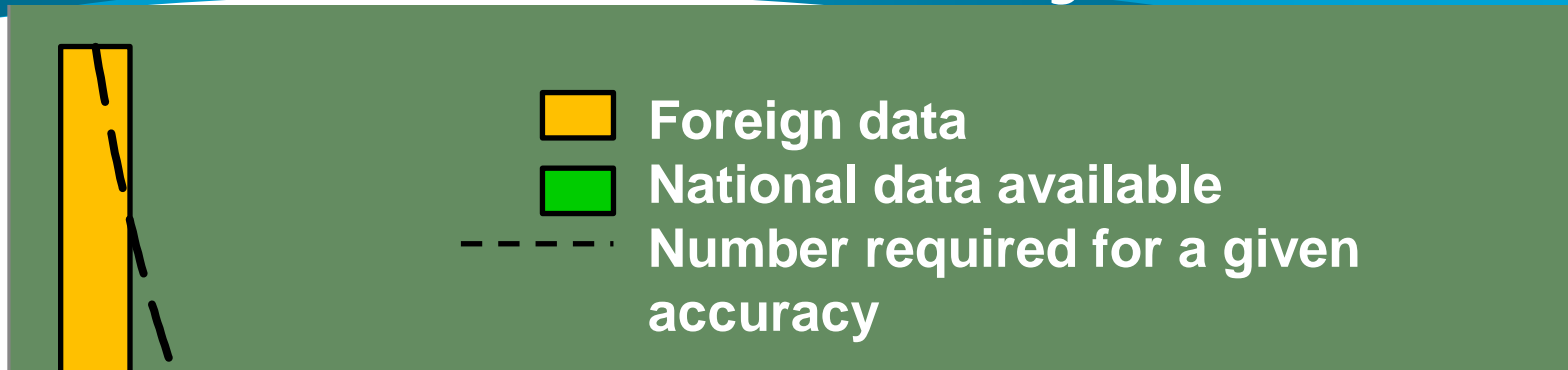
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- ❖ Interaction between





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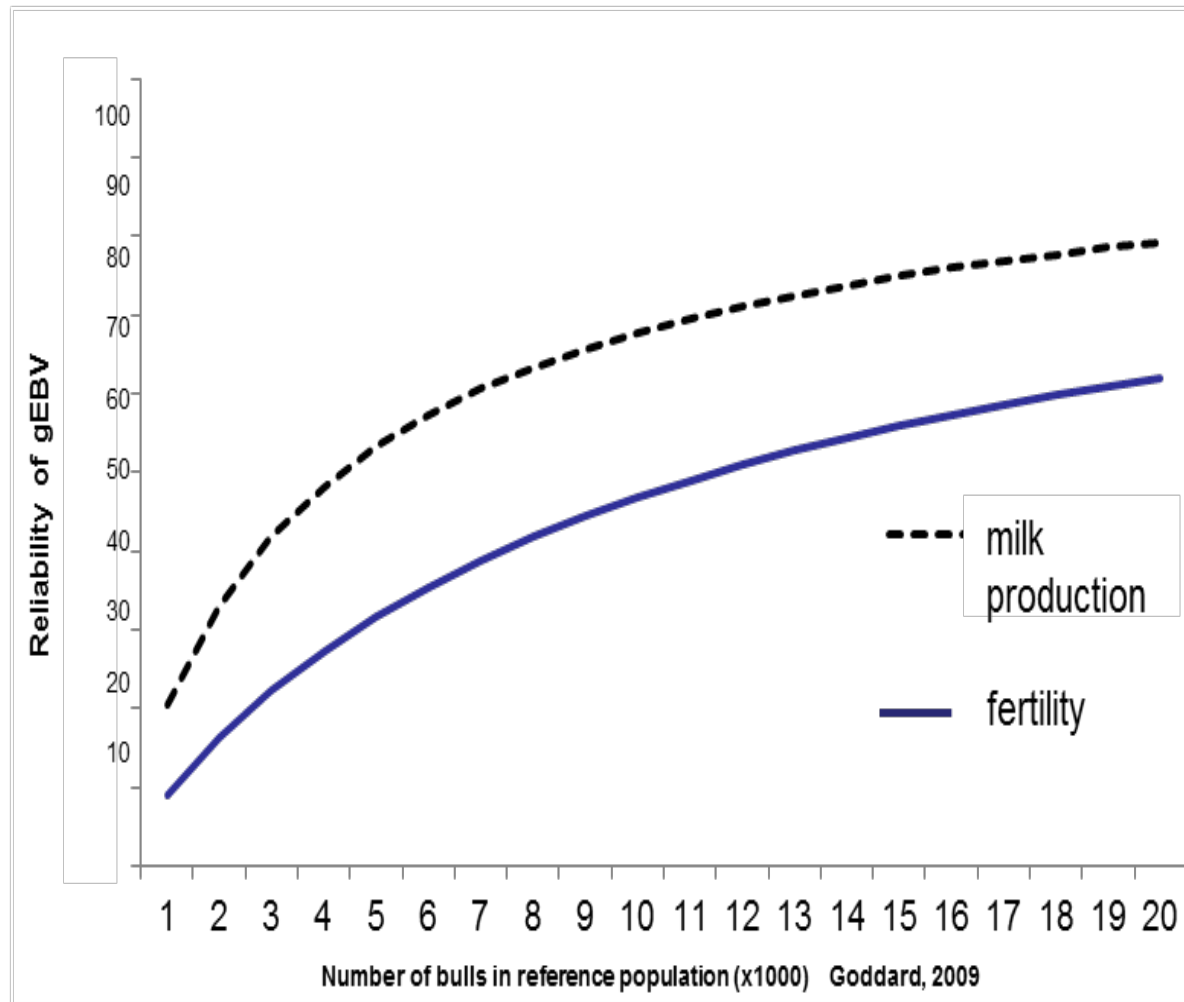
# Jan Philipsson as integral part of this development

- ❖ Networking via
- ❖ Annual meetings, joint meetings with
  - EAAP





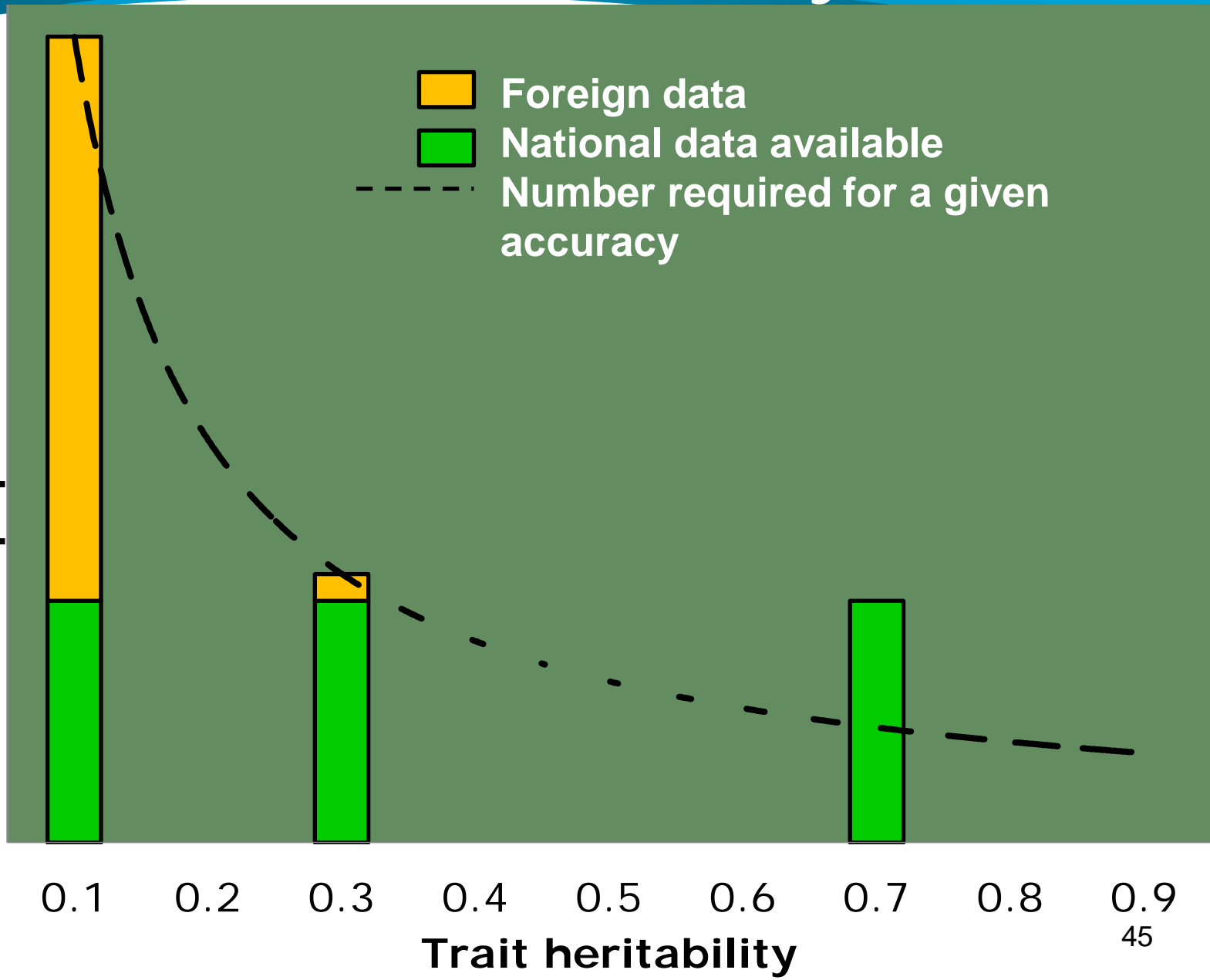
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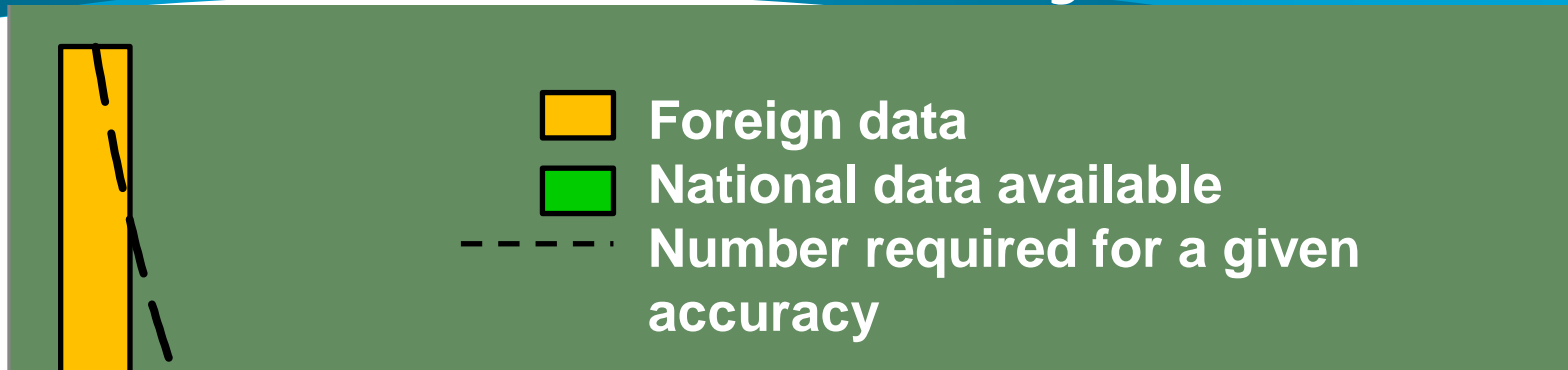
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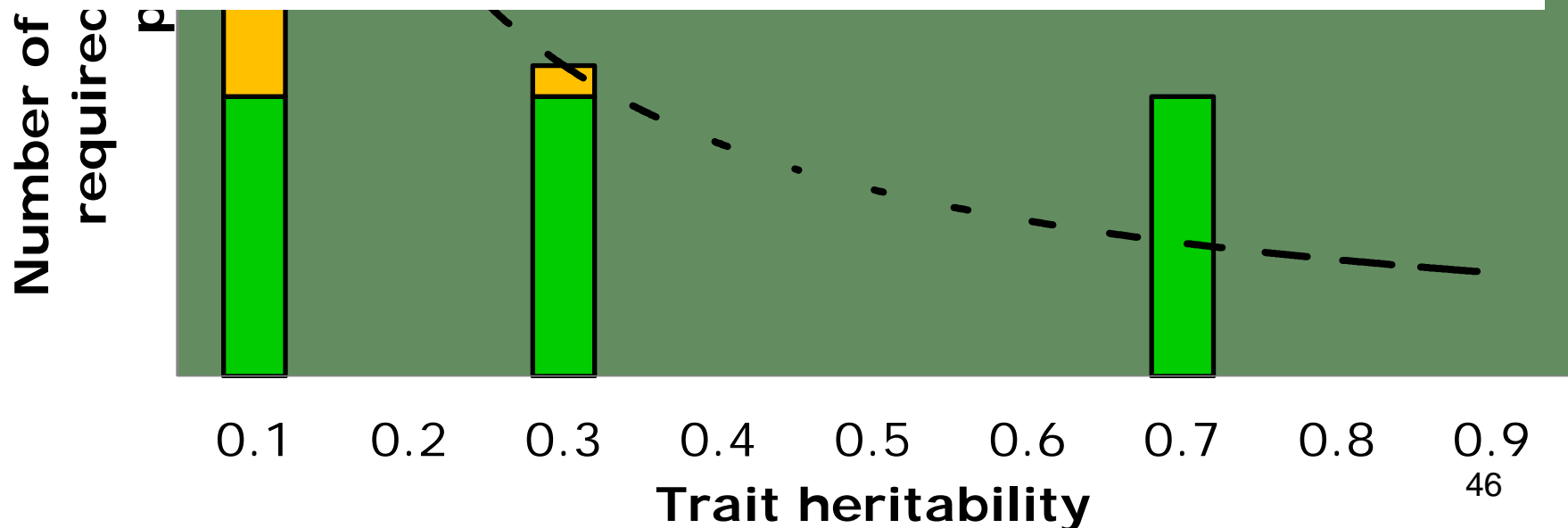
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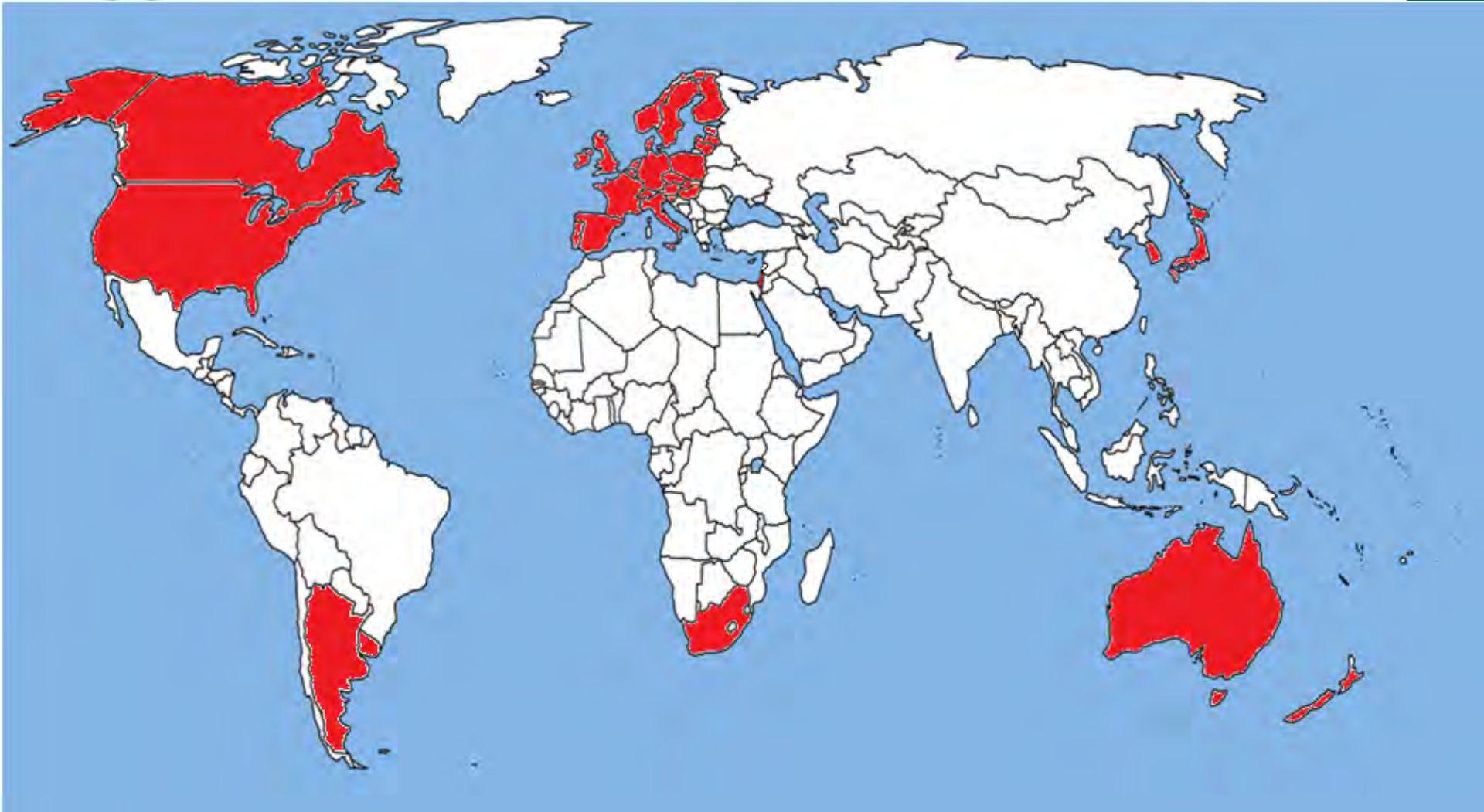
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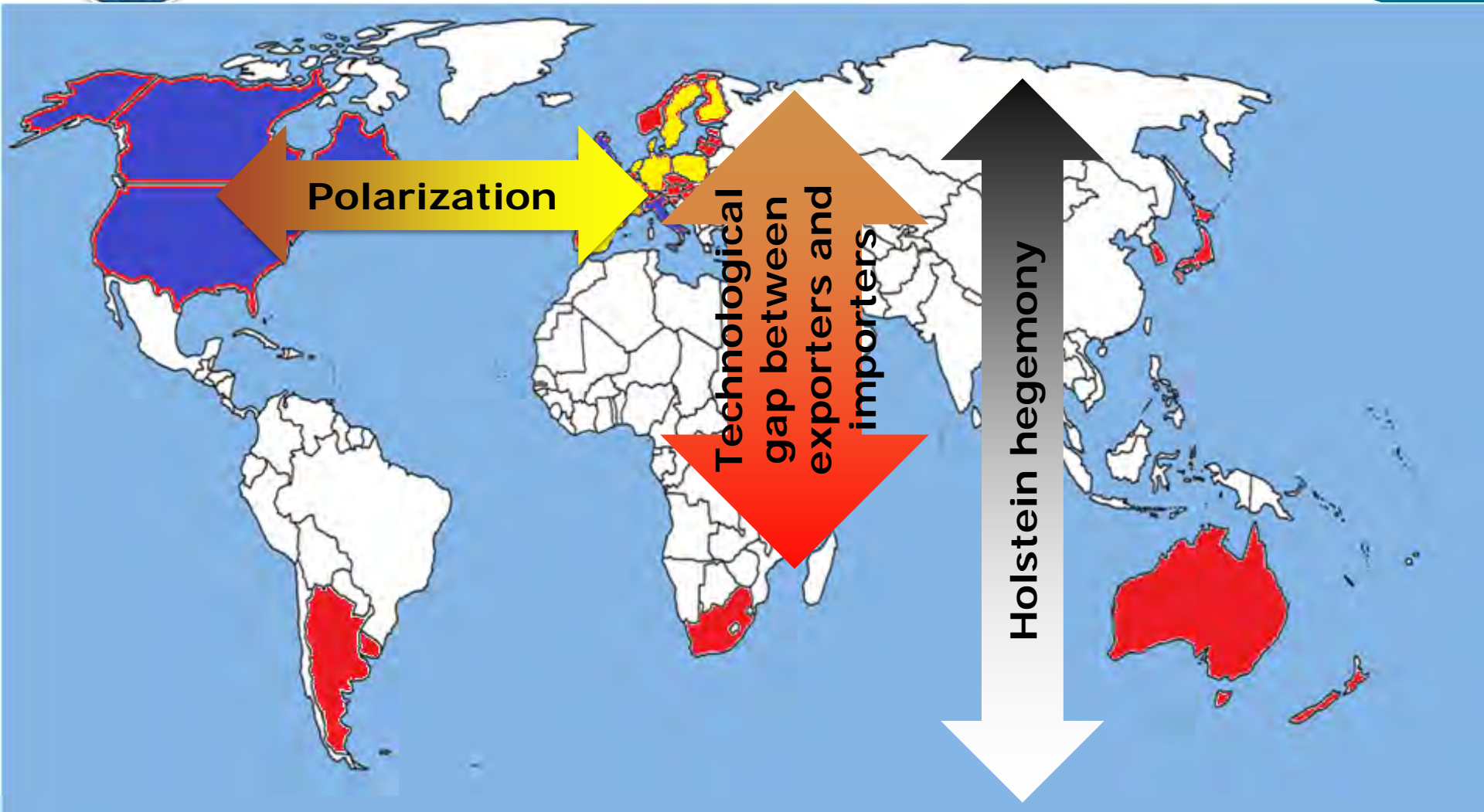



# Interbull Map before genomics





# Interbull map after genomics



 Intercontinental consortium (Holstein)

 Eurogenomics consortium (Holstein)



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- ❖ **GMACE <-> exchange of SNP data**



# Relationship ICAR <-> Interbull II

## Operations of Interbull

- Done mainly by staff of the IB centre
  - ITBC staff have a contract with SLU
    - Protection shield of Interbull / ICAR via the Swedish state
    - So far good way to operate with high quality staff
- Budget
  - Service fees under the responsibility of the IB SC
  - Grants from Sweden
  - EU contribution for role of ITBC as reference lab for EU bovine genetics
- All service money collected by ITBC



# Relationship ICAR <-> Interbull III

- ❖ Genomics and new phenotypes lead to opportunities but also threats
- ❖ Strong link with ICAR is extremely valuable
  - New customers from breeding and herd management side
  - Use of genomics rely on large amount of harmonised phenotypic data from precisely identified animals  
→ core business of ICAR





# Relationship ICAR <-> Interbull IV

- ❖ ICAR board and IB SC have agreed to create a task force that reviews the links between ICAR and Interbull so that the new opportunities are incorporated into the overall strategie of ICAR and Interbull
- ❖ The ToR of this TF are ready, we wait until our new ITBCD Toine Roozen is in place



