



Genomics – A New Era for Cattle Breeding.

ICBF & Teagasc Genomics Conference.

Killeshin Hotel Portlaoise.

14th November 2012.

Objective of conference.

 An opportunity to understand genomics, from the basic concepts through to it's role in parentage identification and future genetic improvement programs.

Session 1. Genomics & parentage identification (10 am – 1 pm)

- Chair: Gerard Brickley, beef farmer and herdbook representative on board of ICBF.
- Introduction to animal breeding, including genomics Dr.
 Sinead McParland, Teagasc.
- Genomics and parentage verification Dr. Matt McClure, US Department of Agriculture.
- Developing a customised chip for Ireland Dr. Mike Mullen, Teagasc.
- Implementation of genomic services Mary McCarthy, ICBF and Dr John Flynn, Weatherby's Ireland.
- Role of genomics in Irish dairy and beef breeding programs (Part 1) – Dr. Andrew Cromie, ICBF.
- Discussion.

Session 2. Genomics & genetic improvement (2-5 pm).

- Chair: John O'Sullivan, dairy farmer and chairman of board of ICBF.
- Role of genomics in Irish dairy and beef breeding programs (Part 2) – Dr. Andrew Cromie, ICBF.
- Developments in beef genomics Dr. Donagh Berry, Teagasc
- Developments in dairy genomics Dr. Francis Kearney,
 ICBF
- Where next for genomics and cattle breeding Dr. Matt McClure, US Department of Agriculture.
- Discussion.

Introduction to Animal Breeding & Genomics

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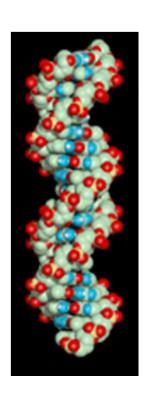
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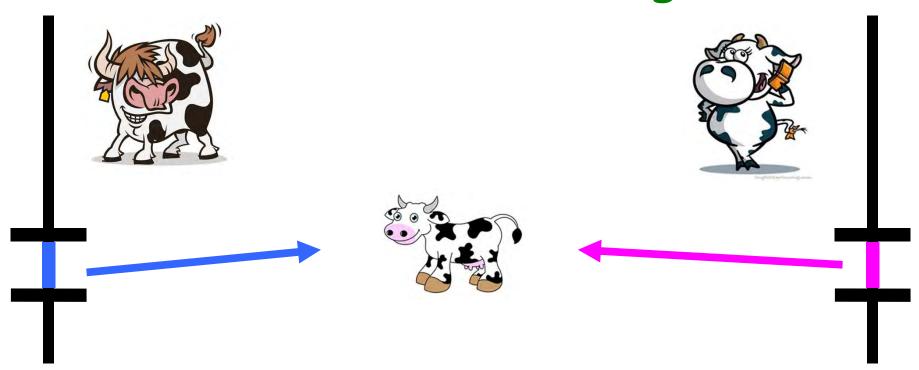
Overview

- Changes to traditional animal breeding
- Using DNA in animal breeding
 - Microsatellites
 - SNPs
 - A method to reduce cost of genomic testing
 - Can SNP information replace microsatellites?
- Some terms to help you through today!!





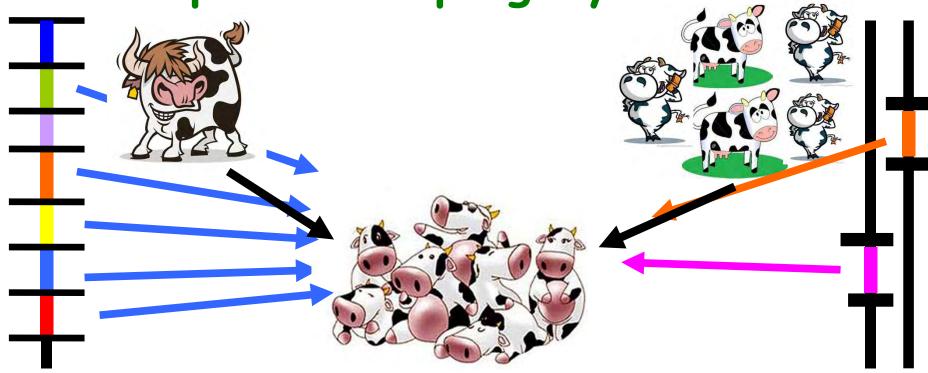
Traditional Animal Breeding



- Calf produces 500 kg milk solids & 400 day CI
- Bull EBI reliability 30%



Bull completes his progeny test



- Bull has 100 daughters milking
- · More of his DNA expressed in the population
- Bull reliability for milk ~80%



Using technology of today



- At birth we know about parts of the calf DNA
- Calf BV reliability increases to ~ 50%
 - Equivalent of 15 daughters milking



DNA - From the tip of your nose to the tops of your toes!!



DNA is the same in every cell of your body and doesn't change throughout your life

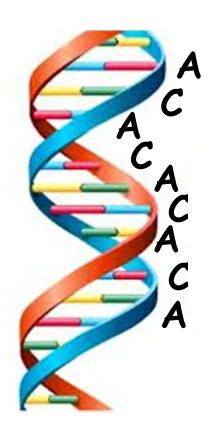


How do we use this DNA information?



Microsatellites

Short repeats of DNA sequence



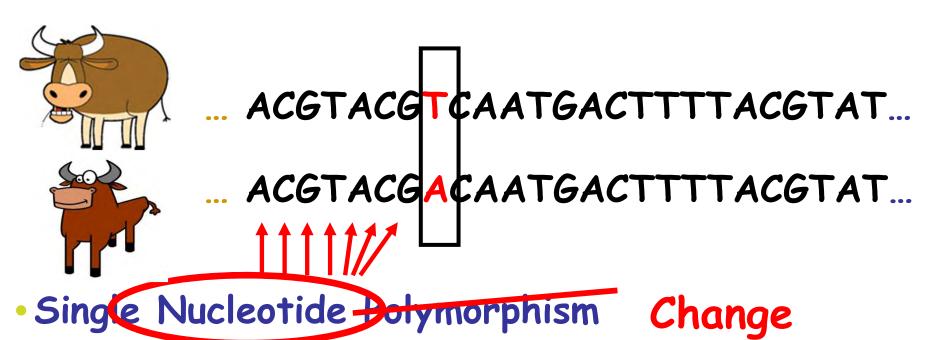
- Caused by mutations and subsequently passed to progeny
- Used for parentage verification

...GTCCGTACACACTTATCAA...



What is a SNP?

•99.9% of human DNA is identical - most of the differences are in the form of SNPs





How do SNPs relate to performance?