# Thank You !

Your Interbull Team



## ❖ GMACE

- 2014 (1<sup>st</sup> half)
  - Fine tuning of methodology
    - Implementation runs
- 2014 starting in August
  - 1<sup>st</sup> routine run
  - Traits: same portfolio as MACE
  - Receipients of MACE results are required to make publicly available all results (traits) that they receive from Interbull
    - No requirement to calculate Total Merit Index



# GMACE Rules

- ❖ Prerequisites for participation
  - a. National genomic system Interbull validated
  - b. National genomic evaluations approved in a test run
- ❖ In early 2014 rules for GMACE participation (re)defined
- ❖ Note: with SNP data multiple entries of gEBVs for the same bull possible
- ❖ Introduction of BCC information (= Bull controlling country)
  - BCC determines if a bull can be incorporated and disseminated via GMACE
  - Intention: Tool to decide from when on a (very young) bull gets GMACE EBVs on international scales



## GMACE Rules II

- ❖ BCC also used to exclude bulls completely from dissemination though GMACE → used by US and Canada for the implementation runs and routine runs until December 2014
- ❖ In early runs a lot of conflicts → multiple countries claimed BCC for an individual bull
  - IB SC decided in May 2014 in Berlin, that in case of conflicts one country with a BCC = publishable overrules the BCC = non publishable





# GMACE Participation

- ❖ Until december 2014 → DFS, DEU, NLD, FRA (multiple entries), POL, ITA, UK (also with some US bulls), AUS, BEL
- ❖ From April 2015 onwards:
  - + Spain, + Canada
- ❖ Specific case US
- ❖ Unlike CDN CDCB did not participate in test runs any more  
→ no gEBVs from CDCB included  
BUT  
US AI bulls have gEBVs from CAN, ITA and UK
- ❖ CDN was assigned for some US bulls with a publishable = yes
- ❖ BUT only few US bulls
  - Concern is that they could have been selectively chosen
    - Good in GMACE, poor with use of SNP data in foreign evaluation systems



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# Genoex – budget - parentage

Initial investment (€)	Year 1	Year 2
Software (initial licensing)	30,000	0
Data collection functionality (BC Platforms)	5,000	0
DB server	5,000	0
Operational costs (€)		
Software (maintenance fee)		
Internet bandwidth and traffic	0	
Programmer/DB Admin (50%)	15,000	15,000
Scientist (20%)		0
Overheads (33% of salaries)	4,950	4,950
Income source (€)		
Infrastructure grants	40,000	0
Service fees	19,950	19,950
Total income:	59,950	19,950



Service & Daten  
aus einer Quelle

vit informiert

# IT-Solutions for Animal Production

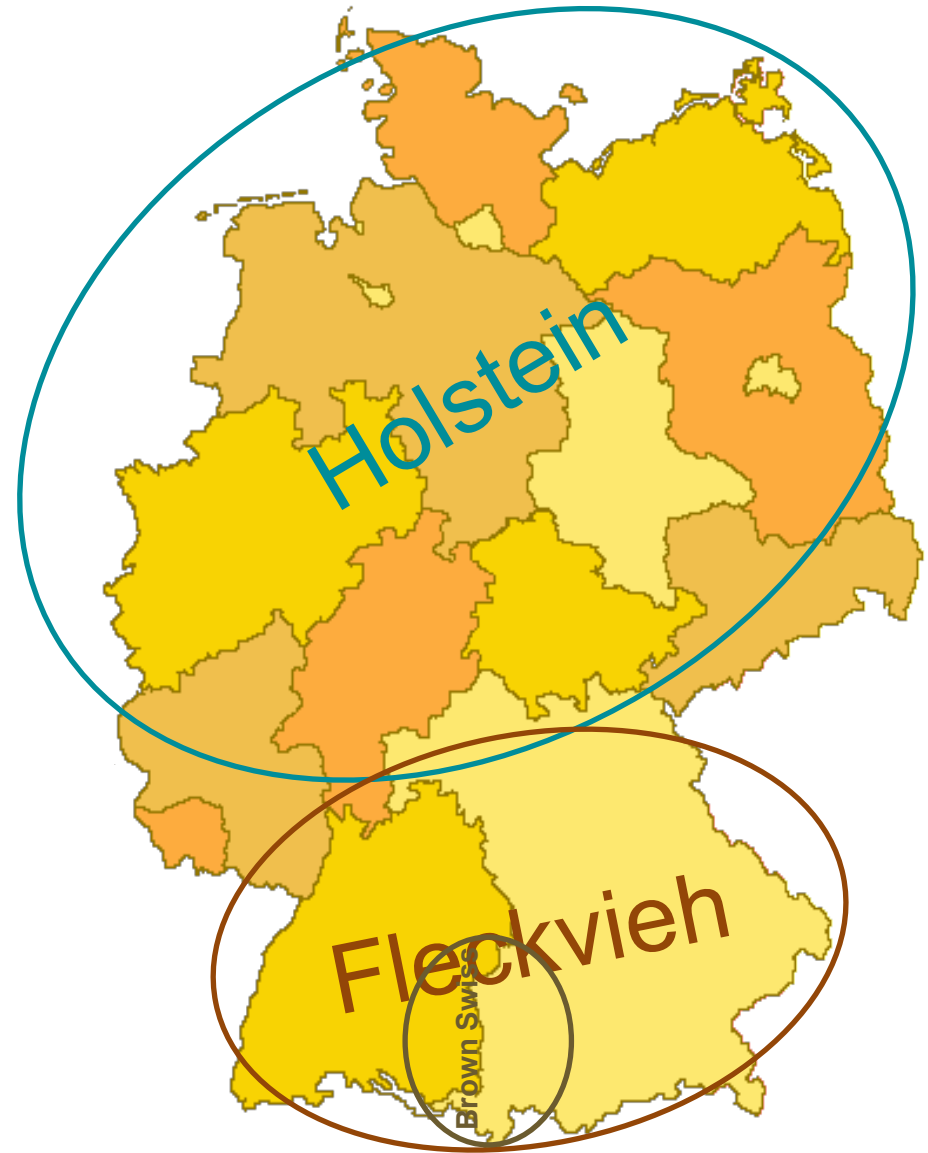
Dr. Reinhard Reents

# Dairy cattle breeding in Germany

■ **12.7 Mio. cattle**

■ **4.300.000 dairy cows**

- ~ 90 % in DHI
- 2/3 in herdbook
- 90% A.I.
- breeds:
  - 2/3 Holstein
  - 1/4 Fleckvieh
  - rest Brown Swiss and others (incl. 1,5% crossbreds)





# vit: the organisation



**vit = Vereinigte Informationssysteme Tierhaltung w.V.**  
*(IT solution for Animal Production)*

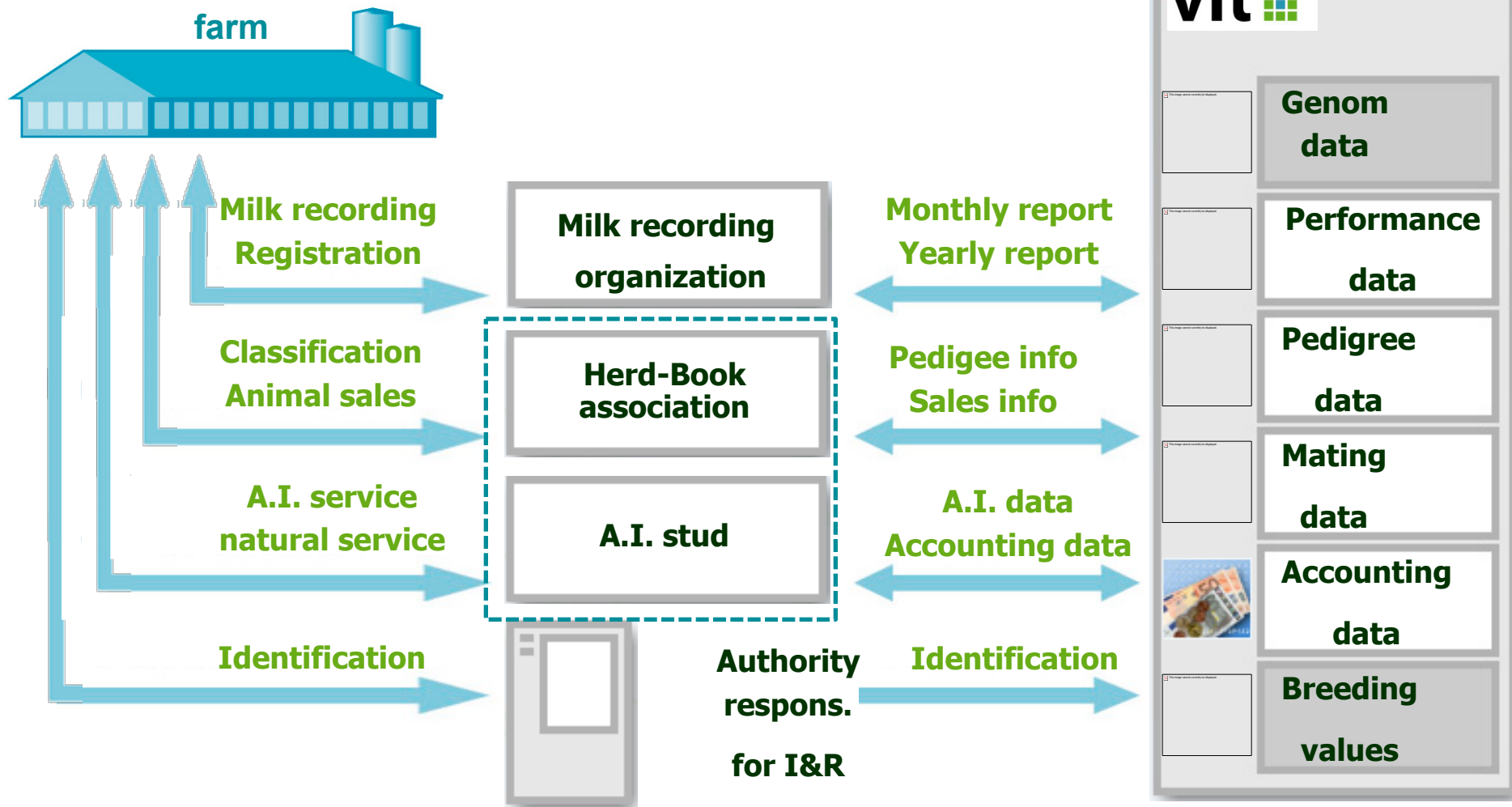
- **Organized as association (non-profit)**
  - Founded 1965 in Western Germany (Verden) immediately as a private organisation
  - Founded 1965 in Eastern Germany (Paretz near Berlin) as state organisation → 1990 privatisation, 1994 merger to vit with Western Germany
  - Members are agricultural organizations from Germany and Luxembourg
- **Ca. 127 employees and ~14 Mio € turnover**
  - Most important sector is dairy breeds (ca. 60 % of turnover) including:
    - Data processing for milk recording → 1.800.000 cows
    - Data processing for herdbook keeping → 2.000.000 cows
    - Data processing for artificial insemination → 2.650.000 inseminations
    - Genetic and genomic evaluation
- **Financing (~10 % of revenues are invested in R&D)**
  - 95% service fees
  - 3% development grants
  - 2% member fees



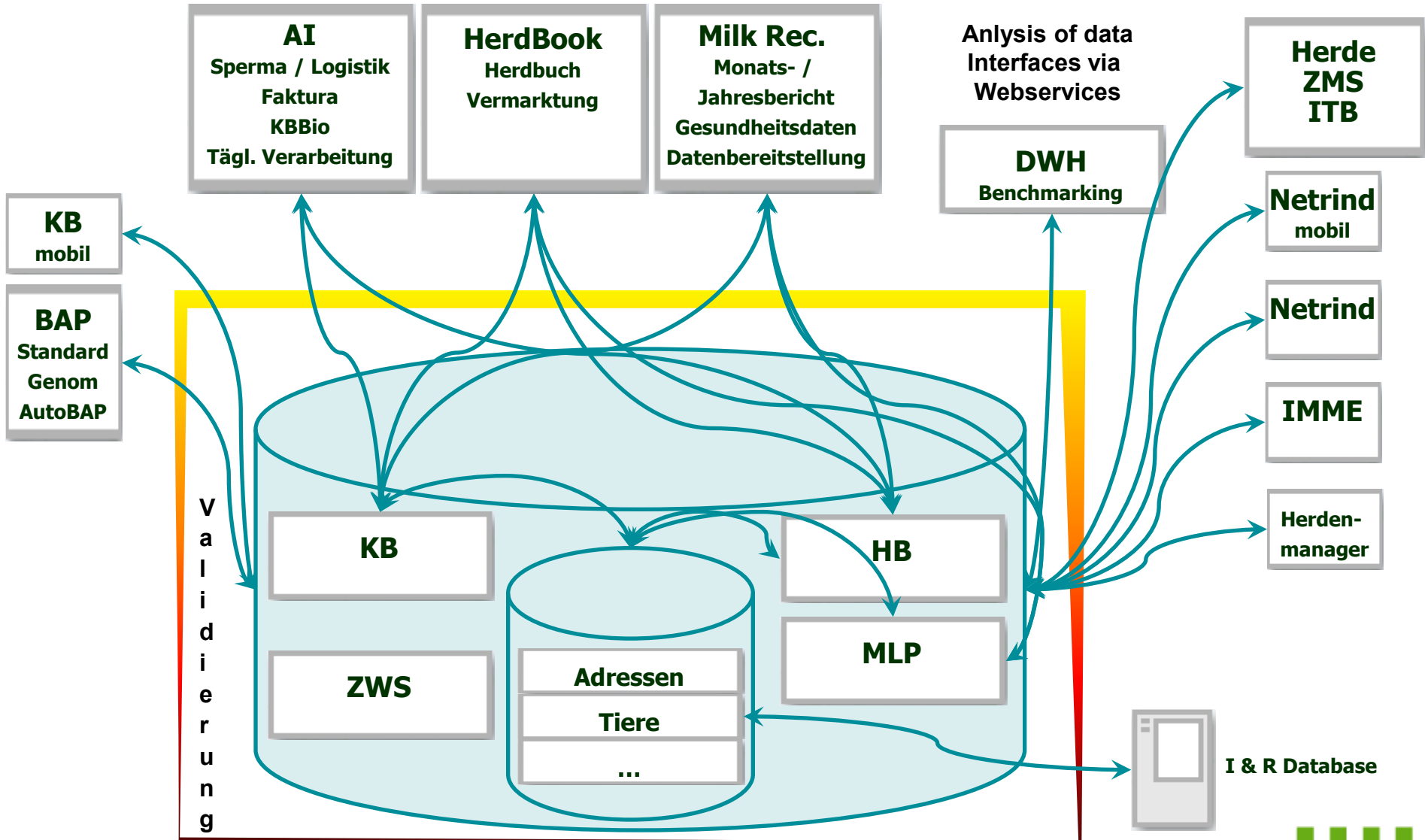
## vit – Governance

- board of directors
  - 9 farmers / directors of member organisations
  - appoints a General Manager
  
- Advisory council (18 members)
  - representatives of member organizations (farmers and full-time staff)
  - representatives of agricultural administration (advisory role)
  
- the council appoints different technical committees (TC)
  - TC milk recording (permanent)
  - TC herdbook system
    - dairy cattle (permanent)
    - beef cattle (permanent)
    - sheep and goats (permanent)
  - TC horse breeding (permanent)
  - ...
  - TC dealing with new legal aspects (non-permanent)
  - ...

# Services for dairy breeding in summary



# Integrated Database



## Access to the integrated database ?

- In Germany there is no ownership right to data! Unlike for land, cars, etc.

There are

- Allowance to **use data**
  - Who is allowed to use the data, store it and change the content?
- Allowance **to distribute data**
  - Who is allowed to disseminate data to someone that has the right to use the data

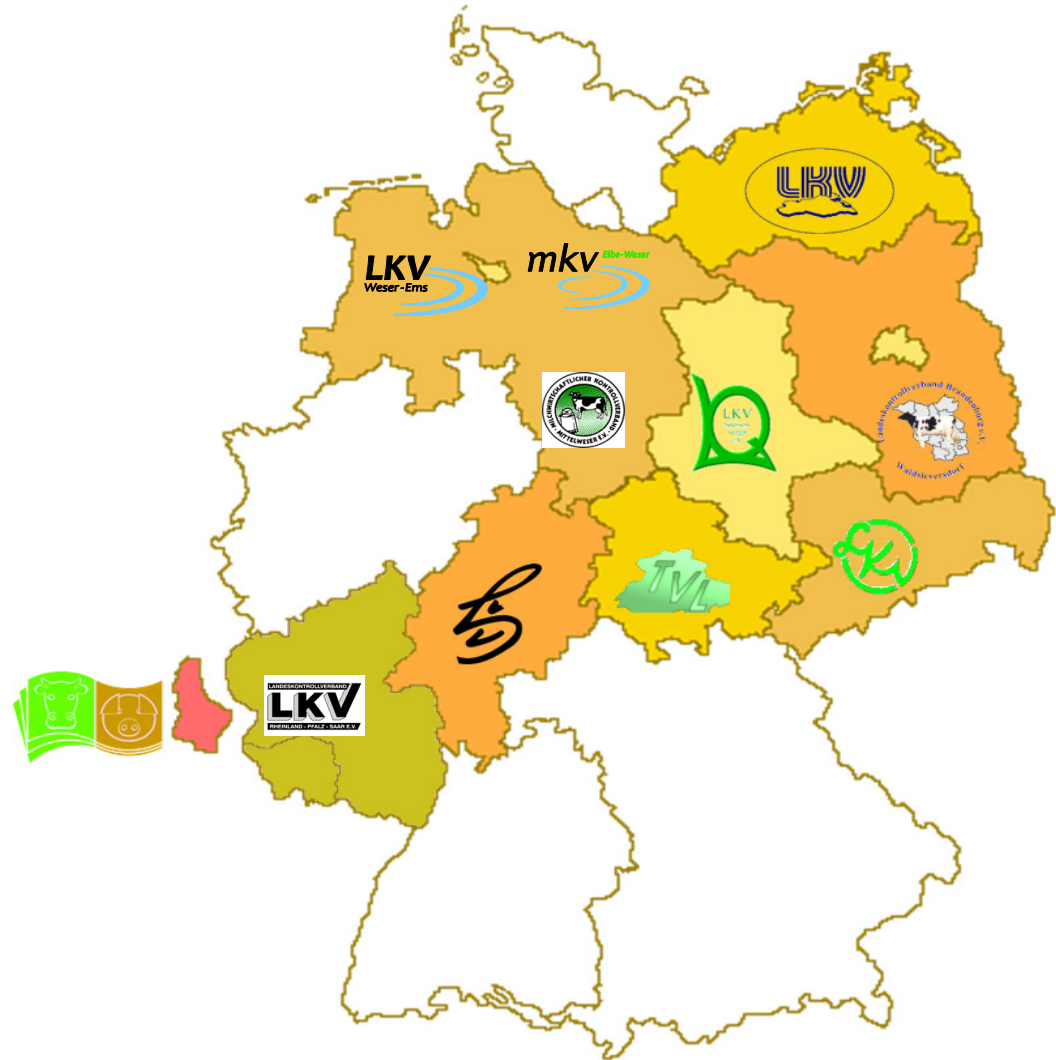
These right are determined by

- Who has generated the data (eg farmer that reports a mating) or paid for it
- Who has been given the duty to generate the data (eg milk recording organisation to analyse the milk samples)
- Through generating information from raw data to complexer information (eg in an algorithm that computes 305 day lactation data)



## vit – Data Processing for Milk Recording

- 8 of 12 German milk recording organizations plus CONVIS Luxembourg
- for 1.800.000 cows / month  
= 75% of all officially Holstein cows
- 15.407 dairy farms
- Maintenance of the database
- Monthly reports
- Benchmarking
- Data accumulation on farm, incl health data
- Data exchange (advisors etc.)