- The cattle genome has ~ 3 billion nucleotides
- Scientists have discovered ~ 40 million SNPs

- At a SNP locus different variants are present
 - Different variants have different associations with performance



SNP effect on performance

SNP	Var	Milk	Beef
1	A	+5	-0.6
1	G	+20	-0.4
2	A	12.3	-0.6
2	T	-14.46	+20.2
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n	A	+25	+5.2

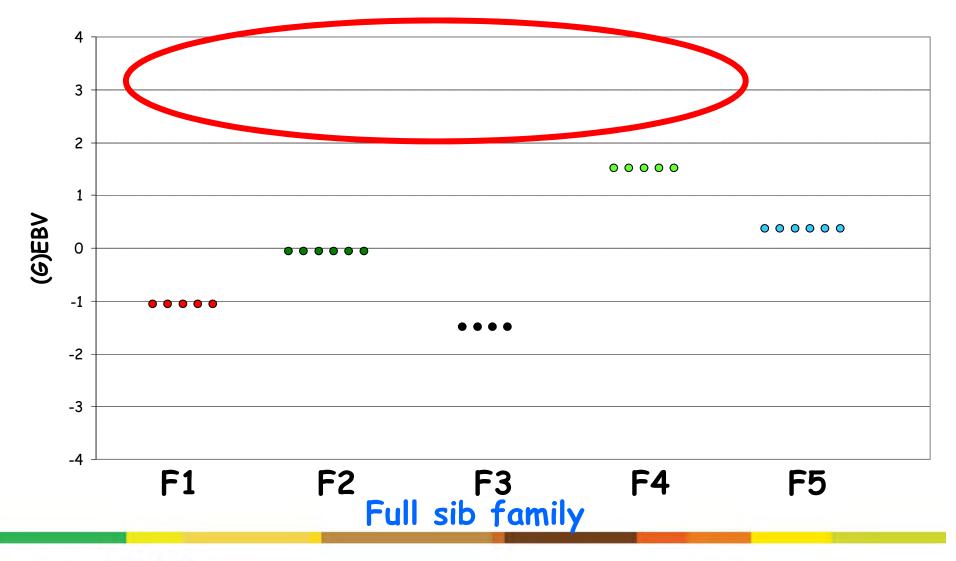


Genomic selection

- · Increase accuracy of selection at a younger age
- Traditionally used parental information
 - Progeny = $\frac{1}{2}$ mother + $\frac{1}{2}$ father DNA
 - Progeny = average of mother & father BVs
 - Assumed full sibs were identical
- Available SNP information can be used to supplement the traditional approach
 - · See difference in full-sibs at birth



Indentifying Mendelian sampling term





Why not 100% accurate?

- Phenotypes / performance are typically affected by more than one gene
 - Up to 80% of human stature attributable to genetics - no major gene found to date
- · Genes may influence more than one phenotype / performance
- · Genes interact with one another
- · Genes interact with the environment



Cost of sequencing has decreased





Applied Biosciences (2004)

\$15,000,000

Illumina (2011)

\$15,000

Different SNP platforms (levels of DNA information) available 54,609 SNPs

50k chip

IMPUTE

6,909 SNPs

BovineLD

777,962 SNPs High Density chip



Imputation

Sire

....TCACCGCTGAG.....

.....CAGATAGGATT.....

....??<mark>G</mark>?????A??....

....??T?????T??....

Offspring

Imputation

Sire
.....TCACCGCTGAG.....
.....CAGATAGGATT.....
.....CAGATAGGATT.....
??T??????T??....
Offspring

Impu	tation	
Populat	rion	MG-Sire
AGTACAT	CTAG	AGTACATCTAG
CAGATGG	ATTG	CAGATGGATTG
AGTCGTG	ACTG	
Sire		Dam
TCACCGCTGAG	?	?????????
CAGATAGGATT	?	?????????
CAGA	TAGGATT.	•••••
??T??	?????T??	•••
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Imputation *Population*

MG-Sire

.....AGTACATCTAG......AGTACATCTAG.....

.....CAGATGGATTG......CAGATGGATTG.....

<u>Accuracy</u>

Sire is known - 99%

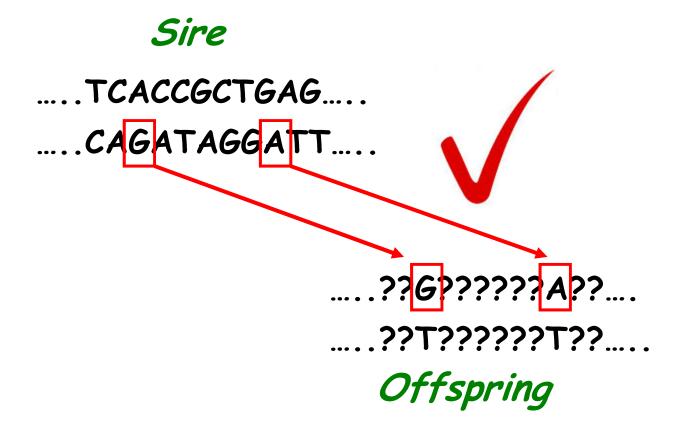
No sire or MGS - 98%

....CAGATAGGATT.....

....AGTACATCTAG.....

Offspring

Parentage



Parentage

Database

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Sire 1 ..... TCGGGCTGTG.....

Sire 2 ..... CAGATAGGATT.....

Sire 3 .... TCACCGCTGAG.....

Sire 4 .... CAAATAGGCTT.....
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Sire
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....TCACCGCTGAG.....

.....CAGATAGGATT.....



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....??<mark>A</mark>??????C??....
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....??T?????T??....

Offspring

Parentage

Database

TCCCCCTCTC

80% of parentage errors corrected using this method

....CAAATAGGCTT.....??T??????T??..... Offspring

What options are available?

Illumina

6,909 (LD)

54,609 (50k)

777,962 (HD)

LD + additional selected SNPs (LD+)



<u>Affymetrix</u>

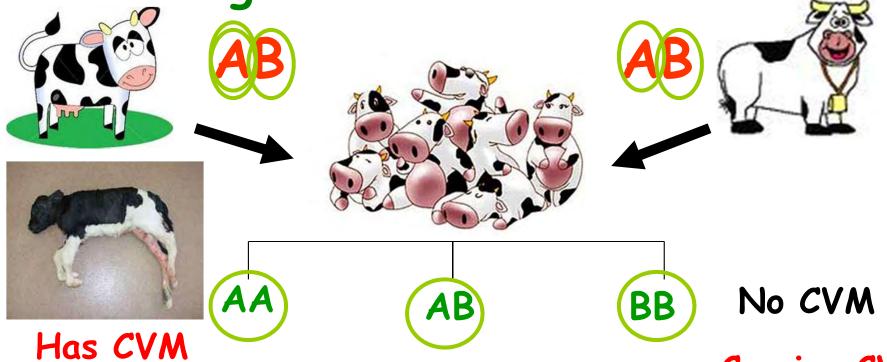
608,874 (BOS1)

50,000 (customised)

can work across species



Recessive genetic disorders

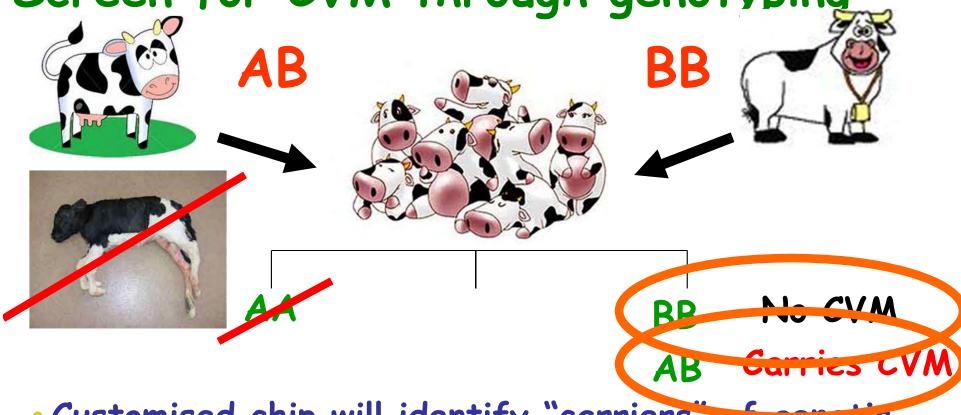


Carries CVM

- · Non-CVM allele (B) expressed whenever present
- · CVM Allele is recessive "hidden" when with non-CVM



Screen for CVM through genotyping



- Customised chip will identify "carriers" of genetic recessive disorders
- Choose NOT to mate 2 carriers of CVM



To Conclude

- Differences seen between individuals of a species are mostly due to SNPs
- · We can relate SNP variants to performance
 - Genomic selection
- SNP information can also be used to predict parentage accurately
- Imputation is a method to accurately predict
 SNP variants present cheaper than traditionally
- · Customised chips to be developed for Ireland



Thank you for your attention







Genomic Advances in Parentage Verification

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Background







U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service

Pacific West Area



USDA's chief scientific research agency

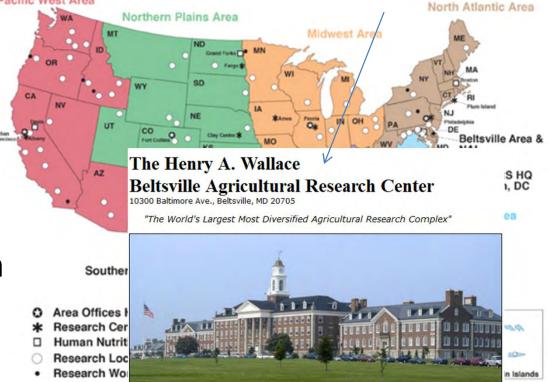
20 National Programs

850 research projects

2,200 scientists

100 US research locations

Farm to Table Research



Parentage Verification



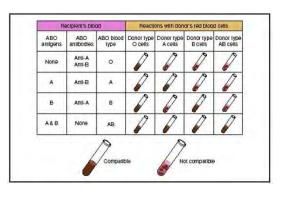




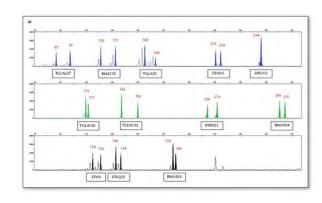




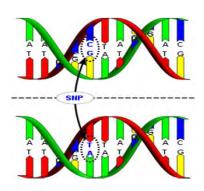
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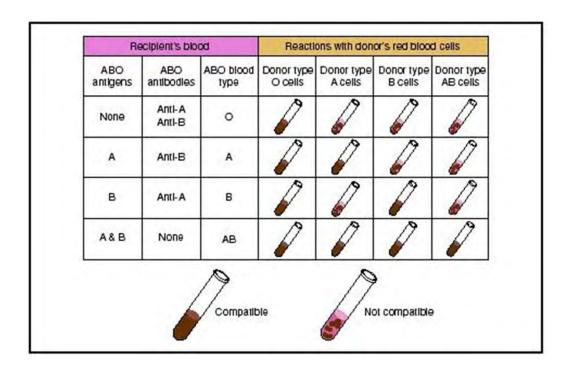


Present



Future

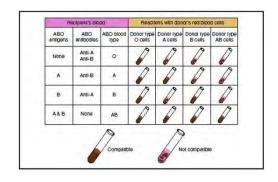




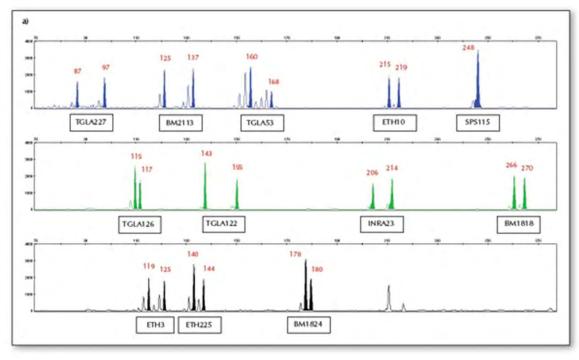
Blood Typing >1990's

Used to detect genetic variations in blood groups and protein types

Required fresh blood samples



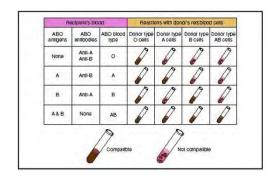
Microsatellite Markers 1990's-present



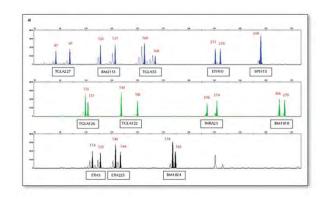
Used to detect genetic variations in bi-nucleotide repeats