# vit – Central Herd-Book Data Base for Dairy Cattle

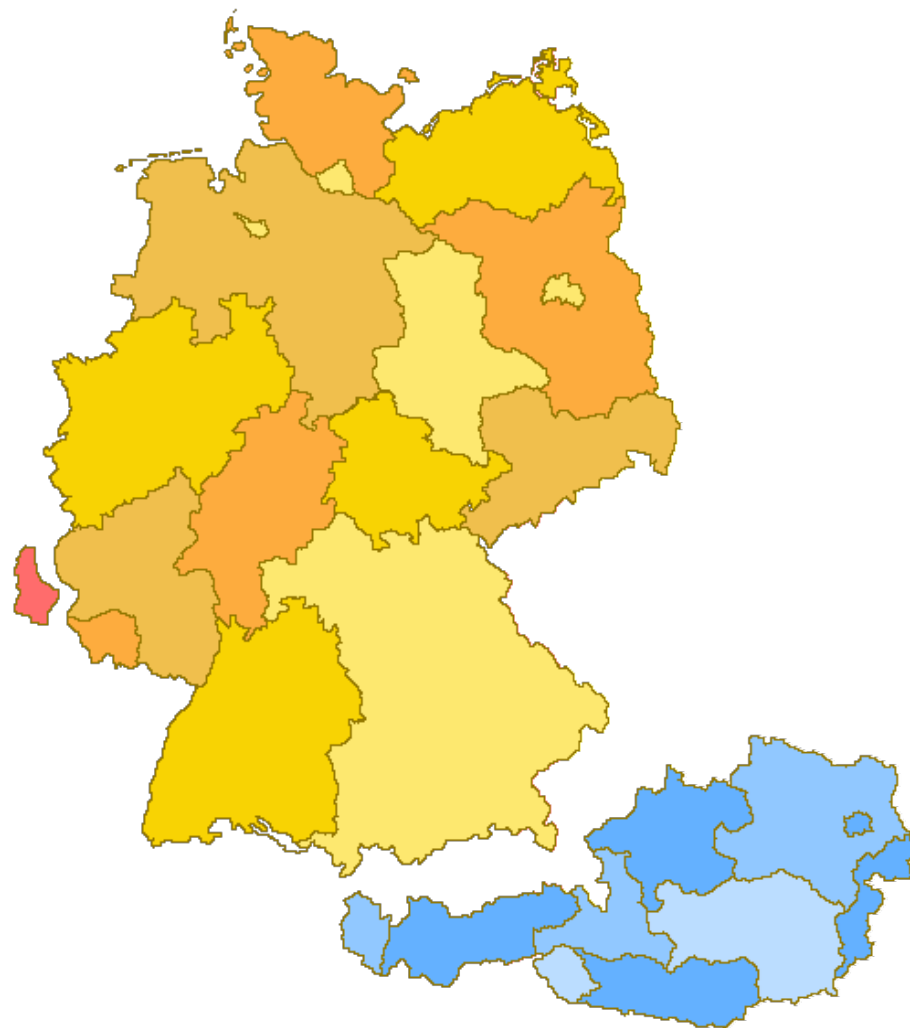
- for all 14 German Holstein herdbook associations plus CONVIS Luxembourg
- 82.852.032 animals in online access
- 2.049.062 active cows on 18.450 farms
- Main activities of Breeding organisations
  - AI services
  - trading of animals
    - Auctions,
    - Export,
    - farm to farm
  - (pedigree, parentage)



# vit – Estimating Breeding Values for Dairy Cattle



- Black Holsteins
- Red Holsteins
- Red Cattles
- Jerseys
- Germany
- Luxembourg
- Austria
- until 2013 state control:  
from 2014 Breeding organisations  
in charge
- Genomic evaluation with large  
reference population currently  
> 33.000 bulls



## Sharing of data between different parties

- In Regions with ALL data processing within vit (75% of DHI data)
  - No payment to DHI from Breeding organisations (win to win for both)
    - DHI gets 1<sup>st</sup> class data on pedigree, inseminations, genetic and genomic evaluations from BO → high standard of the monthly reports
    - In return BO access to 1<sup>st</sup> class data from DHI
      - Herdbook work
      - Sales of animals
        - » For export data about quality of the animal
        - » Farm to farm → even across regions full data content with the animal
      - Mating programs
      - Genetic and genomic evaluation
- In regions with separate DHI processing → BO has to subsidise (or buy data) from the DHI organisation to get data (ie send the data to vit) for herdbook purposes and genetic evaluation

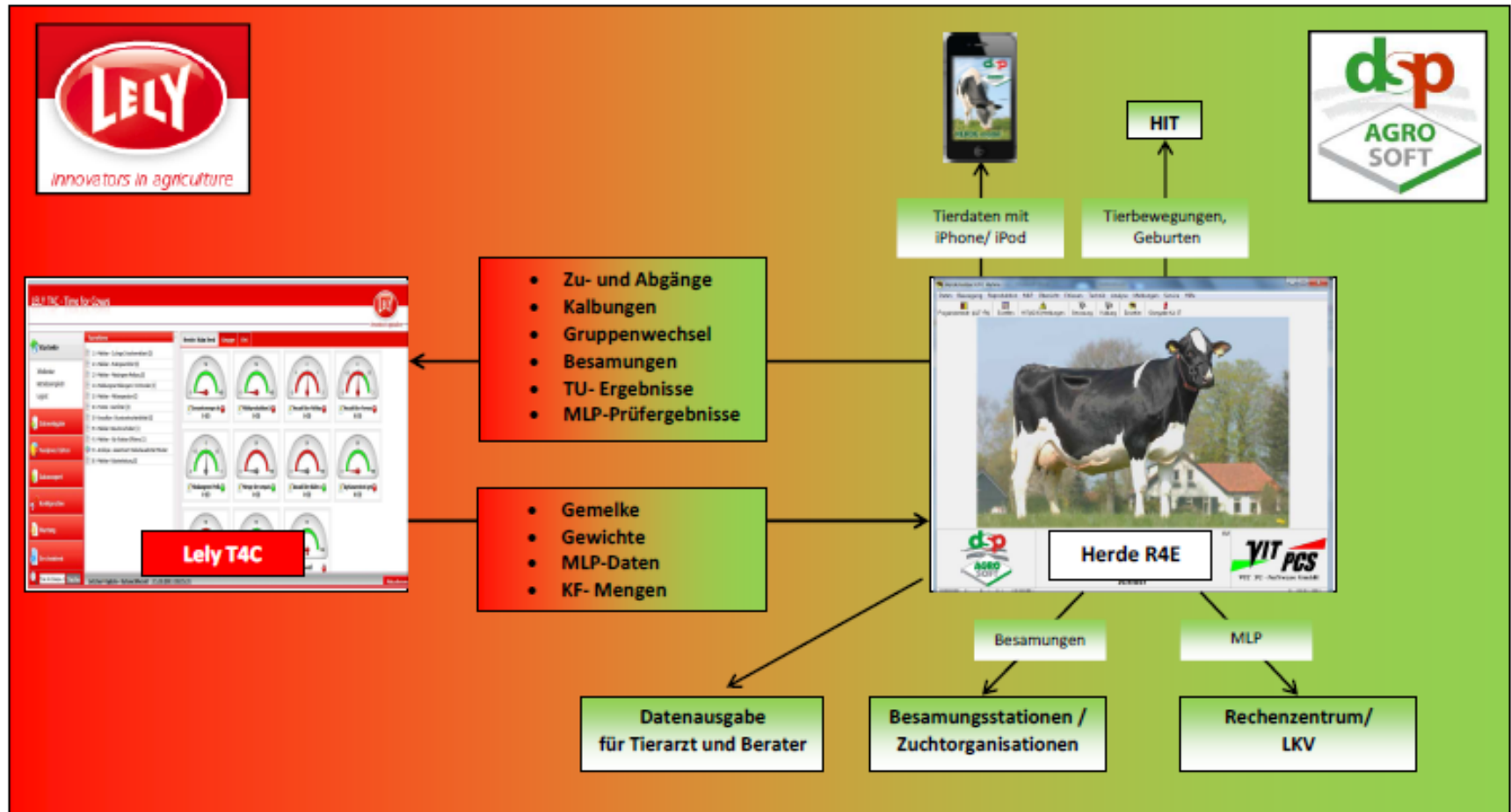
## On farm data

- In eastern Germany always big farms (on average > 250 cows)
  - Specialised PC software company (spin off from former GDR computing centre) had big market share after the unification of Germany
  - Mid 90ties tendency to keep data only on farm (or sell it)
  
- vit board decided 1997 to buy 50 % of the company
  - Joint product development and streamline interfaces between central and on farm data processing
    - Main product is herd management software (*'Herde'*) → 70% market share



- About 3500 farms in Germany -> **1 Mio. cows**
- Medium and larger herds
- Stand alone PC-Programme
- Large number of interfaces to milk parlours, Lely-Robots, Heattime, feeders ... -> **new phenotypes**
- Capturing of claw data, direct interfaces to PC / mobile software of hoof trimmers and vets
- Collection of health data, inseminations, I&R data
- Mobile version for IOS
- Special Module (ZMS) for field advisors
- Mating advice from BAP available
- The coding of health data in Herde became standard in Germany and later international as ICAR standard

# Example: Interface with Lely robots



# Internet application Netrind



- For smaller herds (50-200 cows)
- About 1300 farms use Netrind DHI, 3150 farms Netrind AI
- In the Browser
- Cheap (50-100 EUR per year)
- Main reports of the milk recoding processing plus action lists
- Capturing of health data, hood trimming data, inseminations, I&R data
- Tool for field advisors to get access to farmers data
- Mobile device for Android
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# Use of this huge, komplex data pool with 30 client organisations (more than staff 800 users)



- Joint data pool (~80 mio animals) enables all clients to have optimal data quality
  - Cross checks even with movements across regions possible
  - Corrections of data content immediatedly available to all users

But

1. How to share sensitive data → solved by access rights to the database
2. How to integrate further data (eg ERP) with the data that belongs to animals / farms
3. Individual queries / requests / reports on the ,own' data set, for
  - R&D work
  - Few herds
  - Solutions until 2013
    - a. Individual software tools developed by vit
    - b. extract of data and analysis with tools within the organisation



- Analysis showed that future needs require IT architecture which is close to Internet application (migration from mainframe to new platform)  
Other main aspect → availability of programmers (no PL1, Natural, etc.)

## Solution

- Linux operating system
  - Oracle database
  - Java software development
- Experience showed that software development with Java is only slightly 'cheaper' than with previous languages
  - Problem remains that for ad hoc questions of individual customers the complex database and complex data structures is a challenge

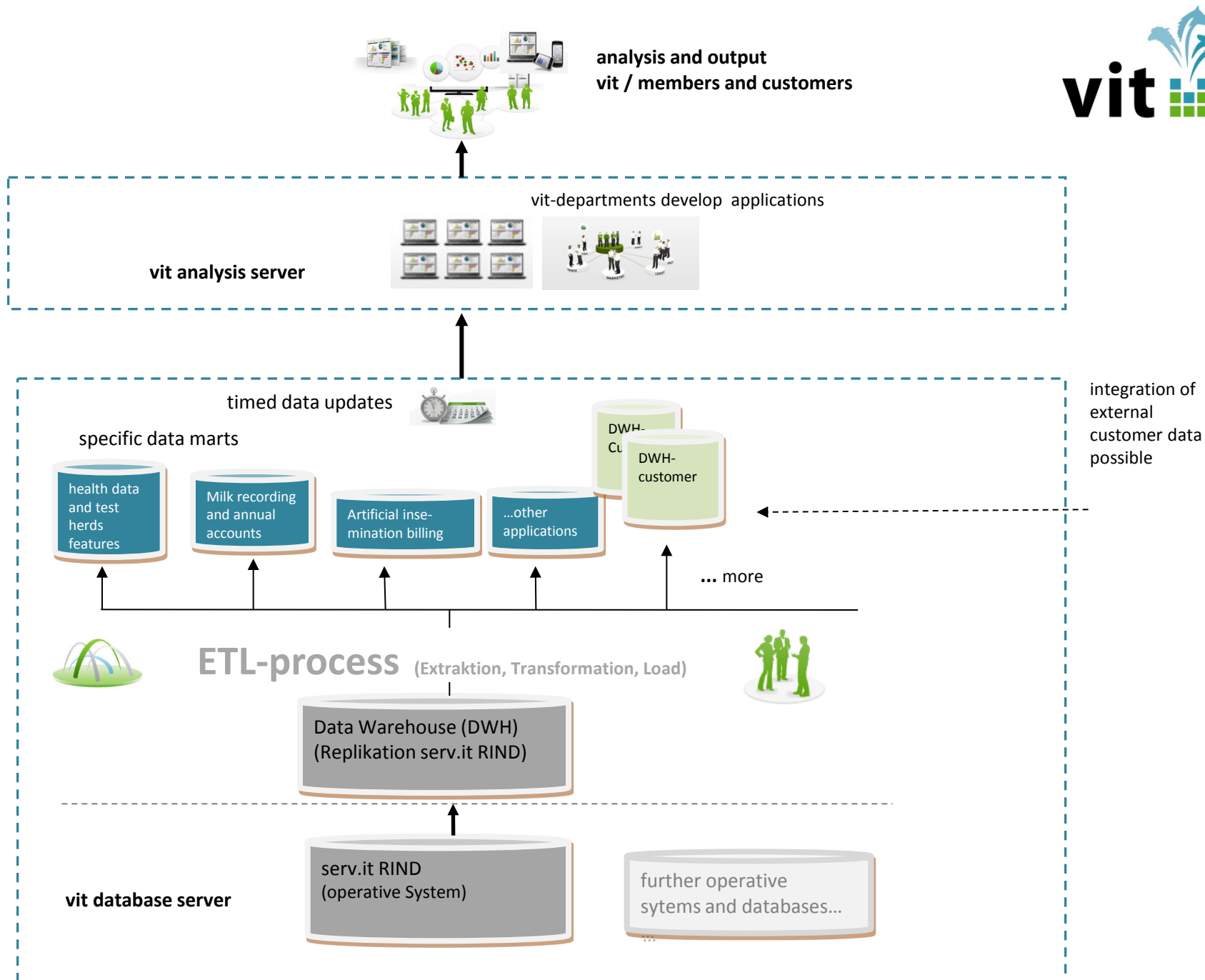
## Solution

- **Integration of a Data Warehouse**



# Data Warehouse (DWH)

- Is an IT system that
  - **E**xtracts, **T**ransform, **L**oads complex source data into a **dimensional data store**
  - And then supports and implements **querying and analysis**  
for the purpose of decision making
- Compared to other means (HQL, SQL) to extract information from complex data structures the use of a DWH does **not require this expert know how**  
**→ moves decision support systems from the IT department to the users / responsible staff**
- The in memory technology guarantees high performance  
**→ vit has chosen QlikView as the reporting and analysing tool**



# Case study 1



## ■ Contract herds for use as cow reference population

- Two regions in Eastern Germany record additional health and performance data
  - 87 herds (av. herdsize 700 cows) → ~ 60.000 cows
  - Disease diagnoses
  - Weight at calving
  - Hoof trimming
  - Conformation on all heifers
  - ...

aims:

- a. Have an optimal infrastructure for R&D questions to use data in genomic evaluation
- b. Quarterly reports to farms (for management decisions → motivation to collect data for a continuous period)

→ front end to the farmer



# Case study 2 → report to farms (health data)

## Quartalsbericht: Calving Trails

Verband: RMV Betrieb: Zeitraum: Okt-Dez 2013

### Kalbungen gesamt

Merkmal	Quartal	Vorquartal	RBB Quartal	RMV Quartal	Rangierung RMV
Anzahl (n)	792	828	9.928	7.188	
Totgeburten (%)	6,4	8,8	6,1	6,5	
KV schwer (%)	6,2	5,4	3,6	7,0	
Geburtsgewicht (kg)	44,3	43,3	41,7	42,3	

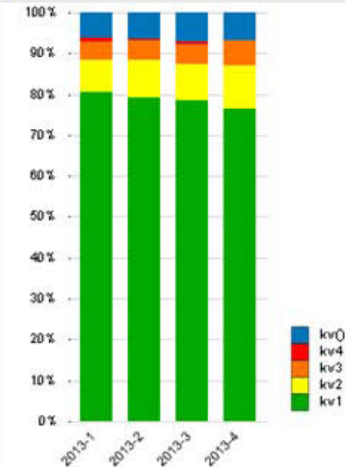
### Färsenkalbungen

Merkmal	Quartal	Vorquartal	RBB Quartal	RMV Quartal	Rangierung RMV
Anzahl (n)	301	308	3.193	2.419	
Totgeburten (%)	9,6	14,6	9,4	10,5	
KV schwer (%)	12,0	9,1	4,7	10,4	
Geburtsgewicht (kg)	42,4	41,1	39,6	40,2	

### Kuhkalbungen

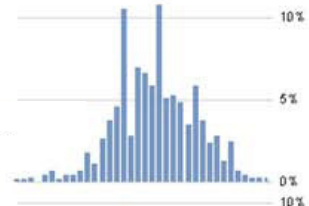
Merkmal	Quartal	Vorquartal	RBB Quartal	RMV Quartal	Rangierung RMV
Anzahl (n)	491	518	6.733	4.767	
Totgeburten (%)	4,5	5,4	4,5	4,4	
KV schwer (%)	2,6	3,3	3,1	5,2	
Geburtsgewicht (kg)	45,3	44,5	42,7	43,3	

## Calving Ease



## Birth Weight

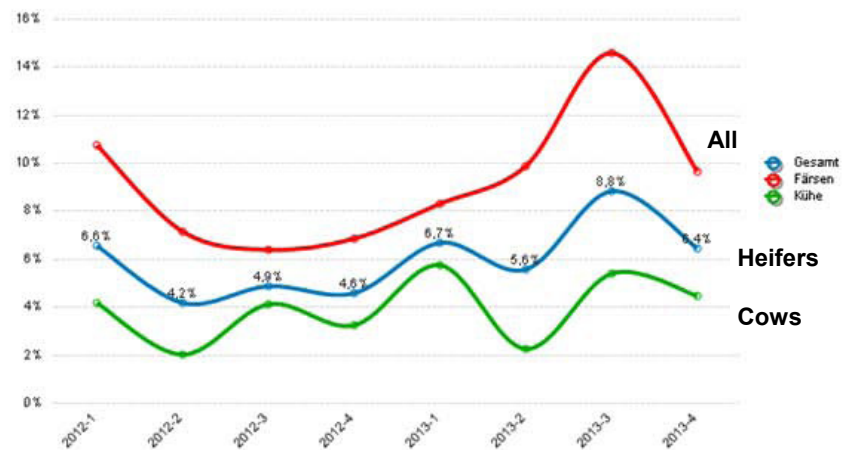
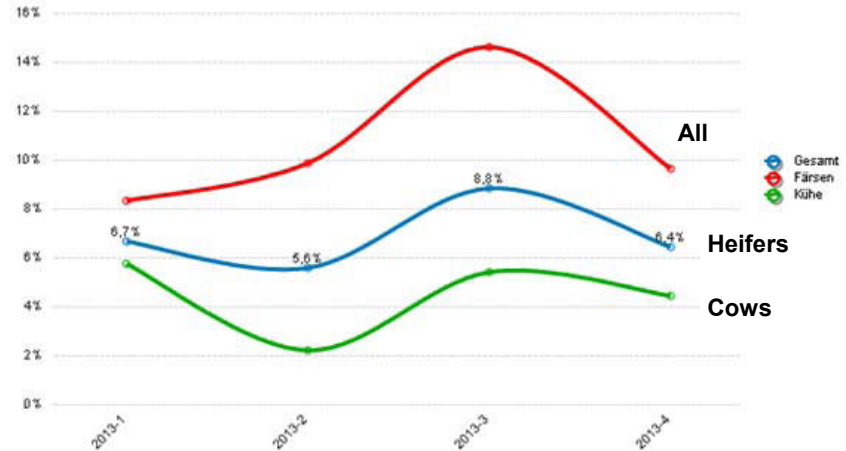
### Herd



### Region



## % Stillbirth



# DWH summary



- Introduction of a Data Warehouse System is a complex project
- Requires large initial investment
  - Technical infrastructure
    - ETL process
    - Server → In Memory Technique
    - Developer licences
    - User licences
  - Training of experts for implementation of projects
    - Analysis of the business rules
    - ETL
    - Development of reports
- Very positive Feedback from those customers that take the time to learn about new features and apply it





# Whats next in Genomics: changes structure

- AI organisations
  - New opportunities (genomic evaluation)
  - New challenges
    - New players with access to genomic evaluation have cheap way of using historic investments of cooperative AI organisations
  - New mergers in Germany Masterrind (+ WEU), RA (from RSA RMV), others?
  
- Farmers have to invest more if they want to be in the elite breeding business
  
- International cooperation more important than in the past
  
- Bull reference populations have to be replaced by cow reference pop.
  - Also important for new traits

# Health data available at vit (phenotypes, few genotypes)



Pilot studies / Research, 3-5 years

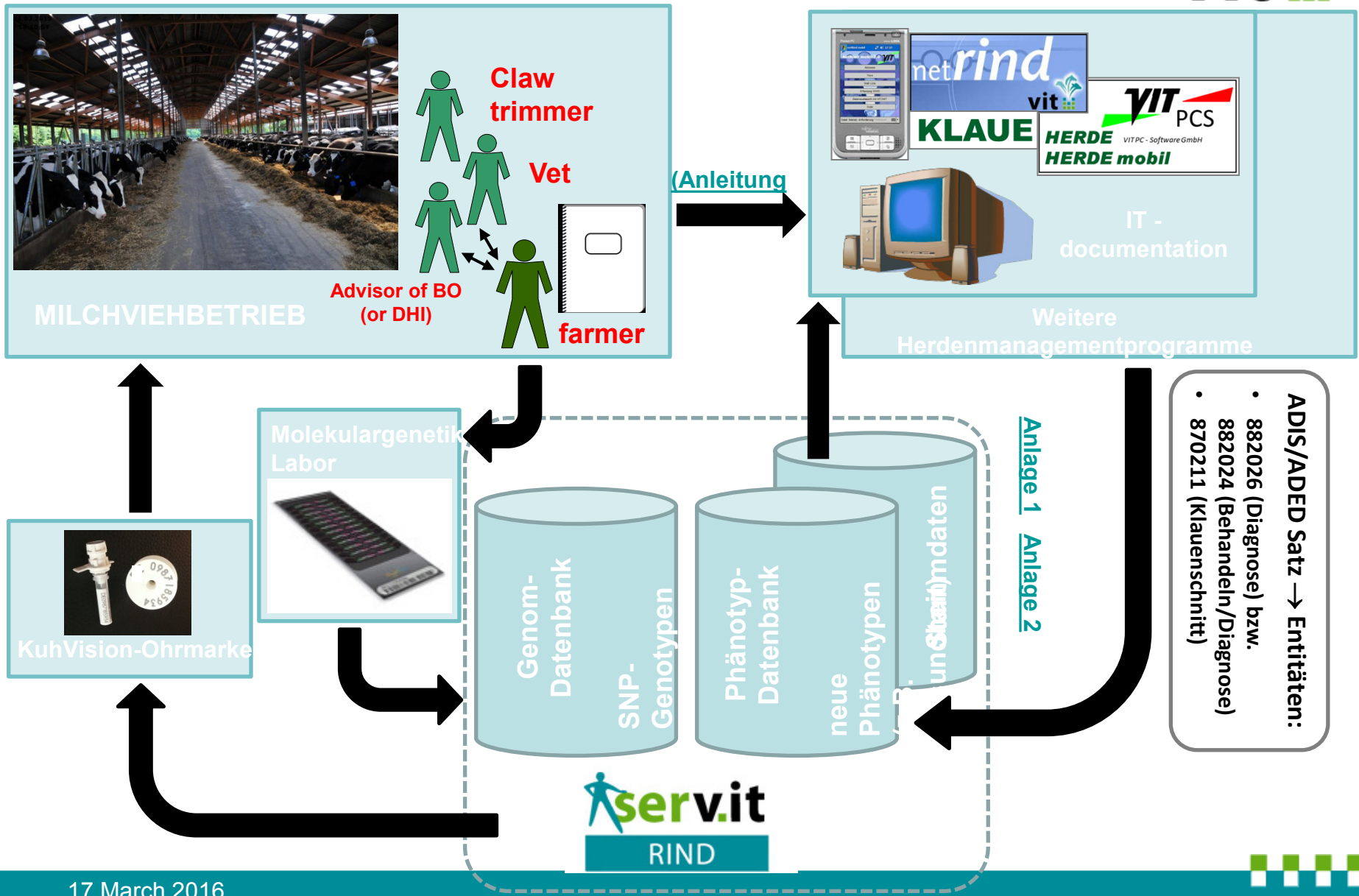
Routine since 8-9 years

							RBB/RA Contract herd system		
Kenngröße	NDS	RPF	HES	THU	SAA	SAC	BRB	SAA	MVP
Datenerfassung (Herdenmanagement- Programm)	NETRIND u.a.			HERDE u.a.			HERDE u.a.		
Gesamtzahl Betriebe	131	59	75	49	13	5	50+5	4	26
Zeithorizont (Gesundheitsdaten ab ...)	01/2010	09/2013	12/2013	01/2009	01/2010	01/2011	06/2008	10/2009	01/2007
Herdengröße (mittlere Anzahl Kühe pro aktivem Betrieb 2015) *	N <sub>Betr</sub> =53: 121 (Max.593)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =40: 96 (Max.297)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =46: 106 (Max.313)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =33: 671 (Max.1.647)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =5: 632 (Max.750)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =3: 462 (Max.555)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =50: 703 (Max.2.656)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =3: 1.154 (Max.2.431)	N <sub>Betr</sub> =23: 731 (Max.2.274)
Ausgangsdaten insgesamt	<u>Gesundheitsdaten aus 333 Milchviehbetrieben in 3 West / 3 East</u>						<u>Gesundheitsdaten aus 80 Milchvieh- betrieben in 3 East</u>		
Diagnose- meldungen	rund 1,79 Mio. (682.156 Erkrankungsgeschehen)						rund 4,06 Mio. (1,47 Mio. Erkrankungsgeschehen)		
Tiere mit Diagnosen	174.821						393.798		
Umfang des Gesund- heitsmonitorings	rund 295.000 Tiere, davon 196.000 weibliche Tiere (110.000 cows)						rund 554.000 Tiere, davon 342.000 weibliche Tiere (193.000 cows)		