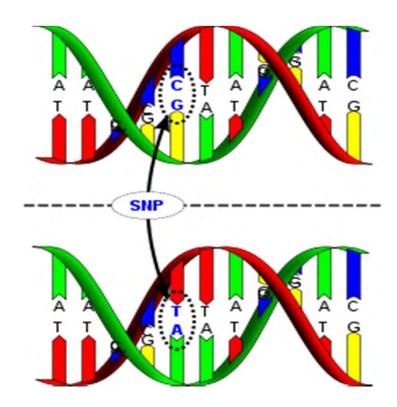
DNA could be obtained from any tissue

Difficulty in multiplexing, scoring, automation



Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms 2010-present



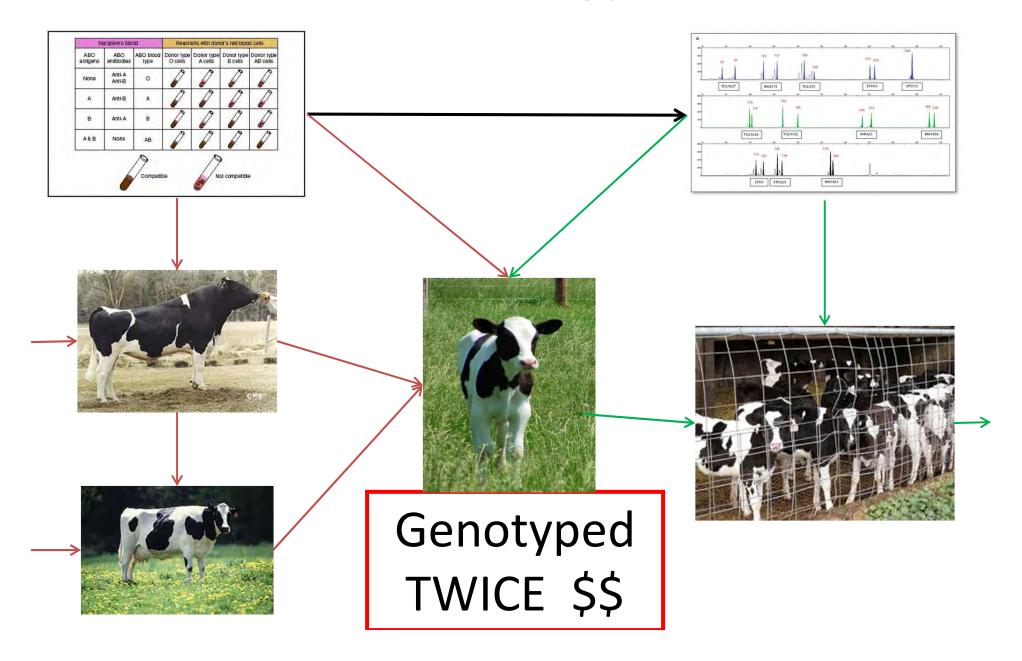


Used to detect bi-allelic polymorphisms

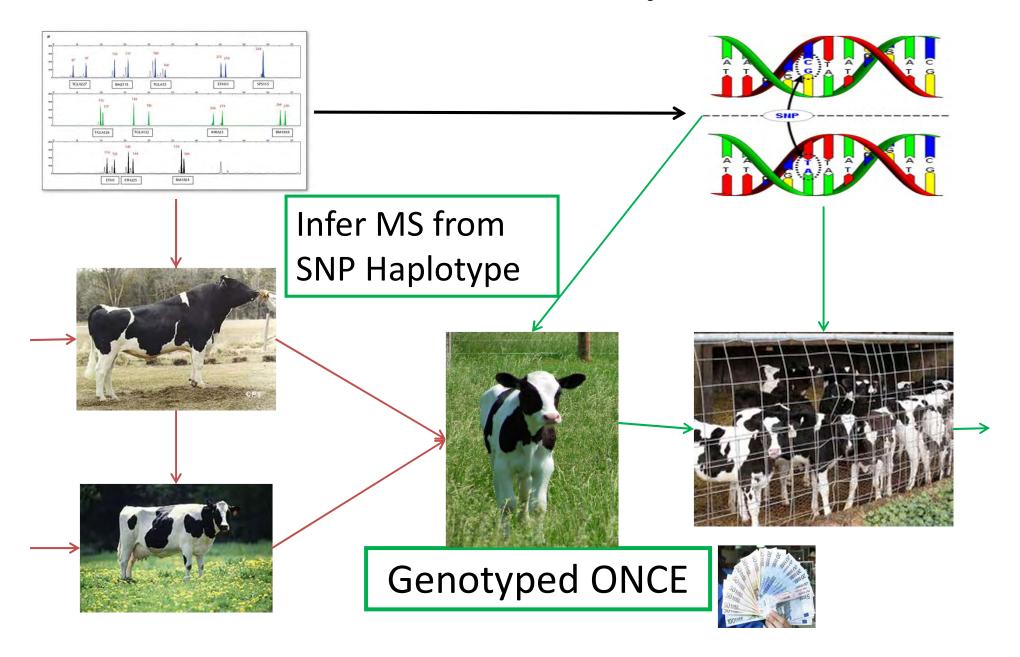
DNA could be obtained from any tissue

Ease of multiplexing, scoring, automation

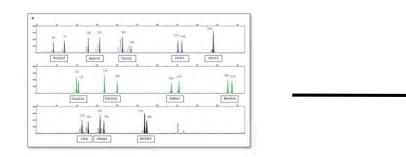
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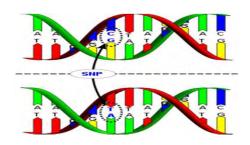


Technology Transfer via Imputation



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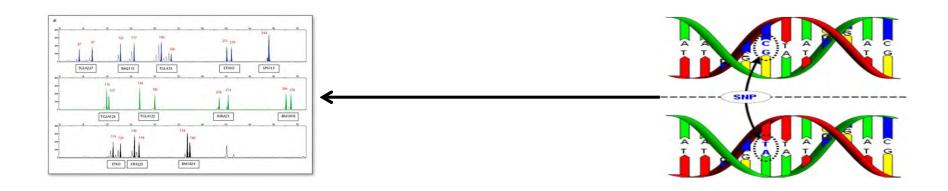


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Impute ISAG cattle MS alleles from SNP



BM1818 INRA023

BM1824 SPS115

BM2113 TGLA122

ETH10 TGLA126

ETH225 TGLA227

ETH3 TGLA53

Method

347 cattle with ISAG MS and Illumina HDSNP data



Brown Swiss= 33



Holstein= 250





Guernsey= 16



Jersey= 48

SNP haplotype to MS allele

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Haplotype	Brow	wn Swiss	Guernesy	/ Holstei	n Jerse	₽y	Overa	all	
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SNP haplotype to MS allele

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Haplotype	Brown Swiss	Guernesy	Holstein	Jersey	Overall	
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17% MS-SNP haplotypes identical across >2 breeds

Cattle with SNP and MS on self or parent



Brown Swiss= 71



Holstein= 1110



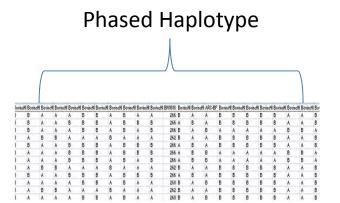


Guernsey= 60



Jersey= 60

Phase, impute, check





The secret origin of cheese wiz

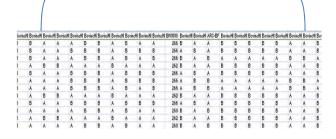
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316 SNP

BEAGLE

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Phased Haplotype



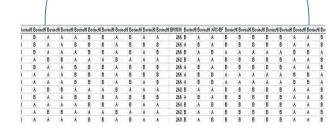
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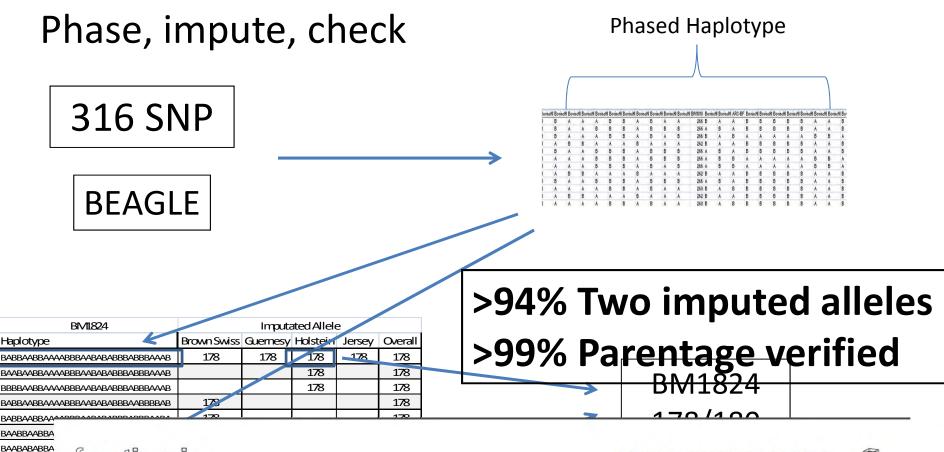
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Phased Haplotype



BM1824 178/180





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Imputation of microsatellite alleles from dense SNP genotypes for parental verification

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Beef Application????