Stand: 02.11.2015 (Gesundheitsdaten 01/2007 - 09/2015); \*mind. 3 Monate registriert und mit Diagnosemeldungen



# Roll out of KuhVision in all Germany



## Key factors for vit (and the German dairy industry)

### ■ The base of our success:

- neutrality
- member/client oriented
- skilled and specialized employees for all fields of data processing around breeding and management of farm animals

### ■ What makes us unique:

- One of the biggest INTEGRATED data base for cattle worldwide
- we work for many different clients/competitors
  - but all clients have full control on their data
  - maximum synergy effects by joint use of data/software/skills
  - Manage IP in closed groups of investors (e.g. genomic selection)  
→ difficult for free riders

### ■ Our vision:

- Expand the services to more areas (biosensors on farm, infrared spectrum data from milk labs, etc.) → more connection to technics on the farm
- (Expand the services to more countries, internationalisation)

The only  
reason  
I'm big  
is because  
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couldn't store  
all this  
personality



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IT-Solutions for Animal Production

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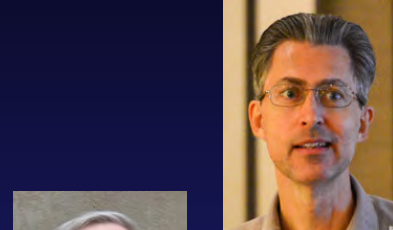
# AIP objectives

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- | Expand national and international collection of phenotypic and genotypic data
- | Develop a more accurate genomic evaluation system with advanced, efficient methods to combine pedigrees, genotypes, and phenotypes
- | Use economic analysis to maximize genetic progress and financial benefits from collected data

# AIP scientists

- | Paul VanRaden (project leader)
  - w Genomic evaluation methods, haplotypes
- | George Wiggans (CDCB liaison)
  - w SNP selection, genotype exchange, goats
- | John Cole (acting research leader)
  - w Fertility, health, heat stress resistance, indices
- | Derek Bickhart
  - w Sequence data analysis, genome assembly correction and gene annotation
- | Kristen Parker Gaddis (UFL postdoctoral associate)
  - w Fertility, health, use of sequence data



# Recent research and changes

- | Genomic evaluations for Guernseys
- | Breed composition and GPTAs for crossbreds
- | Increase to 77,531 SNPs used for evaluations  
(includes 30 gene tests provided by GeneSeek)
- | New GeneSeek 7K chip
- | New Affymetrix 44K chip



# Recent research and changes cont'd

- | Imputed dams now used for parent-progeny checks
- | Goats (separate management groups for miniature and standard)
- | Developed an efficient procedure for syncing the AIP and CDCB databases
- | Additional traits (cow livability, age at first calving, persistency)
- | Changes to calving traits models

# Cow livability - Background

- | Reasons for disposal have been reported and stored in DHI records since 1970
- | About 20% of cows die instead of being sold across all lactations
- | Death loss per lactation averages 7%, higher in later, lower in earlier lactation

# Productive life (PL) vs. Livability (LIV)

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- | PL measures cow's ability to avoid dying or being culled
- | LIV measures cow's ability to stay alive
- | LIV is a subset of PL

# LIV model

## Definition

- | Reverse of mortality:
  - $w$  0 = died this lactation
  - $w$  100 = lived this lactation
- | Multiply by average lactations/cow (2.8) to put on a lifetime scale

# LIV model cont'd

- | Data

- w 92 million records on 32 million cows

- | Methodology

- w Multi-trait 1-step model with PL (by lactation) using similar edits as other traits

- | Heritability of 1.3 (*Miller et al., 2008*), genetic correlation with lactation PL of 0.50

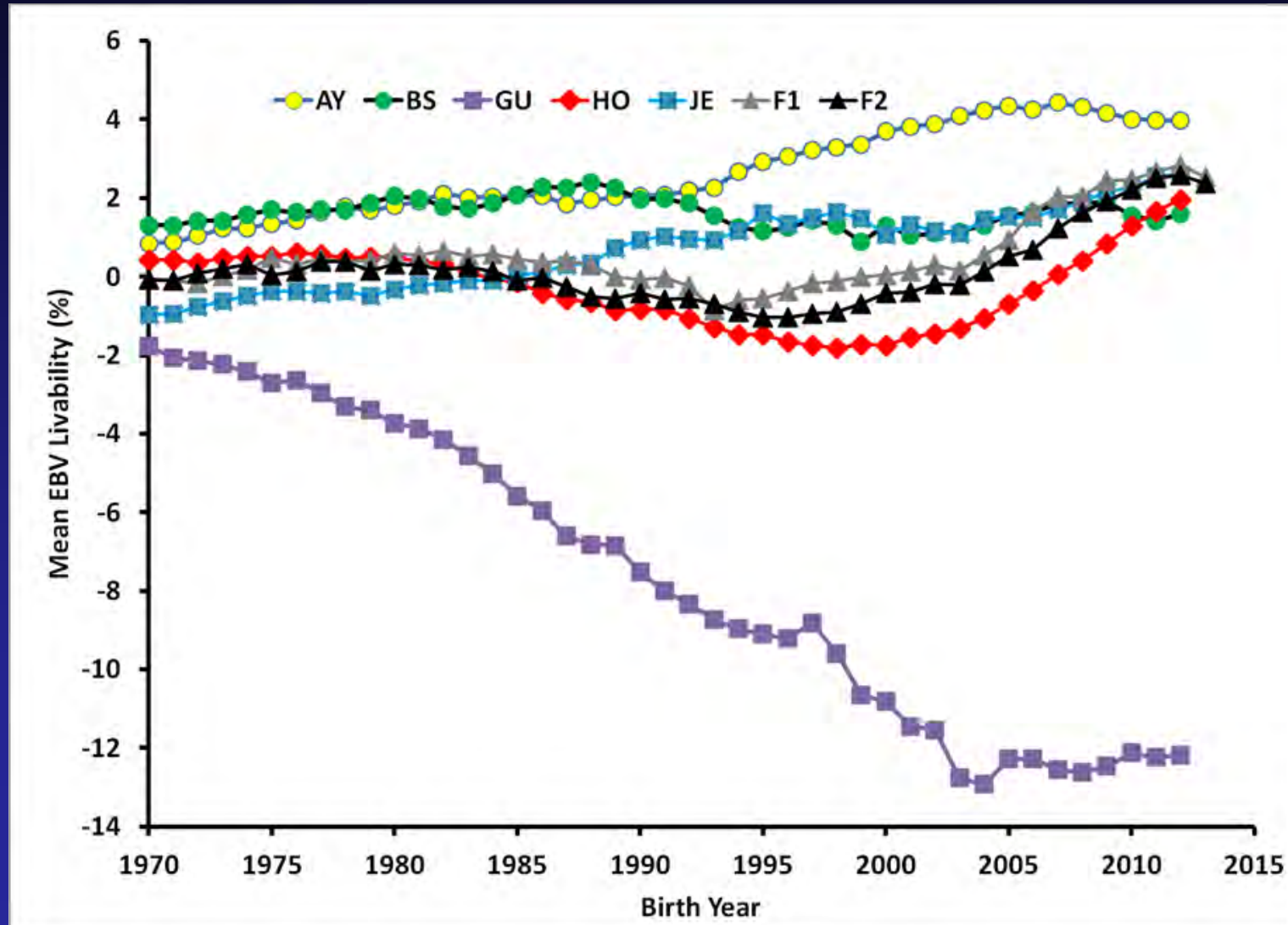


# Correlation of PTA LIV with other trait PTA

Trait	HO	JE
Milk	0.09	-0.08
Fat	0.21	0.01
Protein	0.16	-0.01
Productive Life	0.70	0.54
SCS	-0.28	-0.07
Daughter Pregnancy Rate	0.40	0.54
Cow Conception Rate	0.40	0.33
Heifer Conception Rate	0.28	0.32
Number of bulls	45,840	3,893

Bulls born 1990 or later, minimum 50 daughters, 0.50 rel for PTALIV.

# LIV genetic trends 1970-2013



# Genetic improvement of cow health

- Compute breeding values for 6 common health events

Trait	Incidence rate (%)	Heritability
Displaced abomasum	2.20 ± 0.42	0.32 ± 0.04
Ketosis	5.15 ± 0.78	0.14 ± 0.03
Mastitis	12.32 ± 1.06	0.10 ± 0.01
Metritis	6.86 ± 0.47	0.07 ± 0.01
Milk fever	2.40 ± 1.06	<u>0.10 ± 0.01</u>
Retained placenta	4.60 ± 0.63	0.36 ± 0.08

**Sources:** Parker Gaddis et al. 2015. J. Dairy Sci. 97:3190-3199;  
Uribe et al. 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:421-430.

- Reflects economic importance, heritability, and reporting consistency based on analyses of field data

# Health Merit \$ and NM\$

- | HM\$ will provide a single value that farmers can use to make selection decisions
  - w **Change in lifetime income** due to reductions in health care costs (e.g., **\$50**)
  - w Preferred to selection on individual traits
- | Can be added into NM\$ similarly to CA\$
- | Similar concept to Zoetis's new Wellness Trait Index (WT\$)

# VERY Rough Draft of HM\$

- | Correlations assembled from several sources – need to re-estimate!
- | Economic values from Liang (2013)
- |  $HM\$ = (0.35 \times DSAB) + (0.17 \times KETO) + (0.14 \times MAST) + (0.08 \times METR) + (0.08 \times CALC) + (0.18 \times RETP)$ 
  - w Rough numbers, more work needed!
  - w Does not yet account for any other traits!



# Genetic correlations

- Health traits are correlated with other traits already included in NM\$

Trait	DPR	PL	Milk yield	SCS	NM\$
Displaced abomasum	-0.47	-0.47	0.02	0.19	-0.35
Ketosis	-0.48	-0.48	0.02	0.25	-0.40
Mastitis	-0.19	-0.27	0.09	0.56	-0.21
Metritis	-0.35	-0.18	-0.21	0.01	-0.37
Retained placenta	-0.44	-0.34	-0.05	0.24	-0.30

**Source:** Parker Gaddis et al. 2015. J. Dairy Sci. 97:3190-3199.

- Easy to over-state gain from new traits if correlations not well-estimated

# Correlations of SCS with mastitis

Correlation	CAN	DFS	FRA
USA SCS, foreign MAST	0.87	0.87	0.86
USA SCS, foreign SCS	0.94	0.88	0.90

Genetic correlations estimated by Interbull, Dec 2015

Genetic correlation estimated by Zoetis = 0.45

# Added value from more traits

Year	Traits	Added	Data	Corr	Gain
1977	3	Protein	DHIA		
1994	5	Productive life, SCS	DHIA	0.84	19%
2000	18	Size, udder, feet / legs	Breeds	0.94	6%
2003	21	Pregnancy rate, calving ease (sire, dtr)	DHIA / NAAB	0.98	2%
2006	23	Stillbirth (sire, dtr)	NAAB	0.98	2%
2014	25	Heifer, cow conception	DHIA	0.97	3%
2016		Cow death	DHIA	> 0.99	< 1%
2016	31	6 more health traits	Zoetis	0.92 ??	21% ??

# Use in Selection Programs

- | Avoid using bulls with undesirable PTA
  - w Not all bulls with high rates of daughter illness have low NM\$
- | Select on an index
  - w This ensures that you don't overemphasize one trait or another
  - w Results in optimal rates of genetic gain

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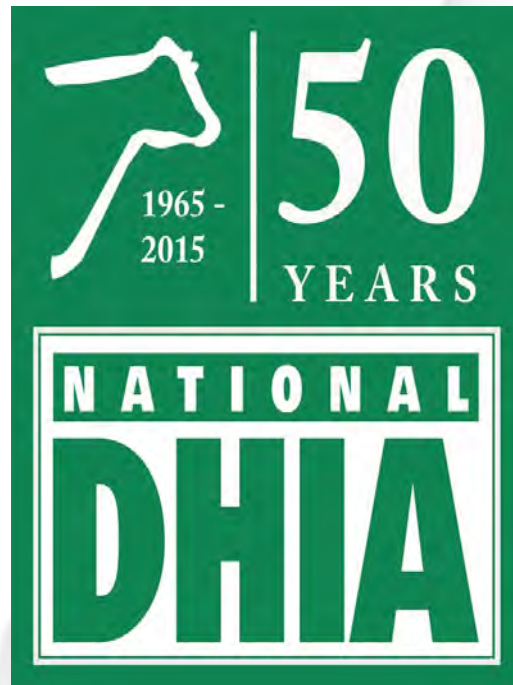
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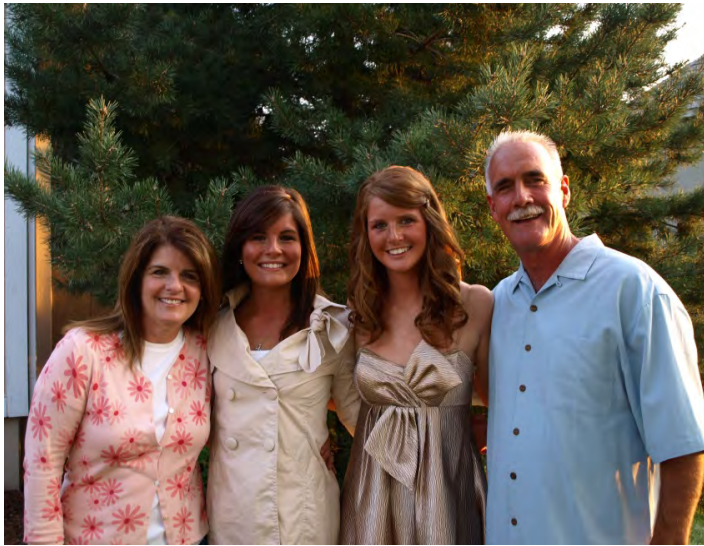
# Annual Managers Meeting



**March 8, 2016 - Orlando, Florida**

## **Improving Our Communications Workshop**



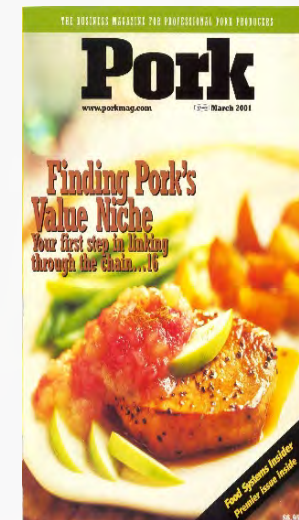
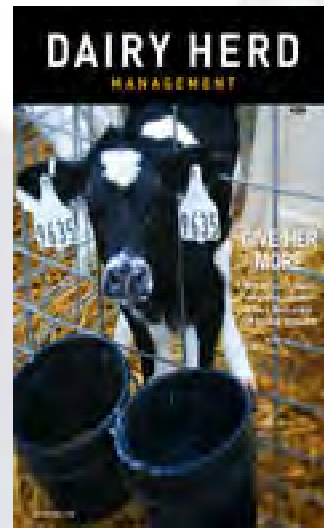


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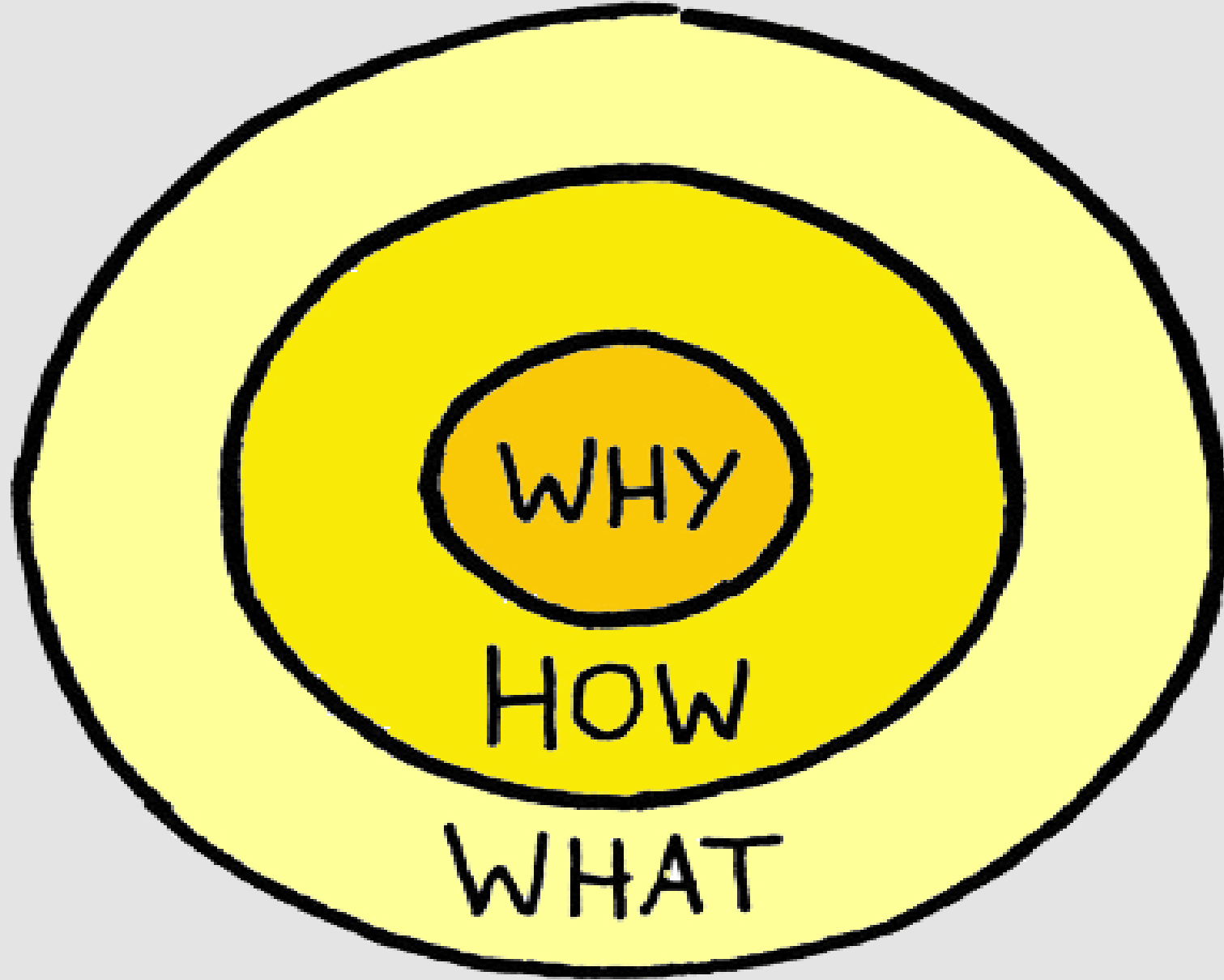
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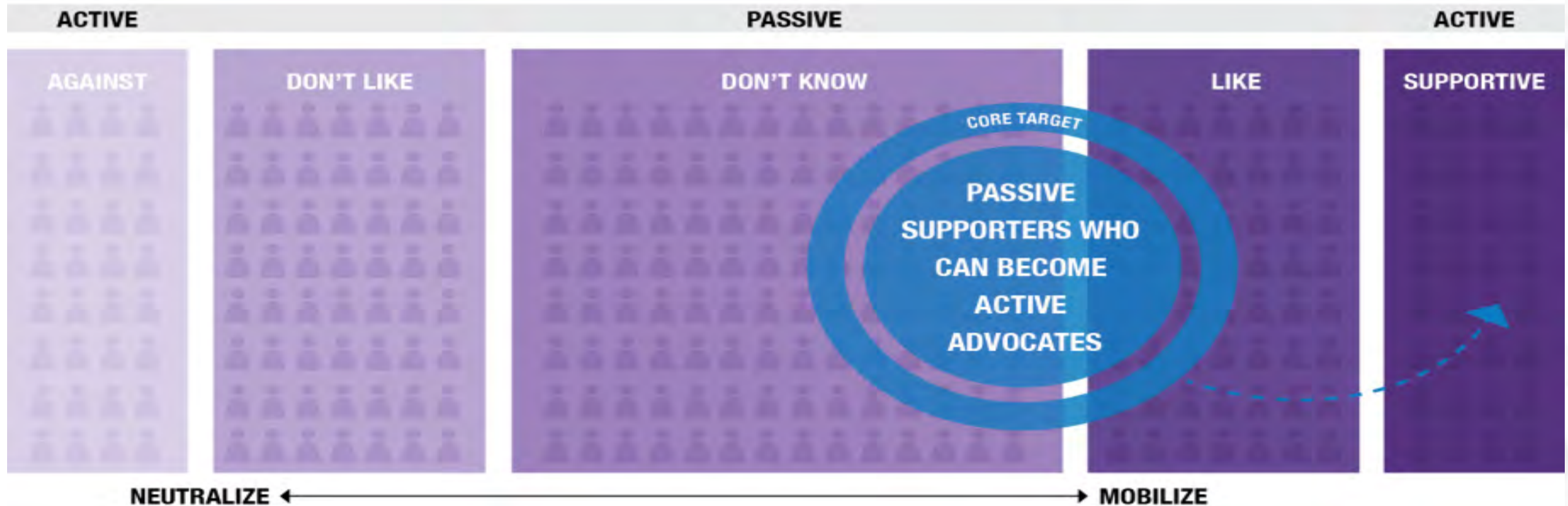
People don't buy WHAT we do  
They buy WHY we do it.

# “High Concern/Low Trust” Issues

- Emotion often trumps rational thought
- You must first gain trust before you are believed
- Empathy and emotion must precede “the facts”
- More basic communications – fewer, shorter responses
- Work to “put things in context” – lend a broader perspective



# WE HAVE THE TOOLS AND SUPPORT FOR DAIRY IS HIGH, BUT ADVOCACY IS LOW.



**WE NEED TO DO MORE...NOW!**


# Customer Profile

Love  
Us &  
always  
will

Haven't  
made  
up their  
mind

Respond  
to whoever  
they last  
talked to

Don't like  
us and  
never  
will

A photograph of Stephen Covey, a man with a shaved head and a friendly smile, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is leaning forward slightly, with his hands resting on a surface in front of him. The background is a solid dark color.

Seek first  
to understand,  
and then  
to be understood.

~Stephen Covey



# EDELMAN TRUST BAROMETER 2015

THE EVAPORATION OF TRUST:  
NGOS, BUSINESS, MEDIA  
ALL DECLINE

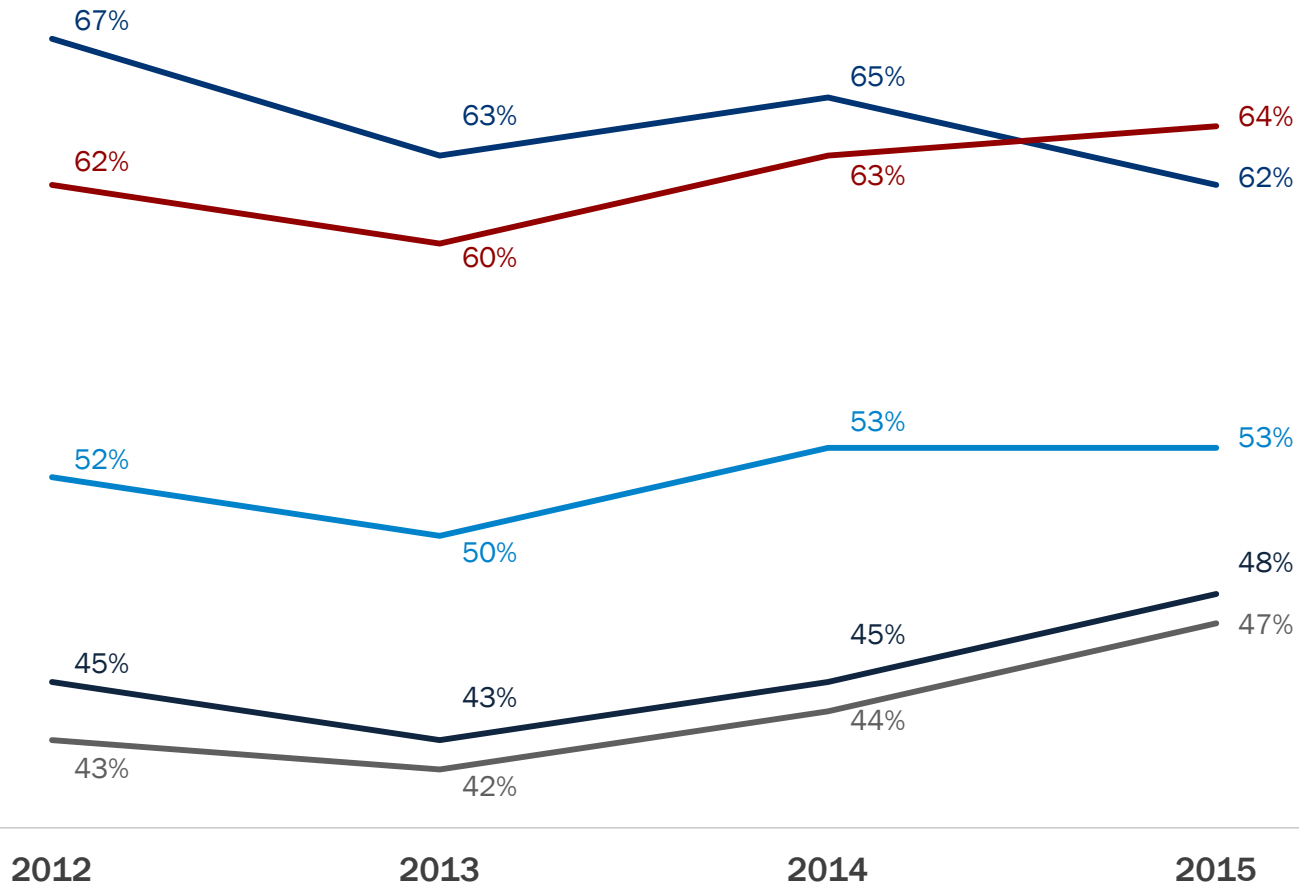




# MEDIA SOURCES: SEARCH ENGINES NOW MOST TRUSTED

## TRUST IN EACH SOURCE FOR GENERAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

Millennials Are Even More  
Trusting of Digital Media



**Online Search  
Engines**

**72% (+8)**

**Traditional Media**

**64% (+2)**

**Hybrid Media**

**63% (+10)**

**Social Media**

**59% (+11)**

**Owned Media**

**57% (+10)**

Q178-182. When looking for general news and information, how much would you trust each type of source for general news and information? Please use a nine-point scale where one means that you "do not trust it at all" and nine means that you "trust it a great deal." (Top 4 Box, Trust) Informed Publics, 20-country global total.

# **All the Rules have Changed**

**Consumers Expect More Than Good Food**

**Expect Us to Treat Animals, Workers & Environment Well**

**Have a Different View — Demand Transparency**

**They Seek and have Unfettered Access to Information**

**We Must Intercept Groups Organized Against Us**

**We Must Adopt a New Attitude and Tools**



# GROWING DISCONNECTION FROM AGRICULTURE, LEADING TO SKEPTICISM



47%

Only 47% believe farming is performed in a responsible way

40%

40% believe U.S. farmers take good care of the environment

33%

Only 33% believe livestock are treated in a humane manner

How much do you agree or disagree with the statements below?



Edelman

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# Most Adults Want to ask Dairy Farmers About Farming Practices

*Would you have questions for the dairy farmers about their dairy practices?*

No  
47%

Yes  
53%

N= 1,519

*What would you ask a Dairy Farmer?*

Top Question Topics	% of Total Adults
• Animal Treatment/Care	21%
• Animal Living Conditions	5%
• How Often Milked	10%
• About Food/Grazing	11%
• Milk Safety Procedures	37%
• Process on Farm	4%

# What Drives Consumer Trust?



**Shared values are 3-5x more important in building trust  
than demonstrating competence**

*Trust research was published in December 2009 -  
Journal of Rural Sociology*



# Sharing Your Core Story:

- **Stay Authentic** – Tell your story based on your own experience and expertise, not canned responses.
- **Be Values-Based** – Say WHY you're passionate about dairy, and what you stand for (e.g. commitment to delivering a safe, wholesome, nutritious products, caring for our animals & land)
- 
- **Be relevant to your audience** – Use examples that connect
- **Identify and connect with shared values**
- **Show confidence & Stay positive** by sharing heartfelt stories





# What is a Core Story?

A Reason to Listen

A Reason to Trust

A Reason to Believe



# Start With Why!



**Beginning with What:** “Our cows are fed scientifically balanced diets that help them produce more high quality milk. They also see a veterinarian weekly because we care for our cows and well-cared for cows produce more milk and that enables us to stay in business”.



**Beginning with Why:** “Our family is dedicated to providing the best milk and dairy products for you and your family. We believe we must continuously improve the quality and safety of our products and how we care for our cows and the land entrusted to us because it’s the right thing to do. We’d love for you to visit us”.



# Two Perspectives

1. Your telling one of your dairy farm customer's story to a friend, neighbor or family member.
  - Why can they trust dairy farmers & consume milk confidently?
  - Purpose/Belief/Cause
  - Your building confidence in dairy.
2. Your telling your DHIA story to a customer/prospect.
  - Why can they rely on your people and services?
  - Purpose/Belief/Cause
  - How do you add value to their business?
  - You're building customer confidence or your business case



# Developing Values-Based Messages

Dairy Farmers Care for their Animals





# Developing Values-Based Messages

\_\_\_\_\_ DHIA adds value to your farm's business

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*Why?*

Pillar of Proof - How

Pillar of Proof - What

Pillar of Proof How/What

How will you begin your message?

Why?

What are the key words or phrases you want to make sure you communicate?

What is your key message?

Your supporting statements (pillars of proof) are:



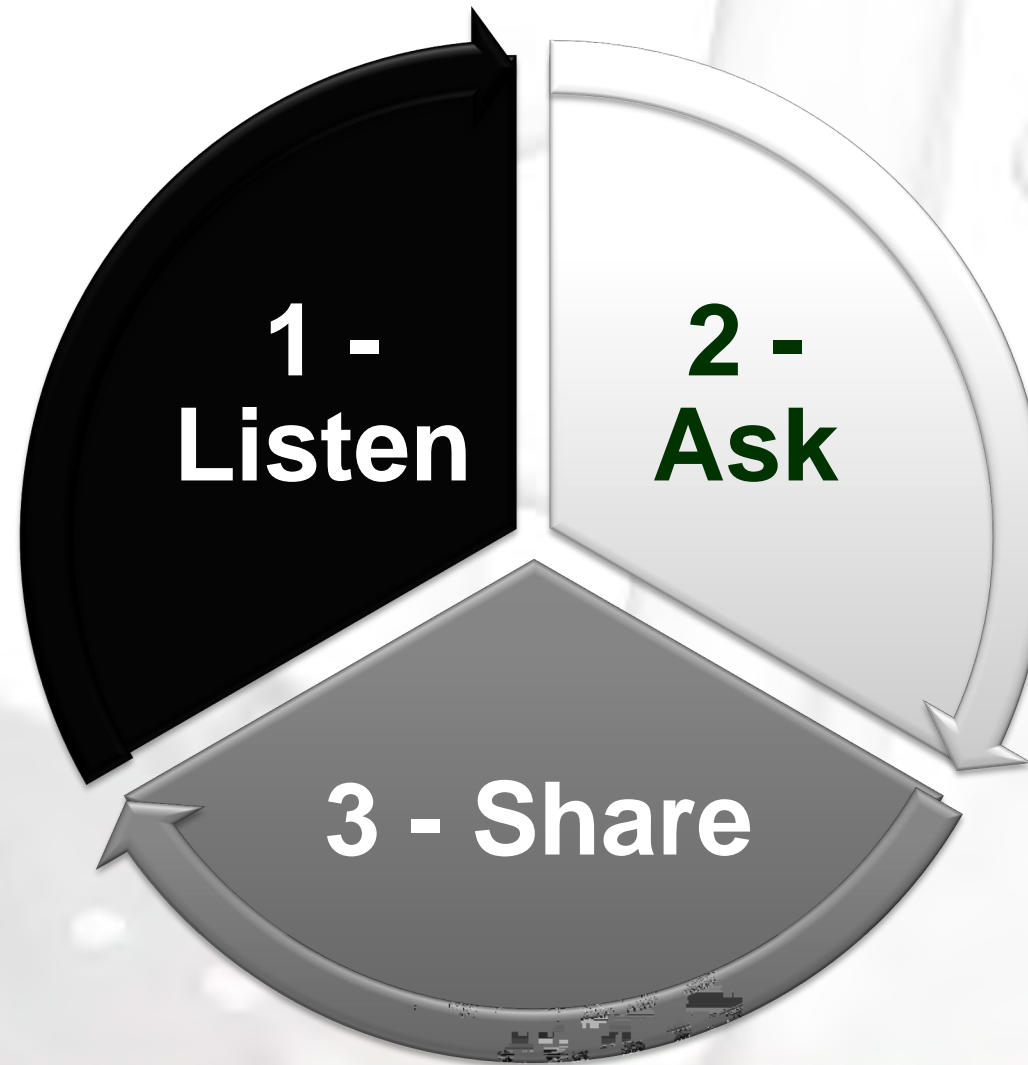


# Answering Difficult Questions

- **Listen first**, before forming your response.
- Look to establish Common Ground
- **Ask clarifying questions**, to learn what the questioner really wants to know.
- **Make it a conversation**, rather than just trying to communicate YOUR ideas.
- **Share your thoughts**, instead of trying to educate.
- **“Swim in Your Own Lane”**— don’t try to give detailed answers on topics you know little about
- **Don’t ever Speculate**



# Three Steps to Engaging Effectively



# TOO MANY MESSAGES

Healthy people.  
Healthy planet.  
Healthy communities.

Your milk comes from a good place.



Fresh from the farm to you.

Always good.

Healthy all over.



Real tastes really good.

Our milk.  
Our cows.  
Our land.

From farm to fridge.



got milk?



More ways from farm to table.

The best of our farms to you

Our earth.  
Our Products.  
Our passion.



It's farmalicious.



Wholesome.  
Healthful.  
Pure.

Discover what dairy delivers.

Our Land,  
Our Cows,  
Our Passion.

People behind the product.

A dynamic splash of white milk against a light background, with several droplets and a central column of milk rising from the bottom.

**[Http://mydairy.dairy.org](http://mydairy.dairy.org)**

**<https://amplification.dairygood.org/>**





# WHAT'S NEW IN DAIRY GENOMICS

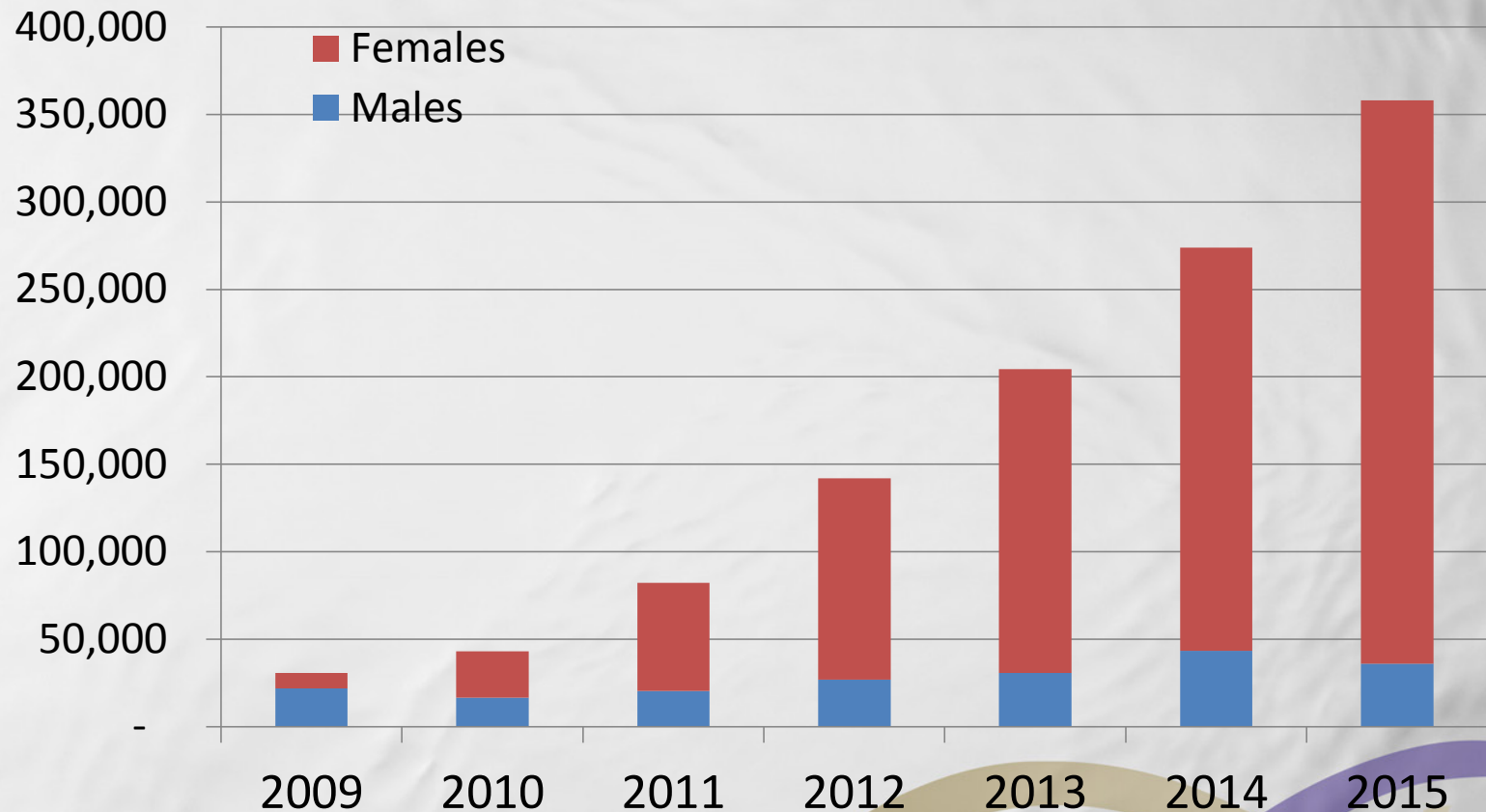
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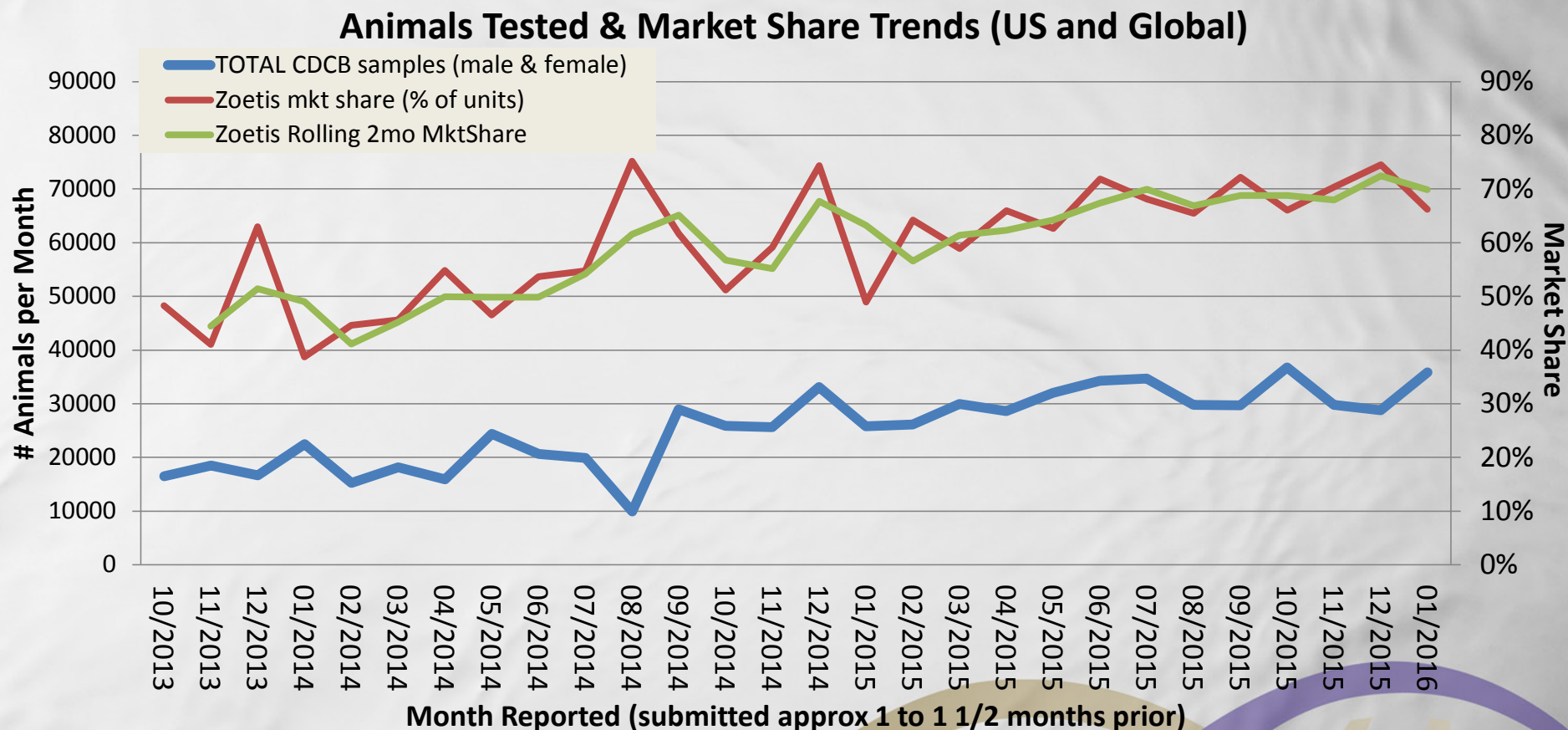
# INDUSTRY GENOMIC TESTING – ANNUAL TOTALS



<https://www.cdcb.us/Genotype/counts.html>

\*Thru Dec. 2015

# MARKET TESTING NUMBERS AND ZOETIS SHARE CONTINUES TO GROW



<https://www.cdc.us/Genotype/counts.html>

\*Thru Jan. 2016

# HEADLINES: Holstein is 'invisible cow': Trouble-free animal nears lifetime milk record in just 10 lactations



Photo & Story: Heidi Clausen, Country Today

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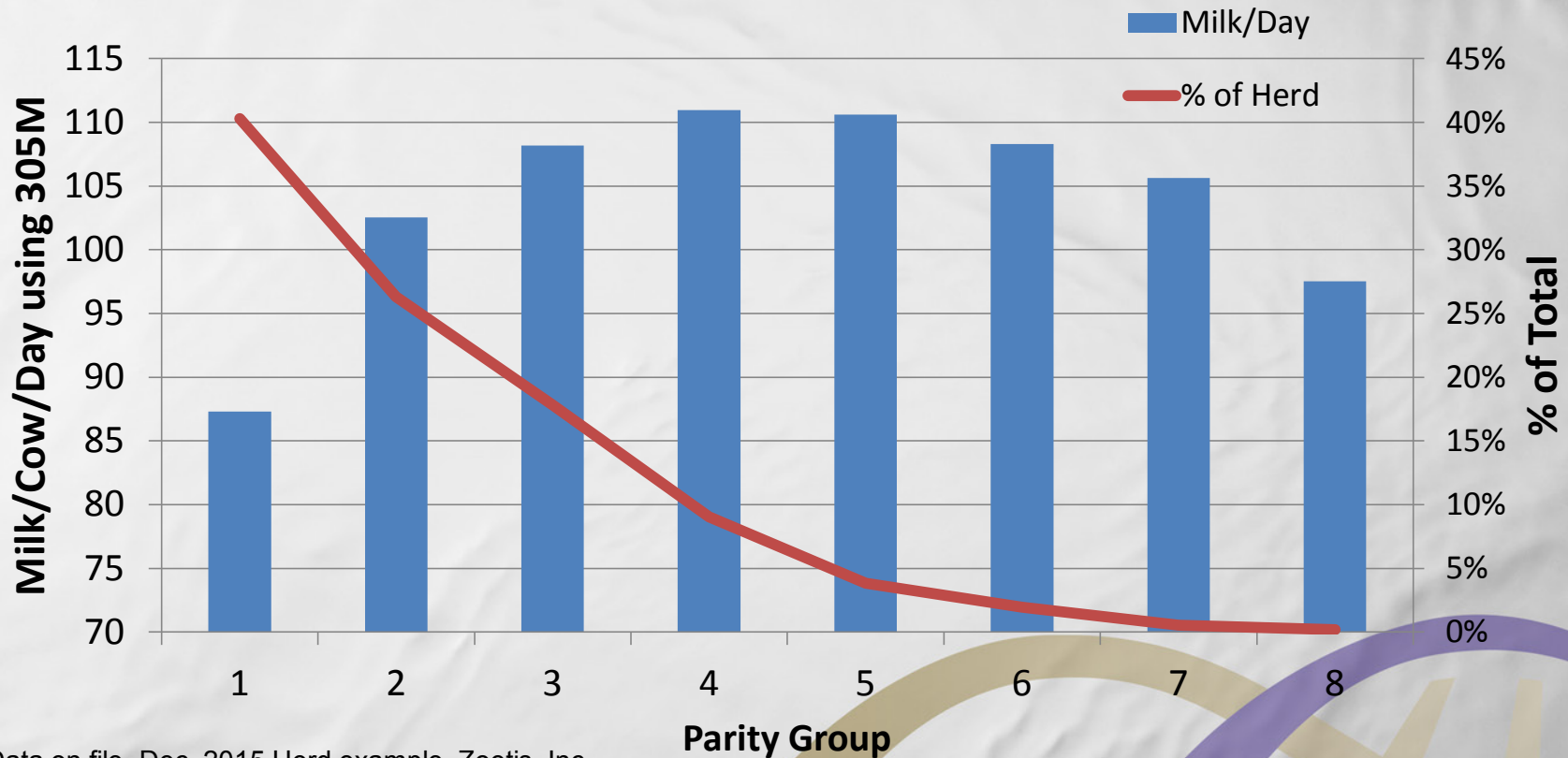
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## **Betzoldvale Scott Mar**

- 11-year-old Holstein has produced 348,450 pounds of milk in her lifetime (as of May 2011)
- Became pregnant on her first service insemination every year

# LONGEVITY-DRIVEN PROFIT

Performance and Percent of Herd by Parity  
Cows >100DIM



Data on file, Dec. 2015 Herd example, Zoetis, Inc.