GeneSeek

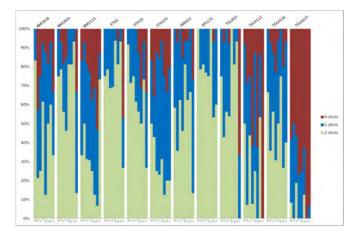


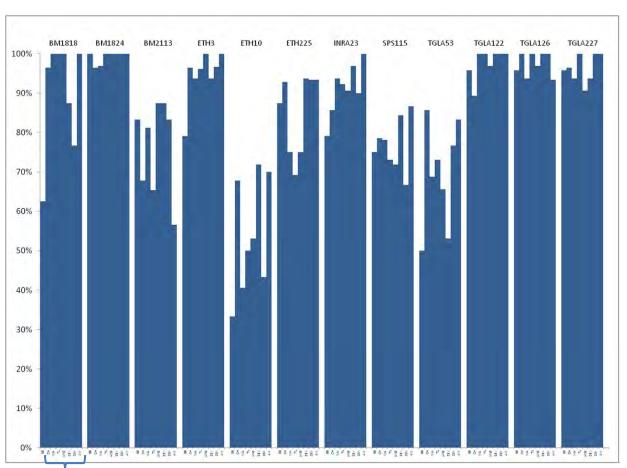


- 8 beef breeds: 116 animals
 - Belgian Blue (12)
 - Charolais (14)
 - Maine-Anjou (16)
 - Texas Longhorn (13)
 - Angus (15)
 - Devon (16)
 - Dexter (15)
 - Ankole-Watusi (15)



Validation with DAIRY table





>71% imputed alleles ~46% 2 alleles ~31% 1 allele

>86% Concordance

Order: Belgian Blue, Charolais, Maine-Anjou, Texas Longhorn, Angus, Devon, Dexter, Ankole

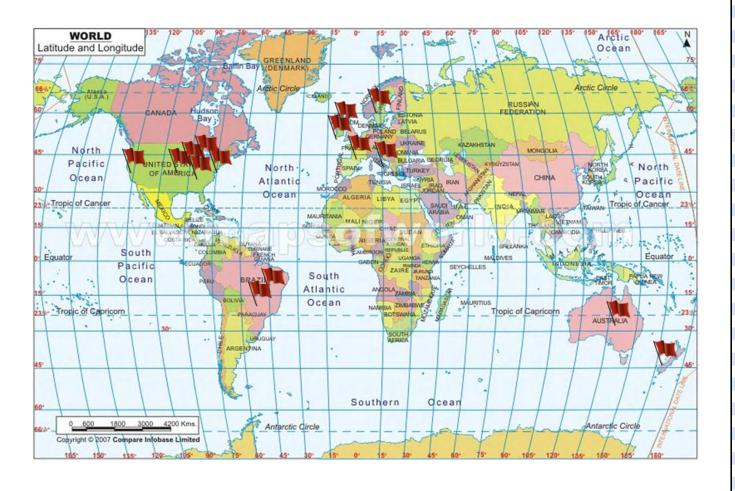




MS Imputation from SNP Round 2

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Microsatellite Imputation 2nd Study



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Initial Results: 60-80 SNP/MS needed

Count	642	456	312	233	220	341	838	572	431
% allele max	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.97	0.99	0.96	0.93
	BBAAABA	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	AABAABB	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	BBAAABA	AABAABB
178	641	454			1		3	3	1
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186								5	25
188				2		1	830	547	402
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Initial Results











		642	456	312	233	220	341	838	572	431
breed	BM1824	BBAAABA	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	AABAABB	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	AABBBAB	ВВАААВА	AABAABE
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Ayshire	184						6			
Abondance	186									22
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Montbeliarde	186									1
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Angus	188							42	2	47
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Ayshire	188								4	
Bazadaise	188									
Beefmaster	188									
BelgianBlue	188							69	10	
BlondeDAquitain								18		31
Brahman	188							1		0.2
Brangus	188								_	1
Braunvieh	188							2	2	
BretonnePieNoir								2		3
BrownSwiss	188							7		12
BruneDesAlpes	188							28		28
Charolais	188				2			23		
cross	188							23		3
Freisan	188									3
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Gasconne	188							17		10
Gelbvieh	188							1		6
Guernsey	188							2		
Hereford	188							19		18
Holstein	188							11		
Jersey	188							4		
Limousin	188							213		41
Montbeliarde	188							147	1	11
Normande	188							3		14
Parthenaise	188							28		3
Piedmontese	188							2		3
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RedAngus	188									18
RougeFlamande	188									6
Salers	188									
Shorthorn	188								1	
Simmental	188							79	32	7
Tarentaise	188							82		48
TropicalComposit	188							10	27	8
Unknown	188							2		1
Vosgienne	188							4		4

Producer Application

Semi-custom SNP chips
MS imputation
Parentage verification
Genetic Improvement

Utilize Microsatellite and SNP data

Selection

Genetic Diseases











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- -Breed Associations
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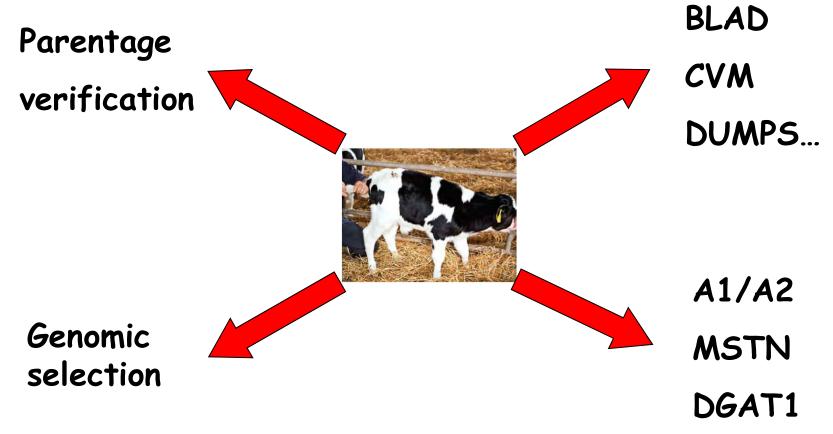
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Motivation



It is now possible to develop an inexpensive technology to include all the above !!



Objectives

- Develop an <u>inexpensive</u> SNP chip for maximum exploitation of parentage verification and genomic selection in dairy and beef cattle
- Incorporate testing for known major genes / lethal recessives / congenital disorders
- Update annually



LD+ content (V1-19K)

- Genomic selection imputation to HD ~12,500 SNPs
 - Standard ~7,000 Illumina LD 'base' panel
 - Additional ~5,500 for imputation
- · Parentage ~2,500 SNPs
 - ~200 SNPs per microsatellite (n=12)
- Lethal recessives (n=4)
- Congenital disorders (n=35)
- · Major genes (n=17)
- · Research component <2,000 SNPs

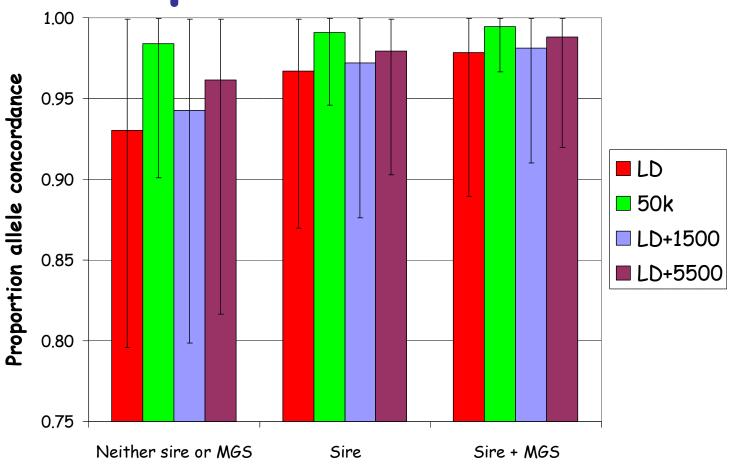


Imputation to high density

- ~ 5,500 SNPs in addition to the base
 7,000
- High frequency within our 3,124 HD genotyped beef and dairy animals
- Increased coverage at chromosomal ends
- · SNPs as independent as possible



Imputation to HD



Genotyped on high density



Parentage verification

Imputation to microsatellites

ACAGCTATTGTACAGAGAGAGAGCTGCCTAGTAC

TCACCTATTCTACAGAGAGAG

CTGCGTATTAG

"Tag" the microsatelites with SNPs in the vicinity



Lethal Recessives

- · CVM
- · BLAD
- DUMPS
- · Brachyspina



Congenital defects

- · 35 covered inc.:
 - Curly calf
 - Fawn calf
 - Spiderleg
 - · Tibial Hemimelia
 - Hairlessness (Hypotrichosis)

- Scurs
- Mulefoot
- Black/Red coat colour/Red factor
- Red recessive coat colour



Major genes

- · 14 major genes including:
 - MSTN
 - DGAT1
 - A1/A2 beta casein
 - Kappa casein
 - Fertility haplotypes
 - (HH1, HH2, HH3, JH1)



Research

- Goal to identify novel functional SNPs and feed into genomic selection
- · <2000 selected
 - Ongoing research in Teagasc on both dairy and beef cattle
 - novel mutations
 - Validation of previous mutations associated with performance





Calf ID	CVM	BLAD	DUMPS	Brachyspina	A1/A2	DGAT1	Parentage	Suggested sire	GEBI
IE123 456	-	-	-	-	+/-	-	✓	n/a	€220
IE135 7911	-	-	-	-	-	+/-	×	ВЈУ	€230



Time line and release

- First discussions 10th September
- · V1 <u>January 2013</u>
- · Updated annually with V2 January 2014
 - V2 possibly 50K Affymetrix chip, could include more species...
 - Cattle
 - Sheep
 - Horses



Conclusions

- · Custom chip value for money
- · Eliminating need for standalone testing
 - Lethal recessives/congenital disorders
 - Major genes and Fertility haplotypes
 - Parentage
 - Genomic selection
 - Improve existing LD chip imputation to HD
 - Research
- One-stop-shop for both dairy and beef cattle genotyping in Ireland



Acknowledgements

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- Breed Societies and AI stations
- ICBF & Teagasc





Implementation of Genomic Services

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Basic function of the laboratory

- Genotyping and Parentage Analysis (Registration).
- Animal Identification/Forensic Cases.
- Species Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Dogs, Pigs.
- Sample Source Blood, Hair, Semen, Tissue, Ear Tags and Swabs.

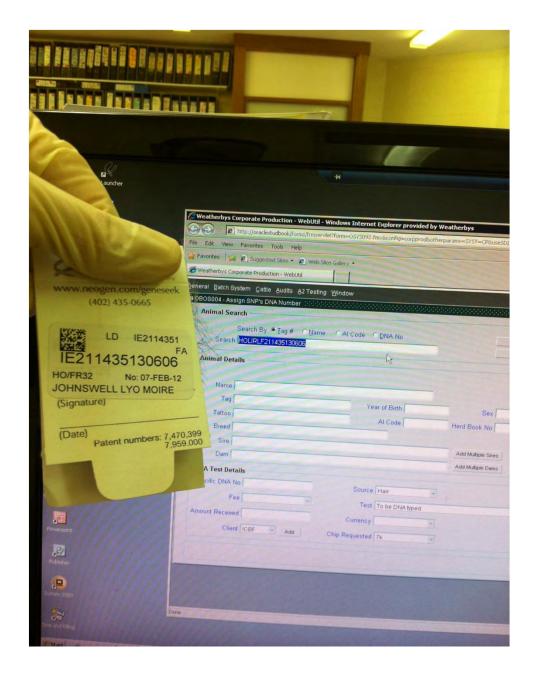
What is Genotyping?

- Identifying genetic markers inherited from Sire and Dam using DNA fragment analysis.
- Advent of PCR revolutionised molecular DNA technologies.
- Common markers used microsatellites and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)
- SNPs are suitable for microarray chip technology, where in excess of 1 million SNPs can be genotyped.

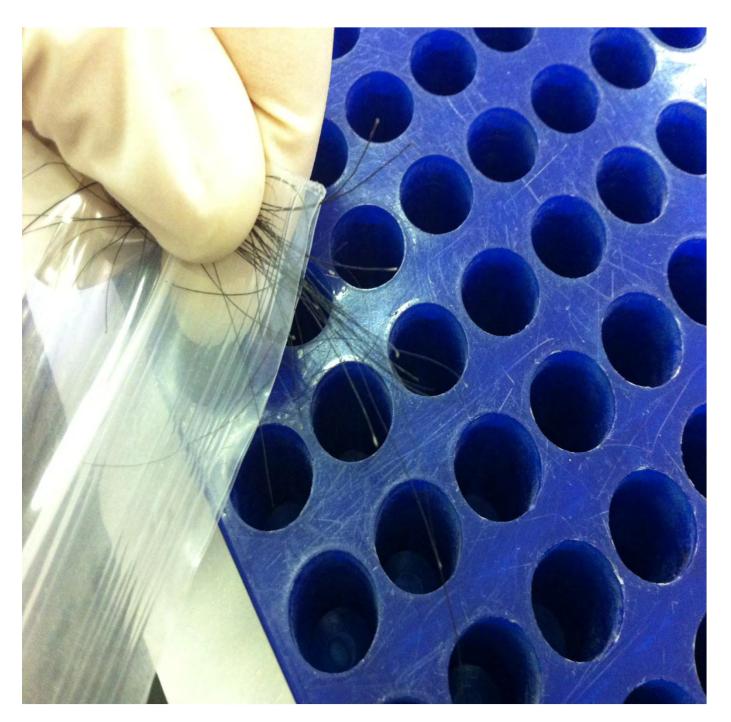
Benefit of SNPs

- As SNPs can be tested in such great numbers this provides the opportunity to detect particular patterns or genetic signatures throughout the genome that are associated with particular traits.
- This forms the basis for genomic studies.
- Going forward SNPs are the marker of choice for the overall benefit of the livestock industry.

Typical example of processing a Bovine Low Density (LD) SNP chip using Illumina Infinium® based Chemistry with hair samples.



Animal ID (ITT code) scanned from data matrix code & laboratory number assigned.



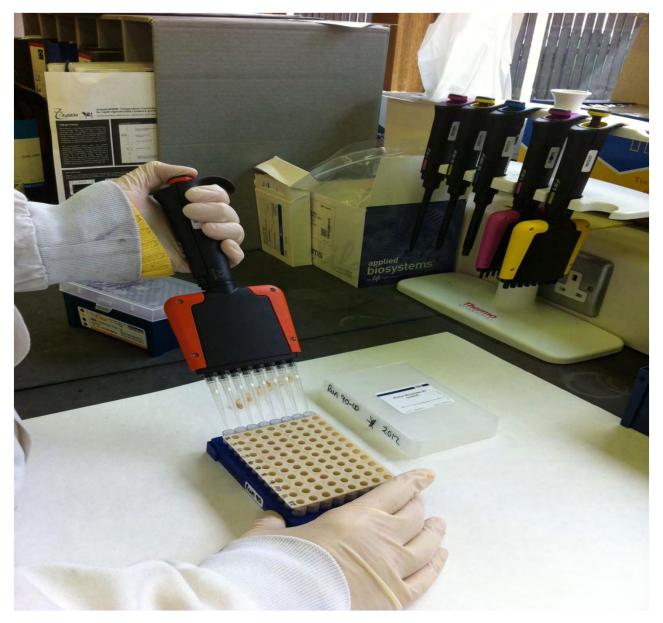
Good quality follicles are essential.