# IMPACT OF MORBIDITY IS SIGNIFICANT IN DAIRY COWS

	Incidence per Lactation Range	Cost (\$) per Case	Culling Risk <sup>1</sup> (%)
Displaced Abomasum	3-5% <sup>1,2,3,4,13</sup>	\$494 <sup>4</sup>	26.9
Ketosis	5-14% <sup>1,3,4,13</sup>	\$117-289 <sup>4,5</sup>	32.5
Lameness	10-48% <sup>2,4,6,13</sup>	\$177-469 <sup>4,7</sup>	16 <sup>2</sup>
Mastitis	12-40% <sup>1,2,3,4,8,13</sup>	\$155-224 <sup>4,8,9</sup>	32.7
Metritis	2-37% <sup>1,3,10,11,13</sup>	\$300-358 <sup>10,11</sup>	17.1
Retained Placenta	5-15% <sup>1,2,3,4,11,12</sup>	\$206-315 <sup>4,12</sup>	31.7

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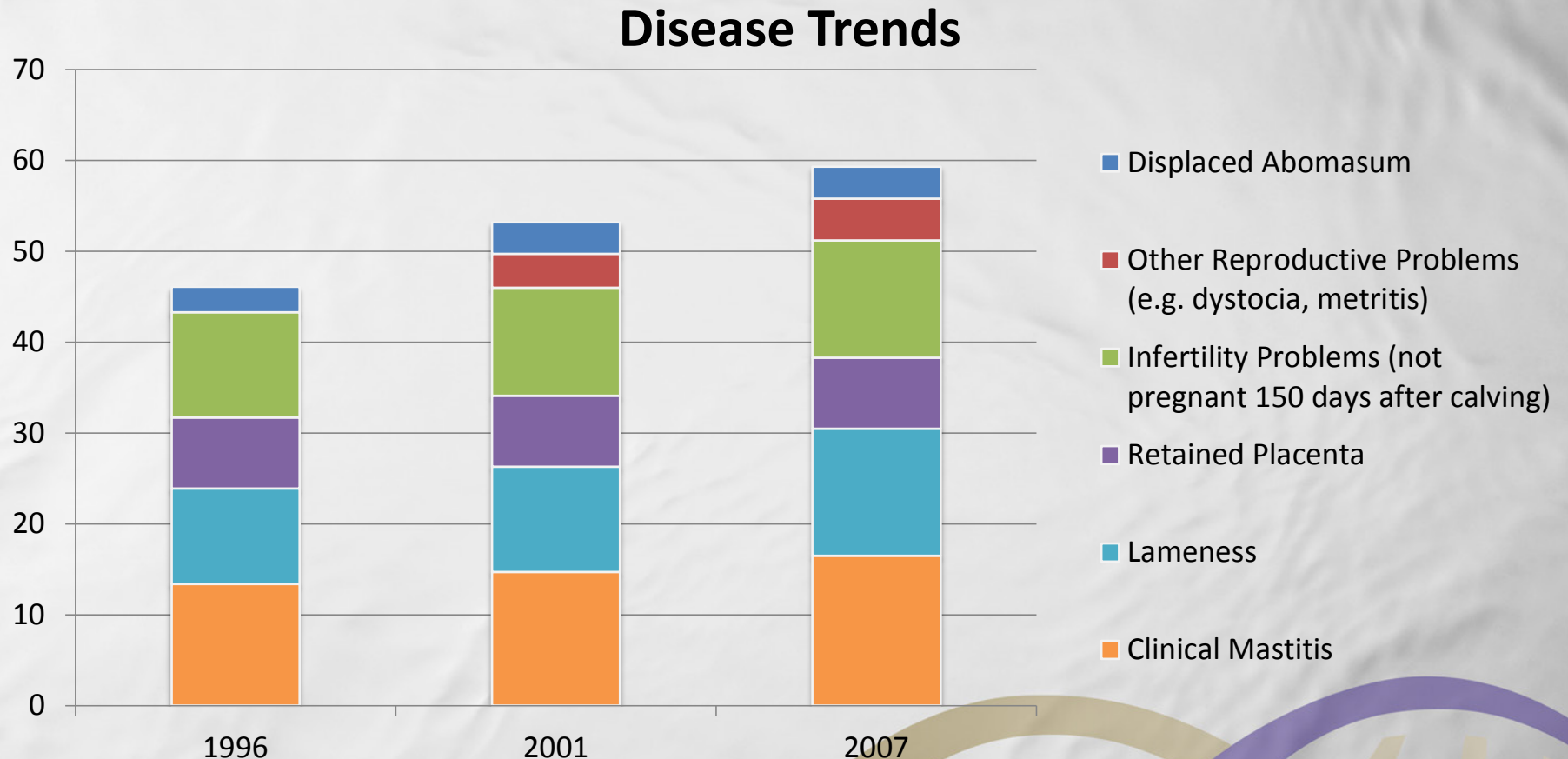
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*First commercially  
available dairy genetic  
evaluation specifically  
designed for wellness  
traits in U.S. dairy cattle*

# CLARIFIDE® PLUS FOR HOLSTEINS

## CDCB Official Evaluation

- Parentage
- Production
- Reproduction
- Health
- Type

## Wellness Traits

- Mastitis
- Lameness
- Metritis
- Retained Placenta
- Displaced Abomasum
- Ketosis

## Genetic Conditions

- Polled (no fee)
- Milk Components
- Infertility Haplotypes
- Other genetic conditions\*



DWP\$™  
Animal Ranking

\* CVM, Brachyspina and Beta Casein A2 available with add-on fee.

# CREATING WELLNESS TRAIT GENOMIC PREDICTIONS



Data



Genotypes



Pedigrees

← Zoetis has the resources to bring these components together →

# POWER OF THE DATA BEHIND CLARIFIDE® PLUS

Trait	No. records in GE
Mastitis (MAST)	4,267,826
Lameness (LAME)	3,744,435
Metritis (METR)	3,078,504
Retained Placenta (RETP)	3,479,000
Displaced Abomasum (DA)	3,131,012
Ketosis (KET)	1,995,574
Pedigree	15,616,182
Genotypes	105,152

Number of records available after cleaning and editing in August 2015  
Over 10M lactations

Source: Data on file, Zoetis internal data, August 2015, Zoetis Inc.

# MILLIONS OF RECORDS AND SINGLE STEP CONTRIBUTE TO AVERAGE RELIABILITIES OF 49 OR HIGHER

Trait	Reliabilities (%) of young genotyped and pedigreed females	
	GPTA Reliability	Traditional Parent Average Reliability
MAST	51	19
LAME	50	18
METR	49	17
RETP	50	17
DA	49	16
KET	50	16

29,901 heifer observations (<2 years old)

**Reliabilities are similar or better than Reliability of some core CDCB traits (i.e. HCR & DSB)**

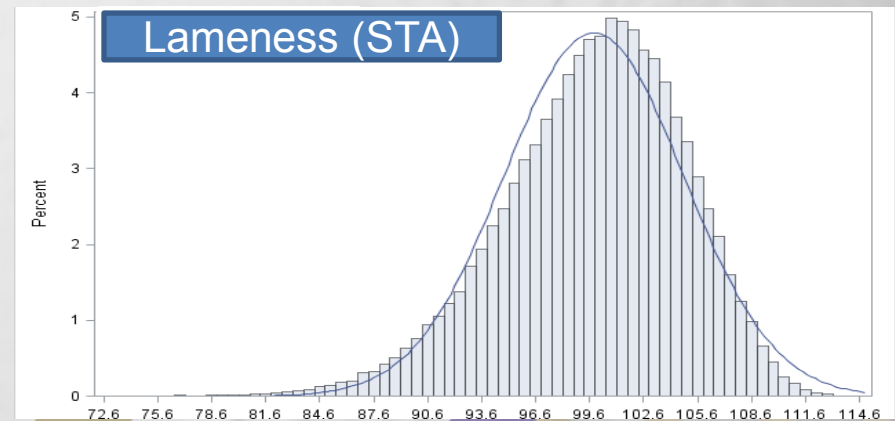
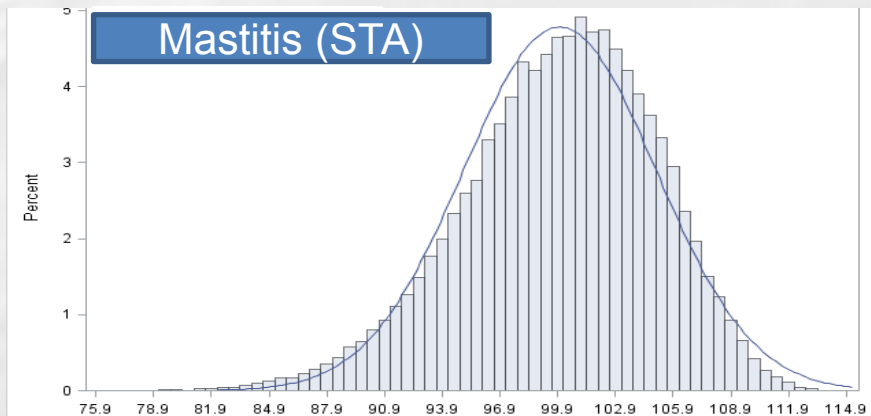
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# GENOMIC PREDICTIONS FOR WELLNESS TRAITS SHOW GREAT GENETIC VARIATION EXISTS

Wellness traits are expressed as a standardized transmitting ability (STA)

Wellness Trait	Average	Standard Deviation	Minimum (Worst)	Maximum (Best)
Mastitis	100	5	76	115
Lameness	100	5	73	115
Metritis	100	5	75	115
Retained Placenta	100	5	71	116
DA	100	5	69	111
Ketosis	100	5	72	113



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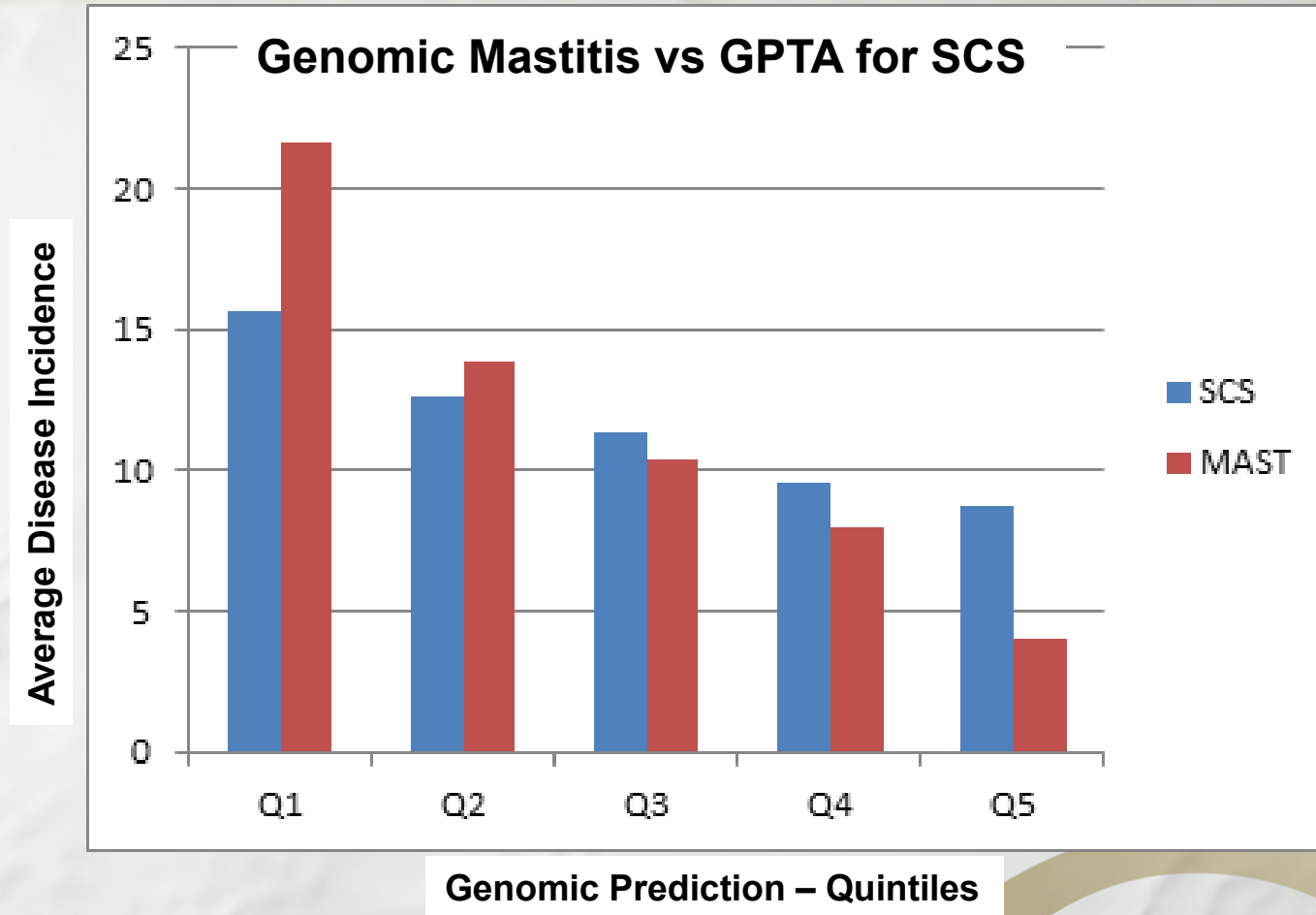
# ACHIEVING MORE GENETIC PROGRESS - DIRECT SELECTION IS BEST

- » To make the most genetic and phenotypic progress in a trait, use direct selection, not indirect
- » Examples:

Goal	Indirect trait	Direct trait	Estimated correlation
Improve reproduction	PL	Daughter Pregnancy Rate (DPR)	0.64
Reduce mastitis cases	SCS	New genomic Mastitis trait	-0.45
Reduce lameness	PL	New genomic Lameness trait	0.28
	FLC	New genomic Lameness trait	0.00
Reduce metritis	PL	New genomic Metritis trait	0.32

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# DIRECT SELECTION IS BEST



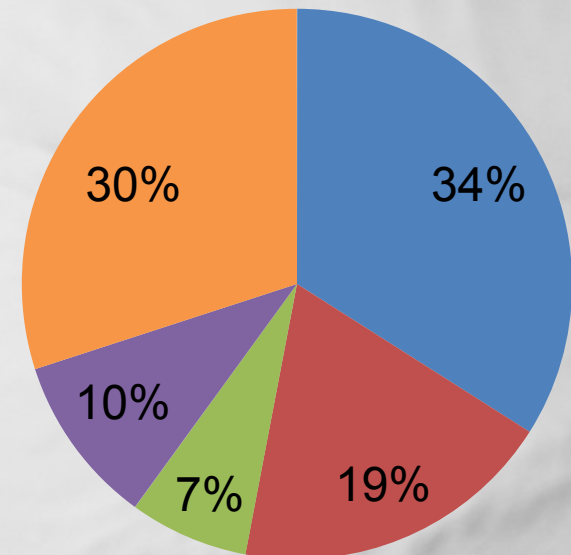
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- Not useful for validation purposes since phenotypic records are contributing to the Mastitis Prediction
- Good example we can expect from the validation data of how direct selection is best

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# DAIRY WELLNESS PROFIT INDEX™ (DWP\$™)

- » Comprehensive selection index
  - Production, reproduction, health, type, wellness and polled
- » Economic index describing differences in lifetime profitability
  - Same economic assumptions as Net Merit (NM\$) for core traits
  - Economic values from scientific literature for wellness traits
  - Economic incentive for selection of animals with polled genotype

■ Production      ■ Health & Calving  
■ Fertility        ■ Type  
■ Wellness

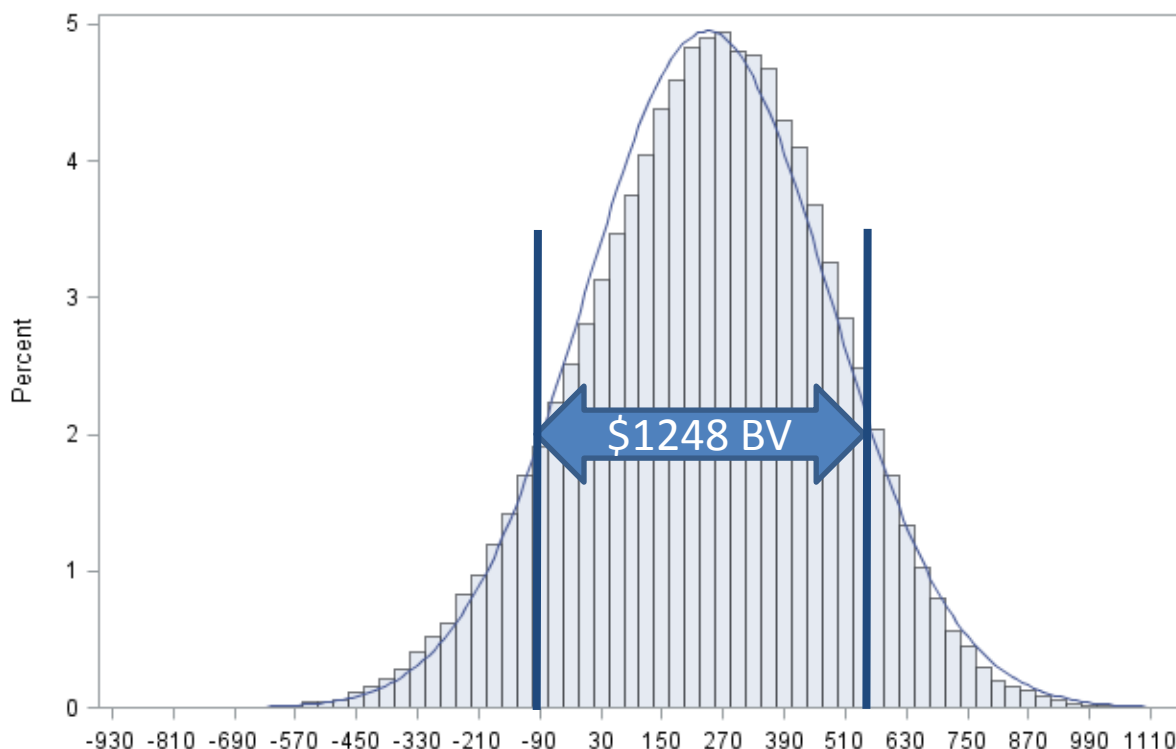


# DWP\$ STATISTICS

» Higher DWP\$ is more desirable, indicating a genetically more profitable animal overall

Mean	238
Standard Deviation	242
10 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	-83
90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	541

Distribution of DWP\$



Over \$1200 difference between top and bottom 10<sup>th</sup> percentile animal in DWP\$ performance (BV-based)

Source: Data on file, Zoetis internal data, August 2015, Zoetis Inc.