Clump of clean, dry good quality hair follicles .

Lysis solution added & incubated over night.

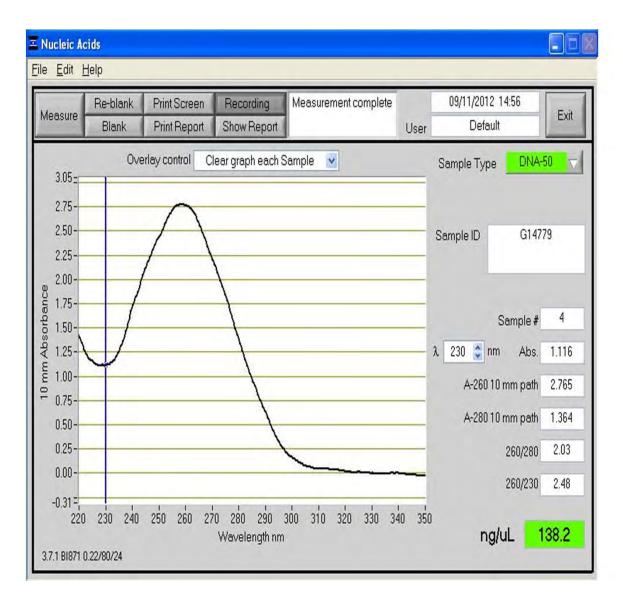
Transfer to 96 well extraction plate.



DNA Extraction using a commercial kit in a 96 well plate format.

Extensive in-house optimisation to ensure good quality DNA.

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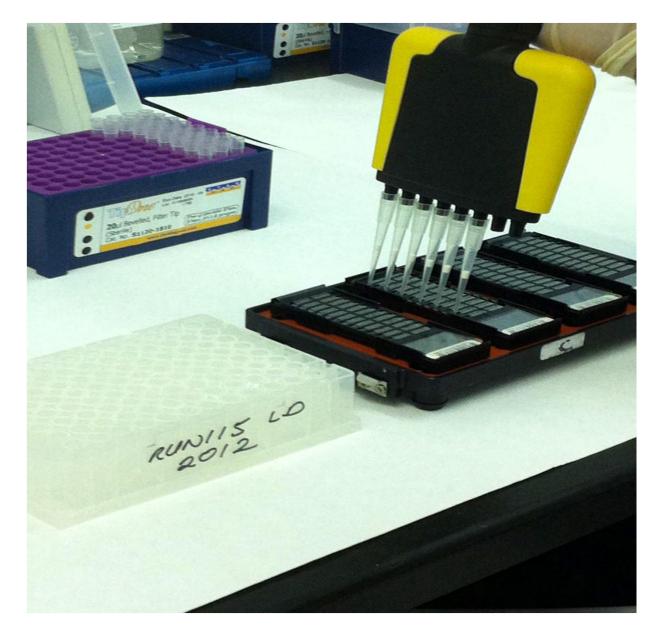


DNA QC

Quantitation >50ng/μl

Qualitation/Purity 260/280 ratio range 1.8-2.1

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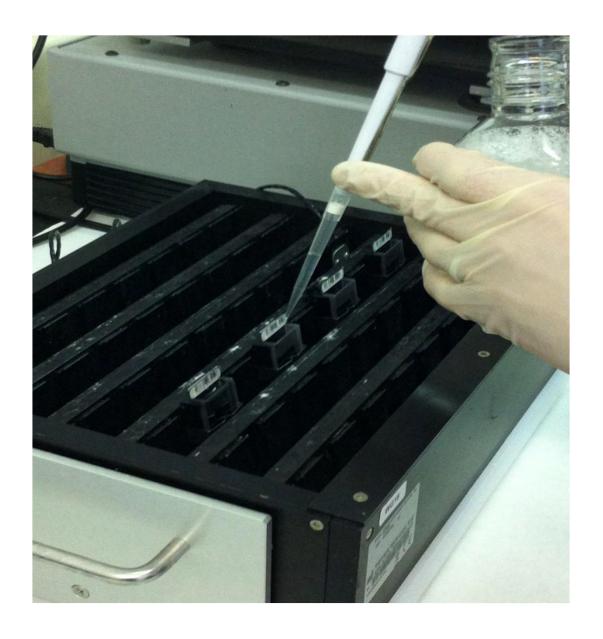
DNA Fragmentation, precipitation & resuspension.

DNA added to chips.

DNA hybridisation to SNP beads over night.

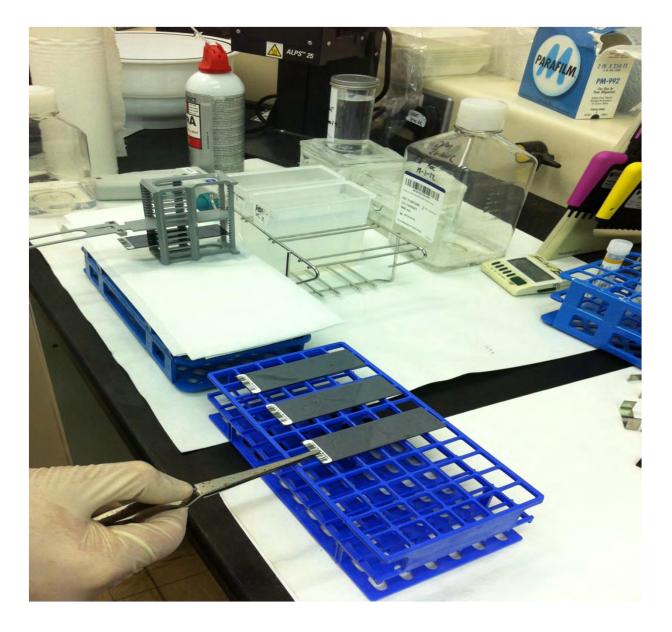
One LD chip = 24 samples.

4 chips = 96 samples.



Staining of DNA products with Fluorophores.
Red/Green.
Approx 3.5 hours.

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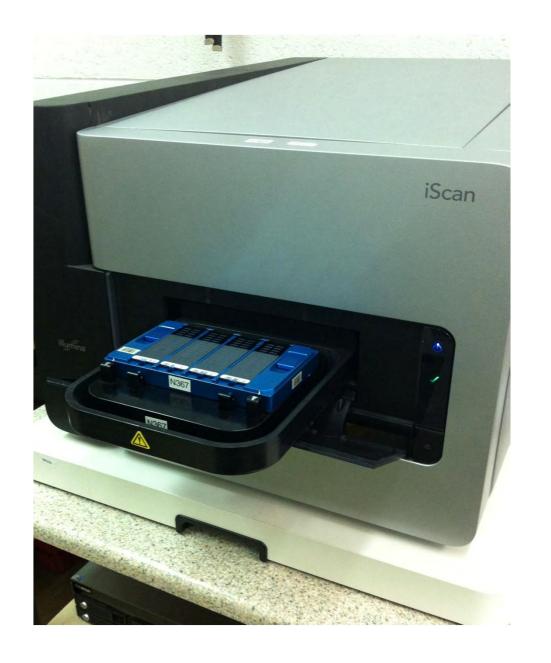
Chips washed and coated to preserve.

Chips dried in vacuum - 1 hour.