# DWP\$ DESCRIBES MORE GENETIC VARIATION IN PROFITABILITY, LEADING TO MORE GENETIC PROGRESS

$$\frac{\text{Gen. Progress}}{\text{Year}} = \frac{\text{Accuracy} \times \text{Selection Intensity} \times \text{Genetic Variation}}{\text{Generation Interval}}$$

DWP: \$1932 variation (2 SD)

NM\$: \$1552 (2 SD)

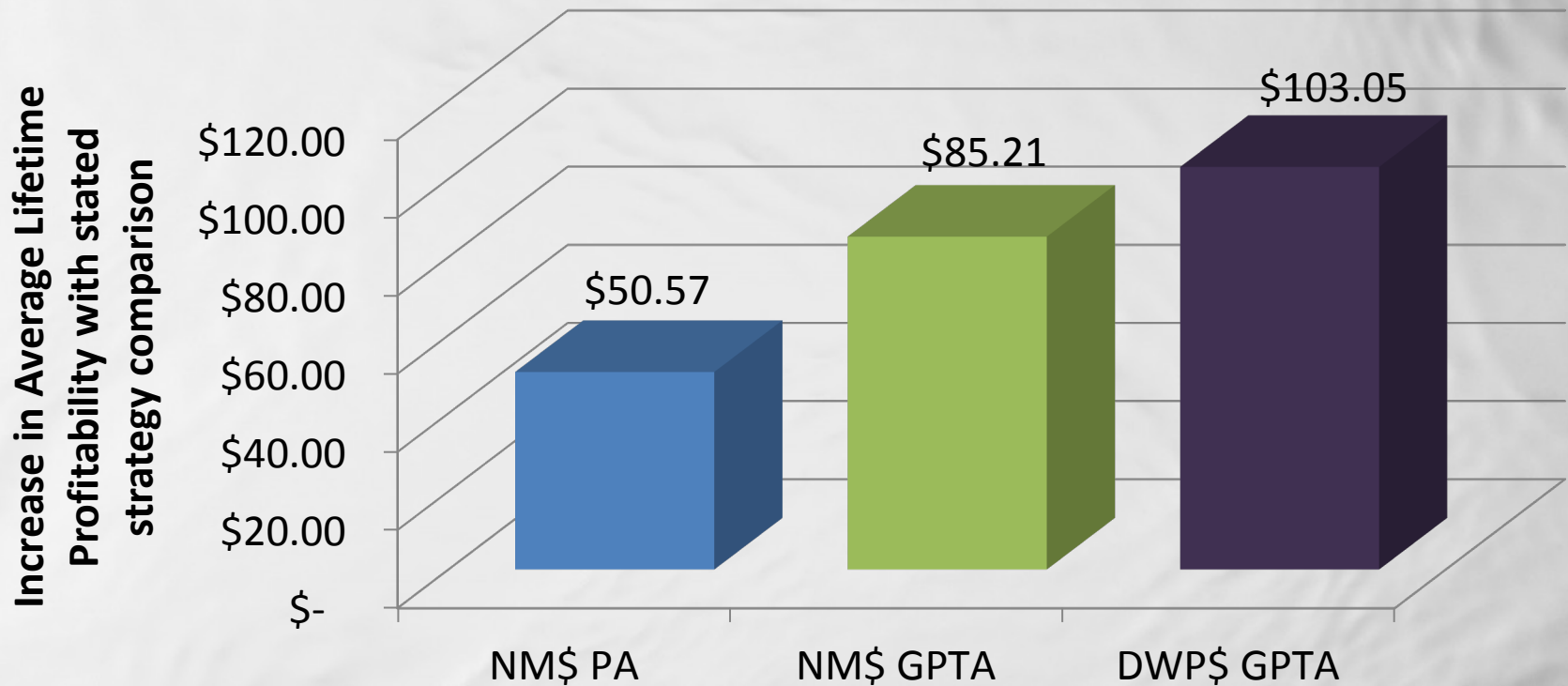
NM\$ Breeding Value SD = \$388

DWP\$ Breeding Value SD = \$483

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# PROFITABILITY RESPONSE TO SELECTION

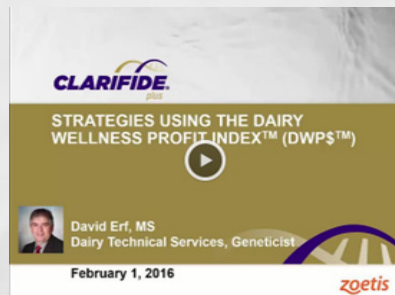
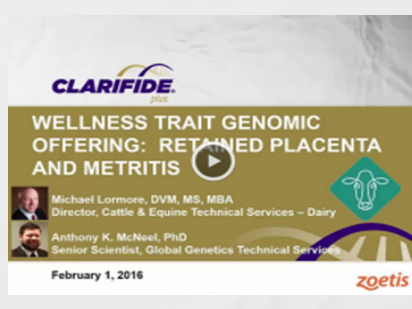
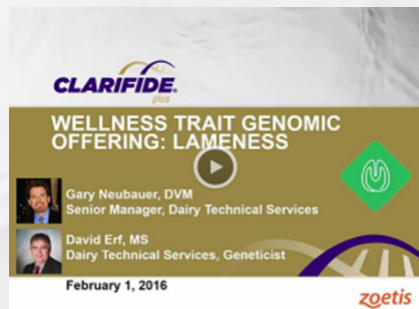


Assumes selection of top 85% of females as replacements. Does not account for increases in profitability in progeny of selected animals.

This plot compares the estimated increase in lifetime profitability between female genetic selection based on NM\$ genomic predictions (CLARIFIDE) and DWP\$ (CLARIFIDE PLUS) when selecting the top 85% of heifers to keep as replacements, each estimated relative to no selection strategy (\$0).



# CLARIFIDE PLUS: EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS





# SUMMARY

- » CLARIFIDE® Plus is a big step forward for U.S. Holstein producers!
- » CLARIFIDE Plus can help producers identify animals with the greatest genetic potential to help reach their wellness and profitability goals
- » Millions of records contribute to Reliabilities similar to some existing core CDCB traits, such as HCR and DSB
- » Direct selection with wellness traits is better!
- » DWP\$ is an easy-to-use, comprehensive selection index exclusively available through CLARIFIDE Plus



For More Information:

- [www.clarifideplus.com](http://www.clarifideplus.com)
- Genetics Customer Service 877-233-3362







# A view from down under

Field Service Advisory Committee  
8 March 2016

**Matt Shaffer**

## What do we mean by Herd Improvement?

**Enabling farmers to make data driven decisions to improve the profitability of their farms**

Culling decisions

Bull  
decisions

Treatment decisions

Trait decisions

Breeding  
decisions

Cell Count decisions

Drying off decisions

Replacement  
decisions

# The need for a strategy



# Achieving change



ry agrees to change behaviour





Many individuals and organisations, including more than 30 farmers, contributed time and effort to the strategy development and its ongoing implementation.



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## **Dairy farmers maximise their profit through a vibrant herd improvement industry offering effective and highly valued services**

Deliver Profit

Redesign  
Oversight

Demonstrate  
Value

Improve  
Service

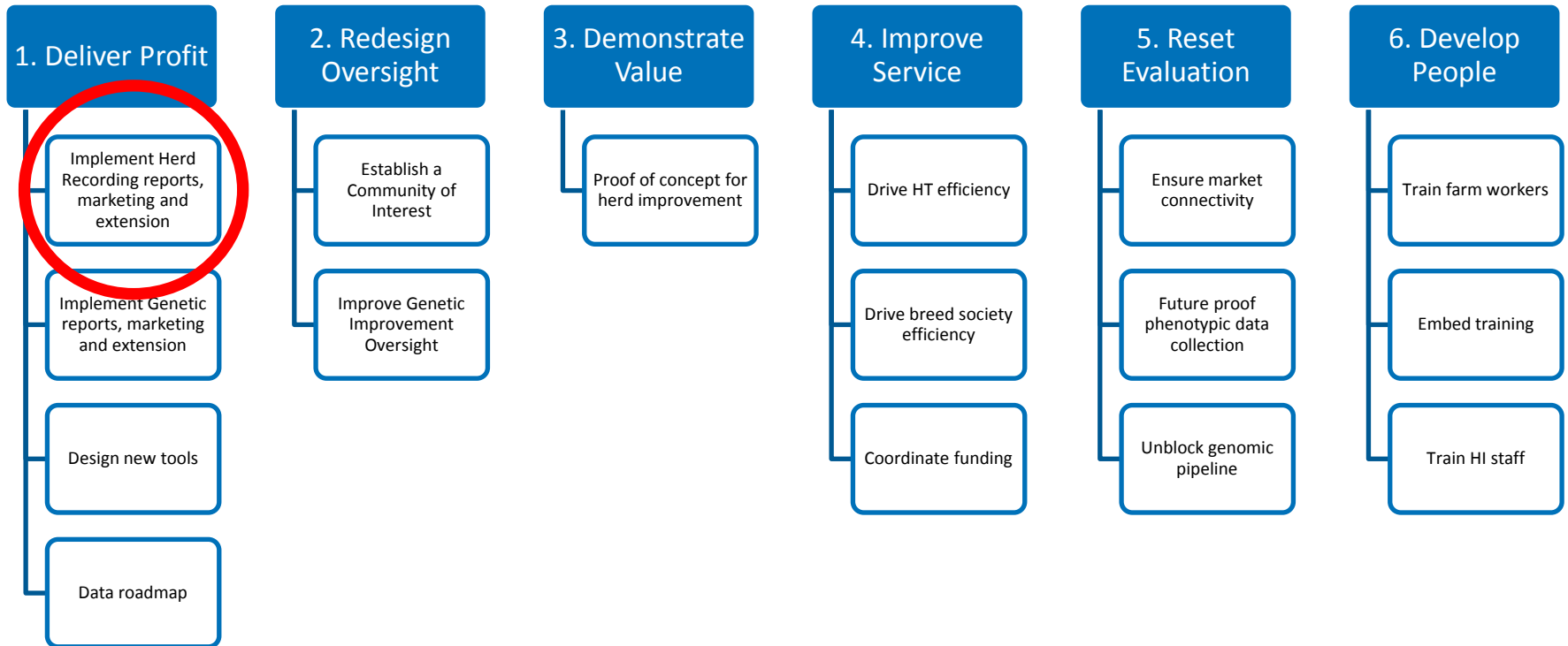
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Evaluation

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People





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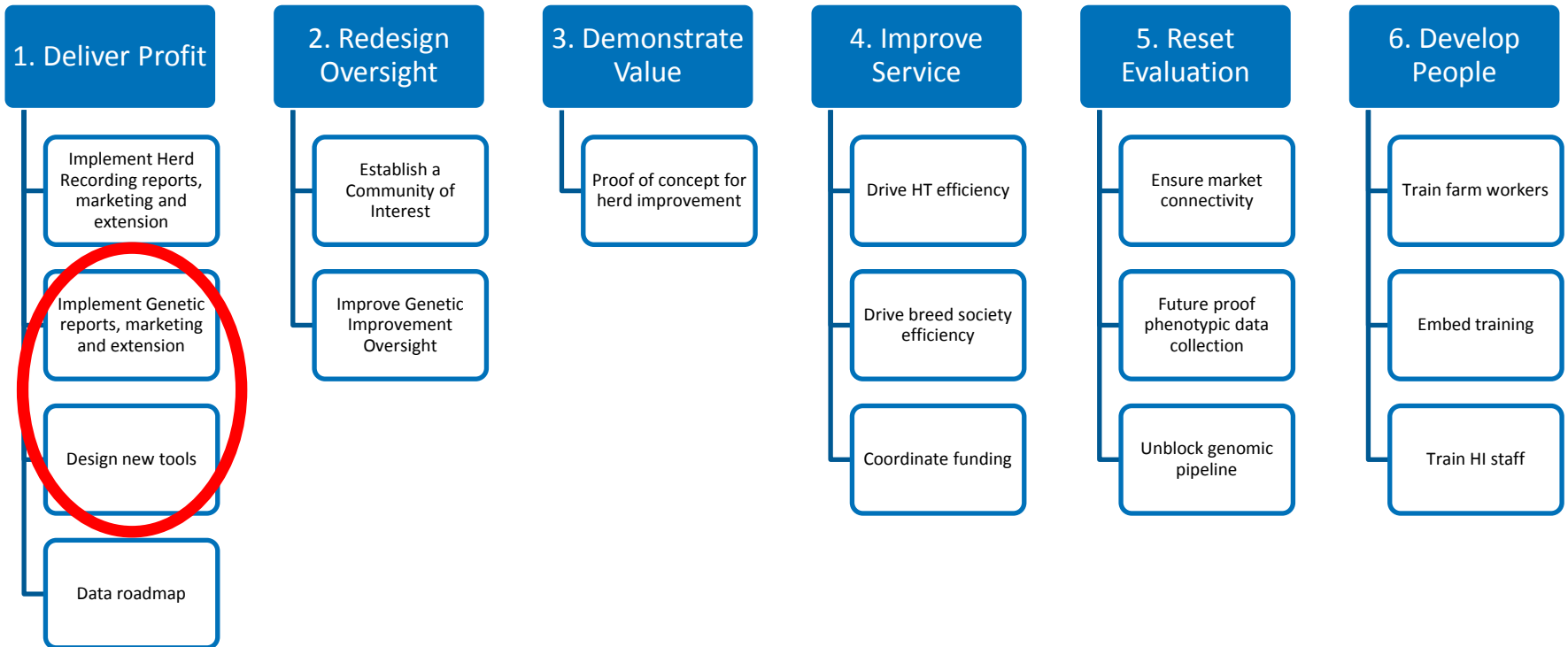


## Data Flood – Information Drought

32 ltrs      340,000  
3.7% Fat      32 cells  
1.9      107 MS  
milking      Months  
3.2%      8,454  
Protein      ltrs  
349 BPI      294 HWI  
97%      30%  
Jersey      Conception  
263 TWI



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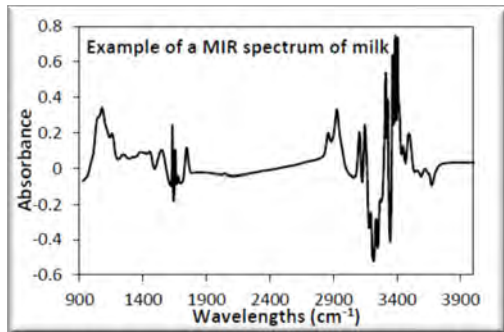
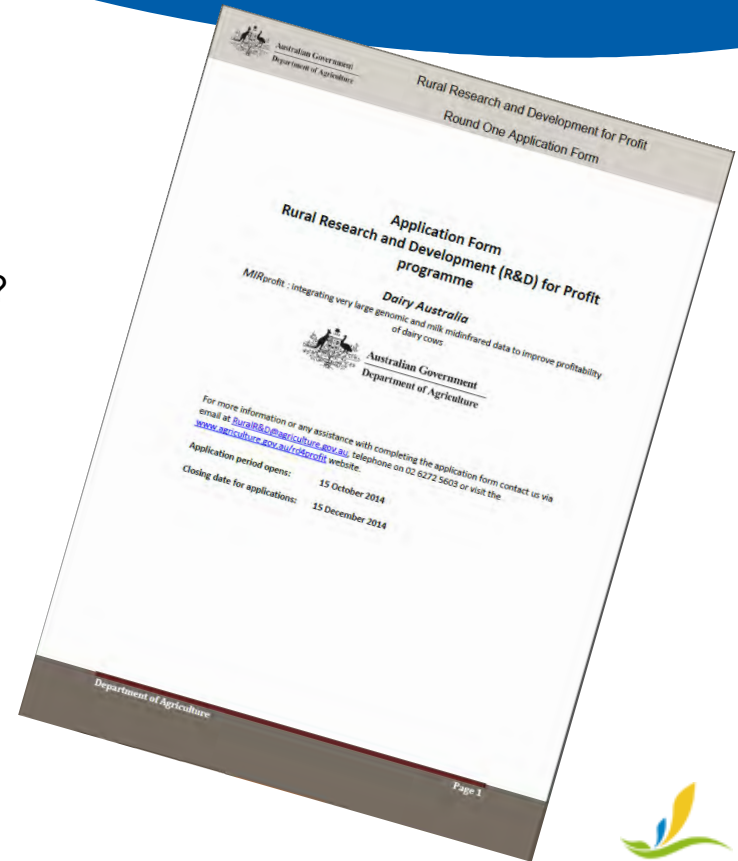




# MIRprofit: New tools



- Predictions of:
- Ketosis?
  - Acidosis?
  - Energy balance?
  - Protein utilisation?
  - Methane?
  - Pregnancy?
  - Heat?
  - ?

**Rural Research and Development (R&D) for Profit**  
Round One Application Form

**Application Form**  
**Rural Research and Development (R&D) for Profit**  
**programme**

MIRprofit: integrating very large genomic and milk midinfrared data to improve profitability

**Dairy Australia**  
of dairy cows

**Australian Government**  
Department of Agriculture

For more information or any assistance with completing the application form contact us via email at [RuralRD@agriculture.gov.au](mailto: RuralRD@agriculture.gov.au), telephone on 02 6272 5603 or visit the [www.agriculture.gov.au/rdrdprofit](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/rdrdprofit) website.

Application period opens: 15 October 2014  
Closing date for applications: 15 December 2014

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# Exploring the potential of MIR

Milk mid infrared spectrometry data available through new Bentley and Foss milk analysers

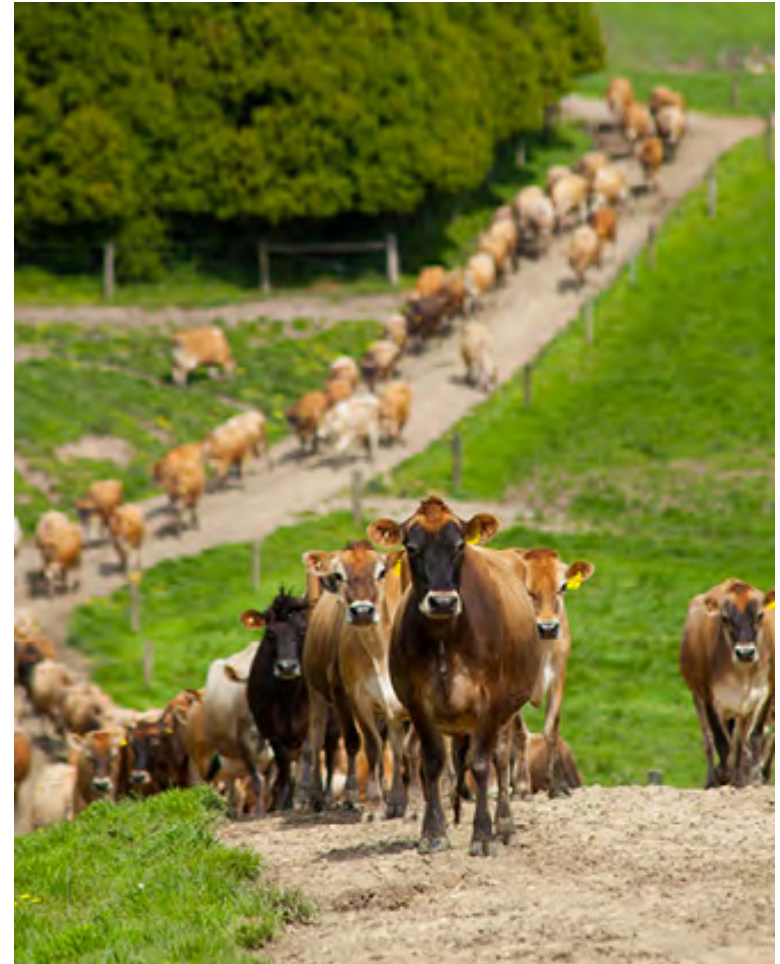
European algorithms to be tested to interpret the data.

- Energy balance, protein balance, mineral balance
- Feed efficiency
- Metabolic diseases like ketosis
- Fatty acid composition

Large scale data enables possible uses in genetic evaluation.

## Four experiments

- Intensive MIR collection on 120 cows at Ellinbank
- Assembly of MIR samples from varying feeding systems
- 2000 commercial cows with intensive phenotype collection
- 10000 commercial cows with moderately intensive phenotype collection



## Communication and Engagement

- Annual MIR workshops for Herd test managers and leading staff 2016-2018
  - the technology
  - the research
  - the business opportunities
- Six monthly email updates
- Follow up interviews to seek feedback
- Public communications – once results available



## Good Bulls App: New tools



- **Create** a team of bulls
- **Search** for individual bulls
- **Rank** bulls
- **Filter** bulls
- **Save** bulls
- **Export** bull lists
- **Alert** farmers

## Developing digital strategy

### Delivery Tool

Breeding Values

Herd Test Dash  
Board

Genetic Progress

Genetic Futures

### Cow Input Tool

Matings

Cavings

Health Events

Observations

### Farm Input Tool

Financials

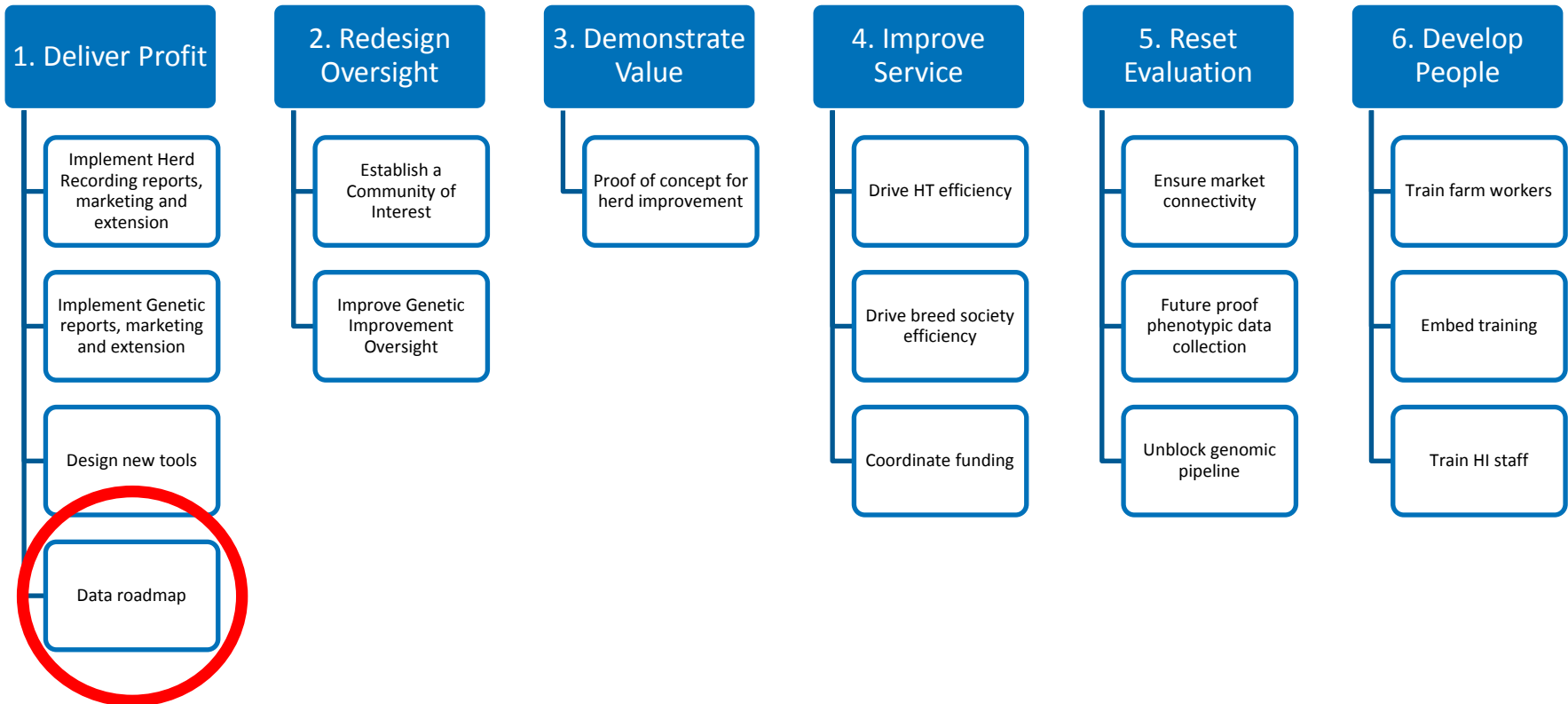
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Water

Pasture



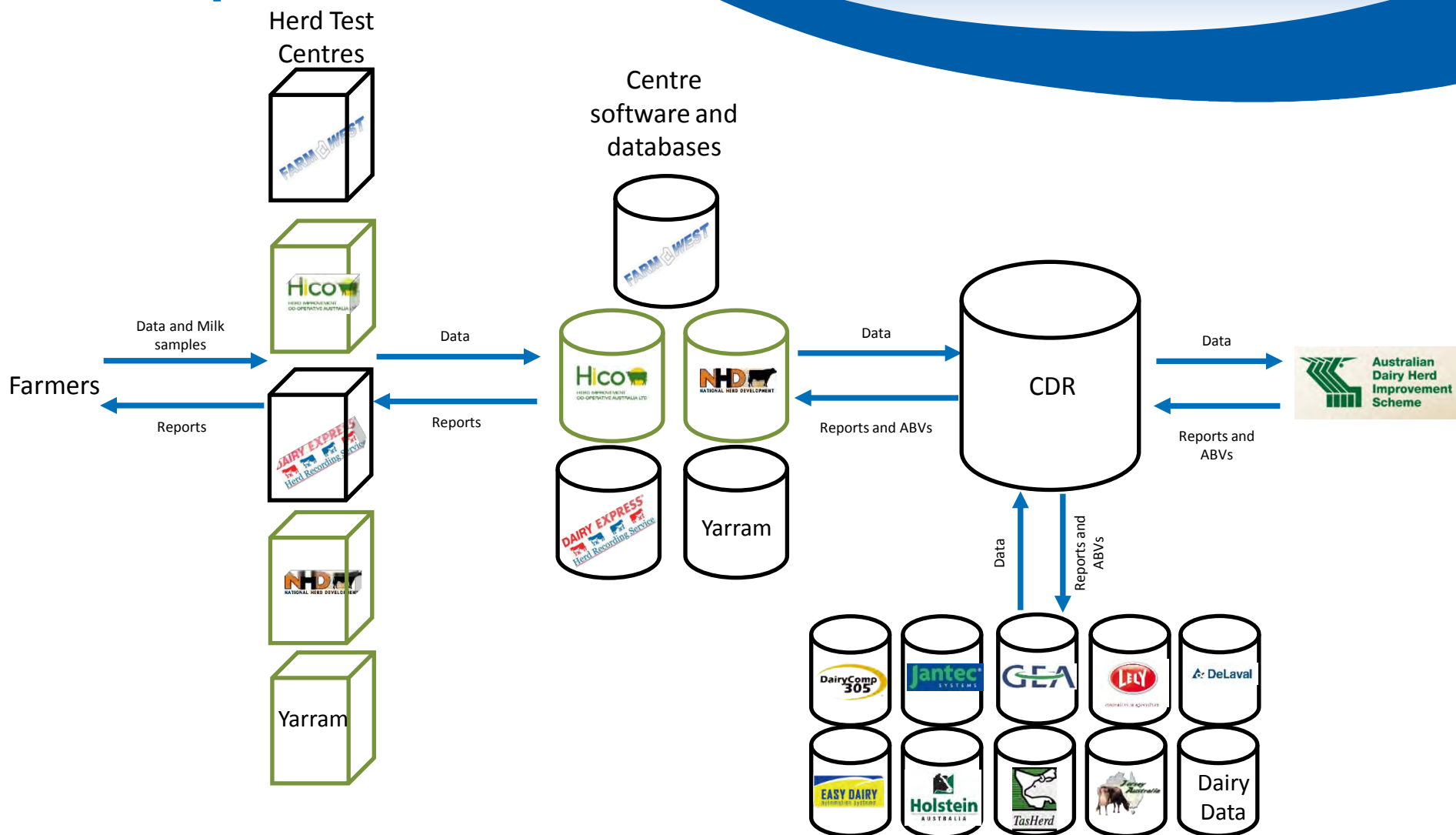
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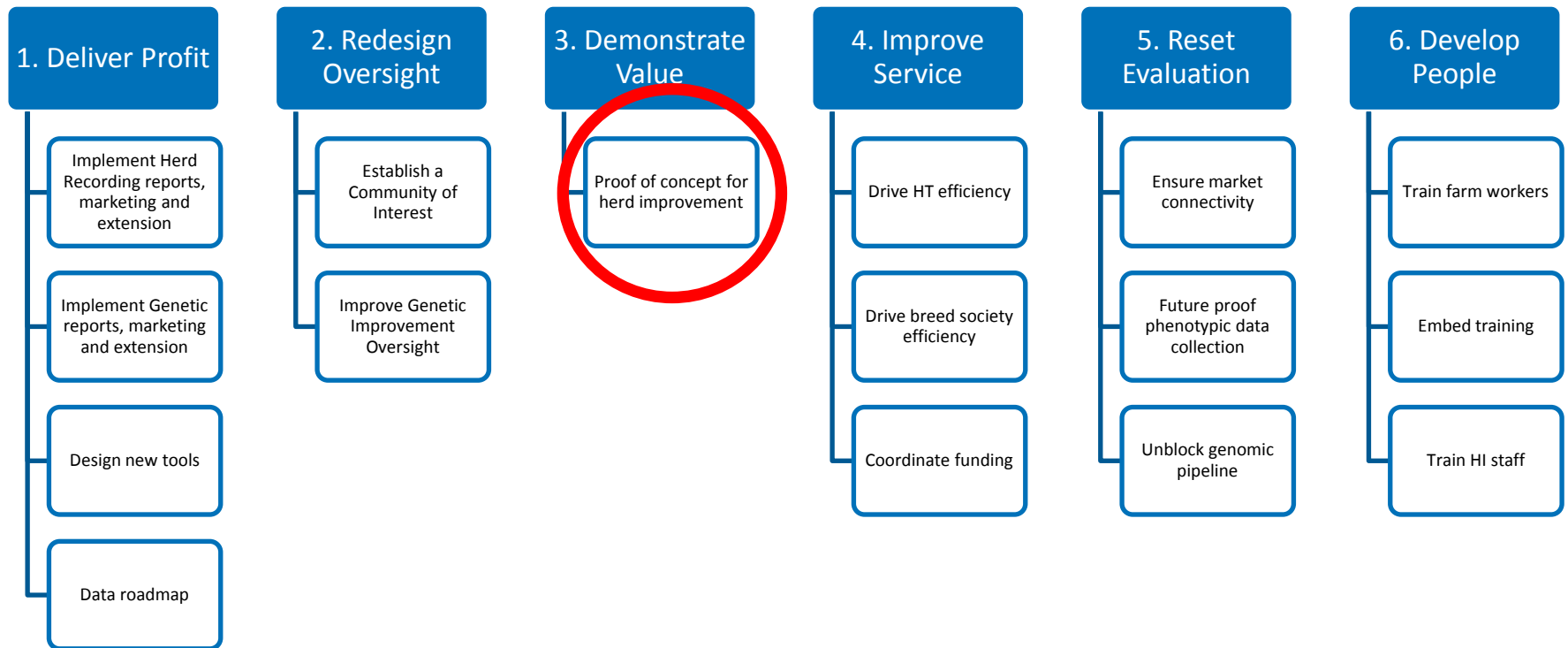
## Data, data, data



# Data Map: Central Data



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## ImProving Herds: Demonstrating Profit

Genetics drives farm profit

Genomic testing of heifers is valuable

Gains in feed efficiency lead to  
greater profit and reduced footprint

Herd testing drives profit

IMPROVING  
HERDS



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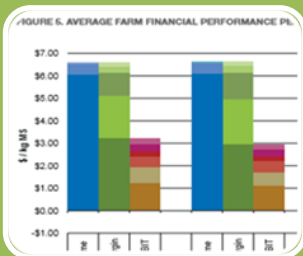


Retrospective analysis of profit and genetic merit



## Genetic Focus Farms

- Demonstrating genomics within herd
- Developing Genetic Futures Report
- Discussion, discovery, sharing



Split herd financial analysis of 25 herds

# IMPROVING HERDS

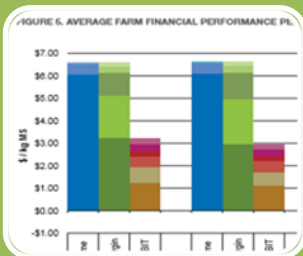


Retrospective analysis of profit and use of herd testing



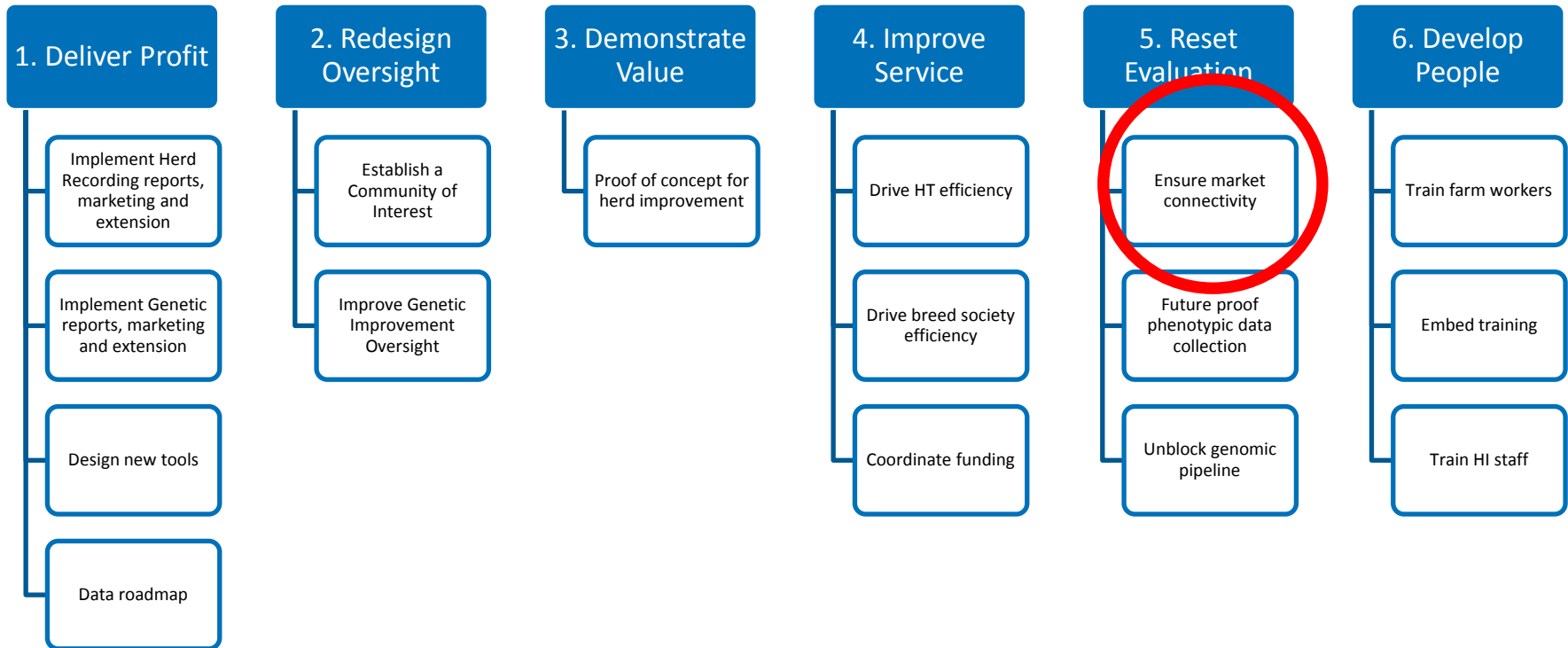
## Herd Test Focus Farms

- Demonstrate how herd testing is implemented
- Discussion, discovery, sharing



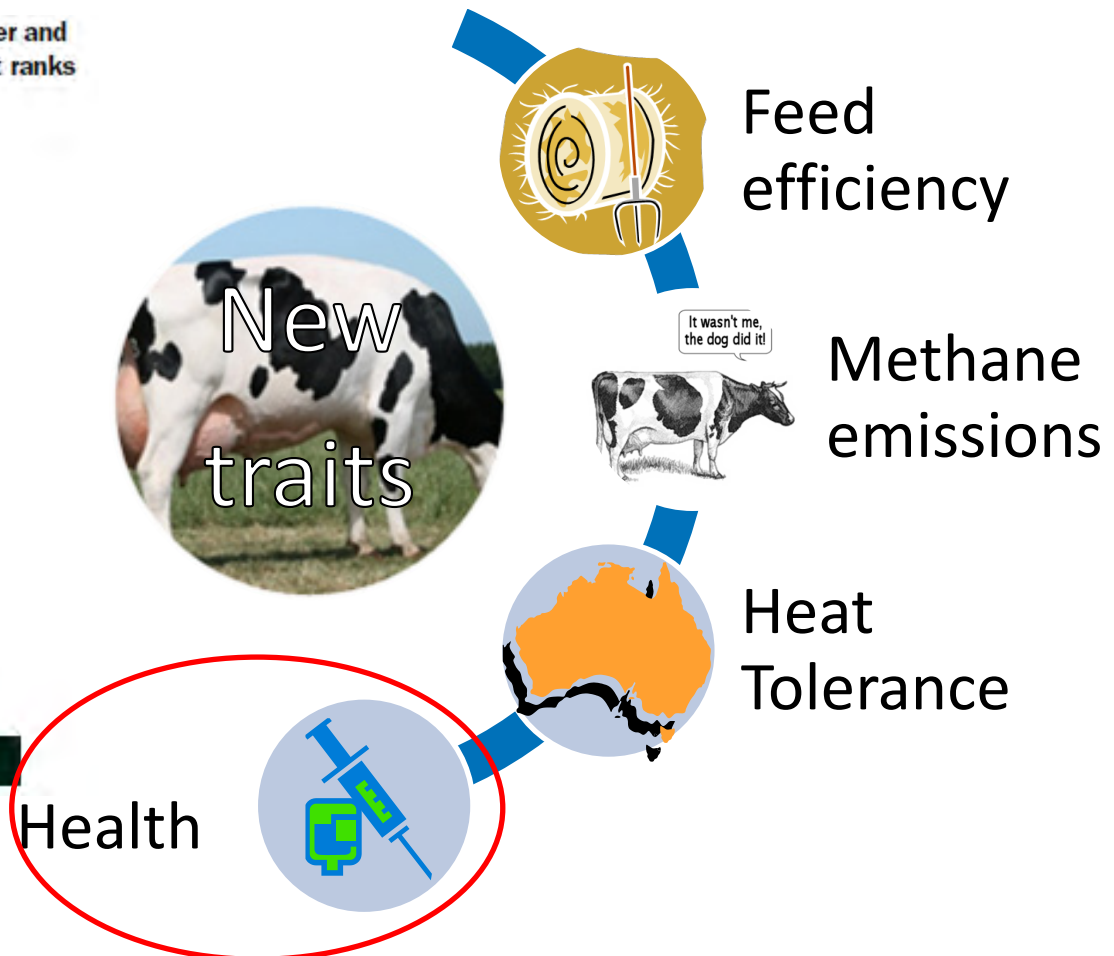
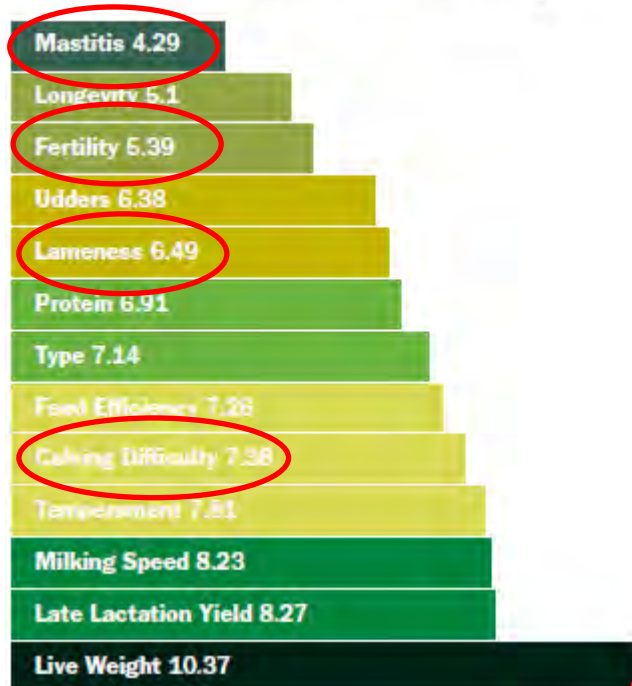
Financial analysis of 7 herds

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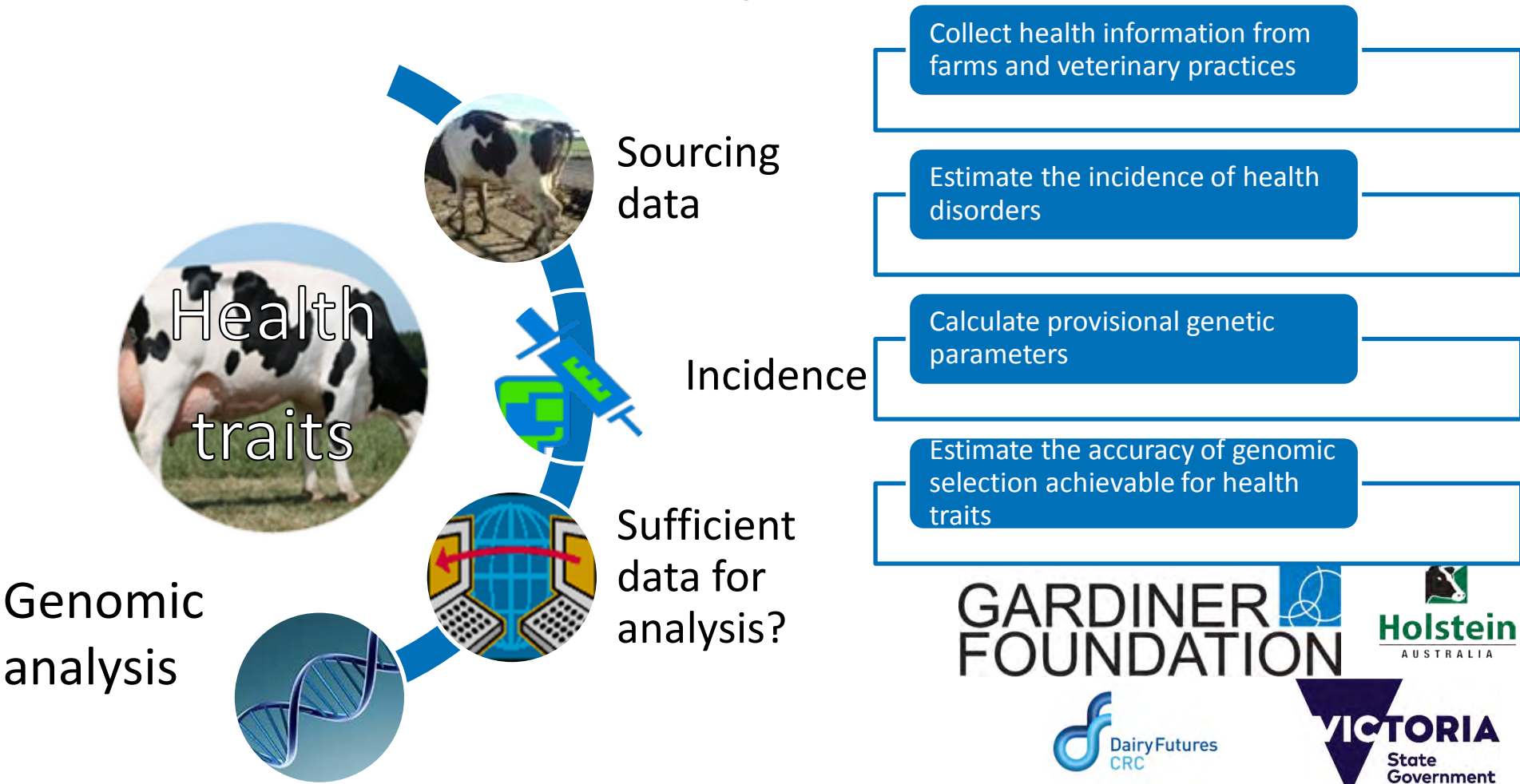


## New Traits

Figure 1: The order of breeding trait preferences over and above their purely economic value and average trait ranks



## Health Data for Healthy Cows: New traits



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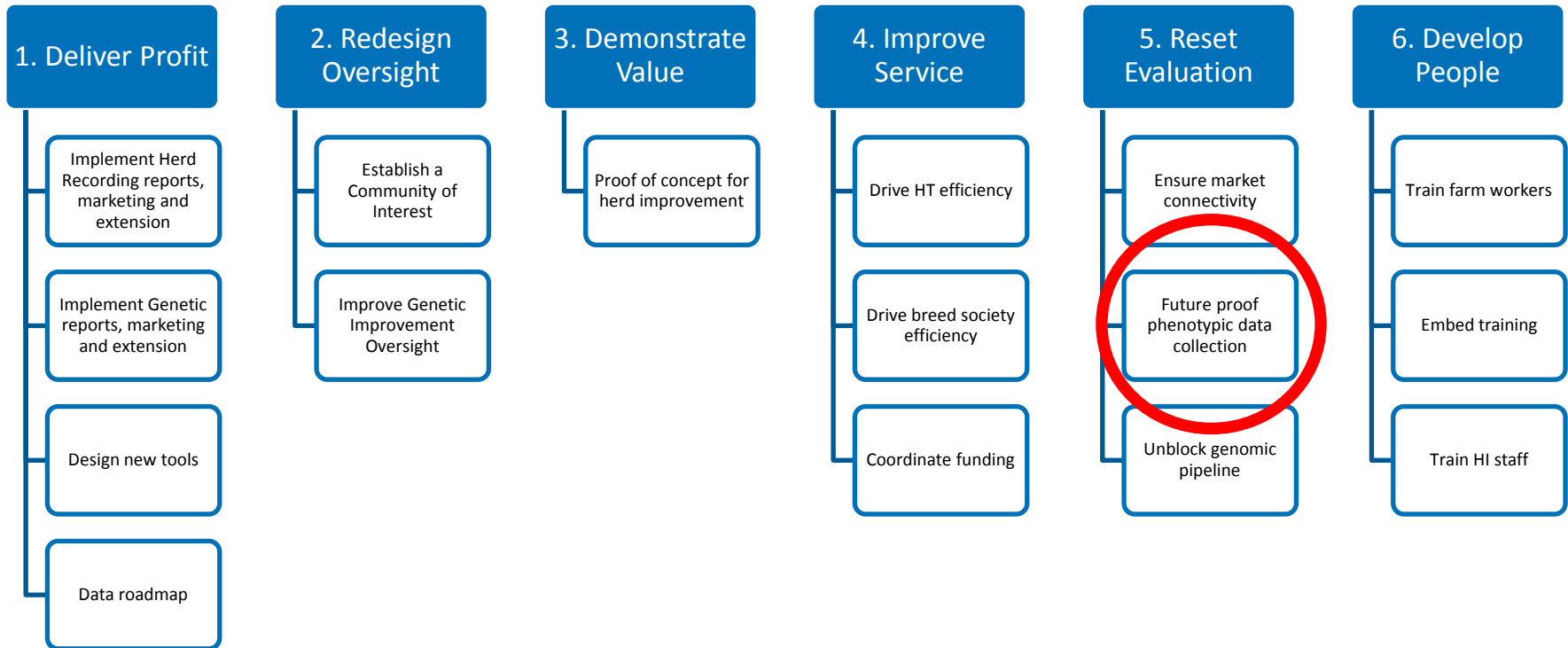


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## Ginfo (+): Improved accuracy and new traits





Collaborate

Innovate

Create



Thank you