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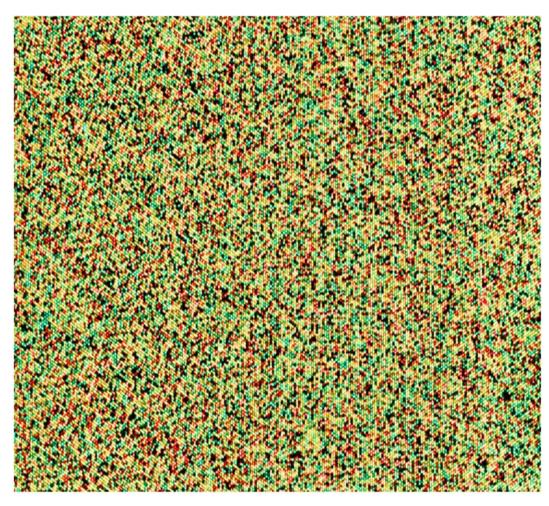
Load cassette for scanning .



Load iScan for imaging of chips.

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Raw Intensity data for Bead Scan Image



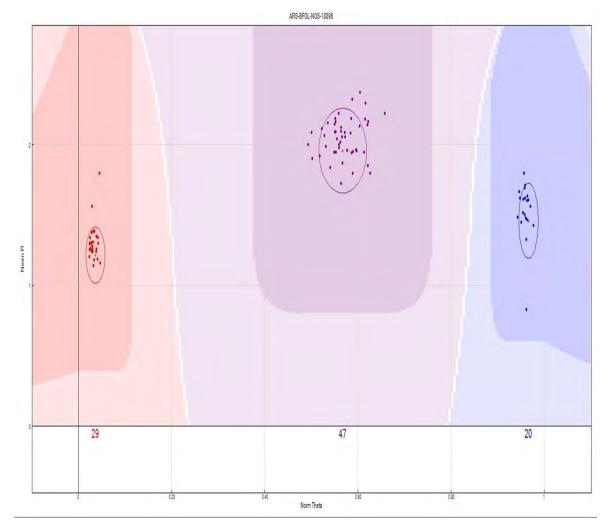
Bead scan image of the 7K SNPs for 1 animal (approx 30 bead replicates per SNP)

2 possible inherited alleles per SNP A or B

Red - (A/A)

Green – (B/B)

Yellow - (A/B)



Cluster analysis on the basis of the Intensity versus Dye colour.

Cluster plot for 1 SNP generated from bead image intensity data for 96 animals.

Genotype calls made for all 7000 SNPs using specific clustering regions ensuring high confidence in genotype calls.

 Report generation is carried out using GenomeStudio software.
• Report files uploaded to client via a secure FTP site.
• Normal throughput capacity per week (7 working days) = 864 animals.
• Can potentially be increased to 1728.

Work Flow Summary

- Sample assignment
- Hair cutting
- DNA extraction
- DNA QC
- Whole Genome amplification
- Fragmentation, precipitation & re-suspension.
- Hybridisation
- Staining
- Drying
- Imaging
- Data analysis
- Reporting
- Throughput

Future Strategy

- To design a low cost customised chip to cater for parentage, genomic evaluations and recessive trait screening.
- The logical approach is to pursue a SNP testing package that is affordable and informative for the industry.
- Cost is very much determined by demand.
- Commitment from the industry will help to aspire to this objective.



IRISH CATTLE BREEDING FEDERATION

Genomic Service Implementation

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Genomic Service History

- The ICBF Genomic Service provides parentage verification & genomic breeding values.
- □ DNA extracted from hair or other sample types.
- ☐ Analysed on a SNP chip.
- Launched in February 2011 using the Illumina Bovine
 3K chip for male dairy animals mainly.
- □ December 2011 we advanced to the Bovine LD chip at no extra cost.
- ☐ Spring 2012 service provided for genotyping females.
- Opportunity to genotype beef animals in 2013

Genotyping Chips

- ☐ Illumina Bovine3K (2,900 SNPs) *Replaced*
 - □ €50 (all inclusive) Holstein Friesians
- Illumina BovineLD (6,900 SNPs) Current
 - □ €50 Holstein Friesian/Pure Friesian
 - Special offer on female genomics €30 (Full cohorts)
 - ☐ New Chip LD+ (19,000 SNPs) *Future*
- □ Illumina Bovine SNP50 (~54,000 SNPs) Current
 - □ €94 Pure Friesians where sire not already genotyped.
- □ Illumina BovineHD (777,000 SNPs) Research
 - Beef animals-reference population.



Current criteria

- ☐ Animals must be Holstein or Friesian and not more than 6.25% of a third breed or unknown.
- □ HO (75%)- FR (21.88%)- UN (3.13%) √
- □ HO (75%)- FR (15.75%)- MO (9.25%) 🗶
 - ☐ The reference population consists only of these breeds.
- □ Pure Friesians (>75% Fr) can be genotyped on the 7k chip if the sire has already been done on the 50k chip. *Animal must be genotyped on the 50k chip otherwise.*
- □ Changing soon to include beef animals.

Sire and maternal grandsire must be recorded in the ICBF database.

User friendly, fully integrated, traceable process

9.

Genomic EBI's are published and reports generated

1.

Animals are selected for genotyping and request submitted by web or phone

2.

Hair sampling kits generated and posted

8.

Genomic breeding values are computed.

3.

Samples collected, returned for QA, tracking & dispatched to lab regularly.

7.

Animal groups are extracted for evaluation

ICBF

DATABASE

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Laboratory extracts
DNA and its analysed
on the SNP-chip

6.

Files loaded to the database.
Animals validated, sires checked and tracking updated

5

Genotypes received into the database



Users

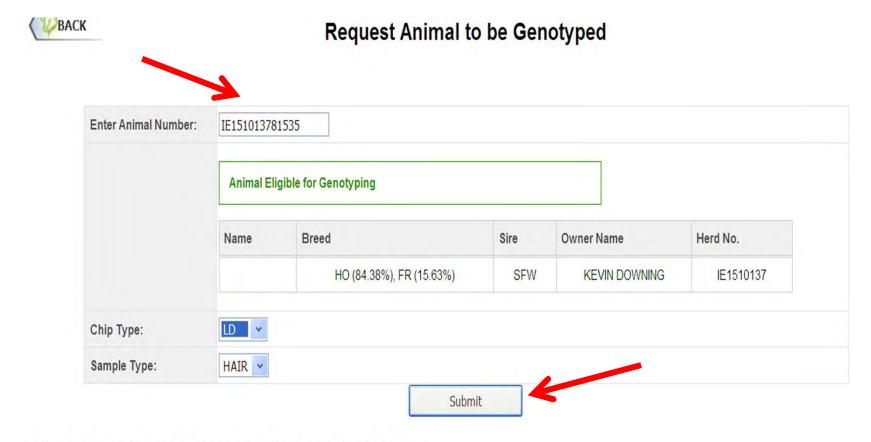
- Artificial Insemination Companies.
 - A file of recently registered male calves is sent from ICBF each week.
 - Animals are selected for genotyping with a view to purchase for entry into an Al station.
- Herd-owners signed up to HerdPlus®
 - This is ICBF's breeding information service.
- Breed Societies.



Al Company/Breed Society Order Screen

Enter animal number to validate tag-choose chip type and sample type and submit order.

This generates a request for a sample kit to be issued from ICBF.



By Clicking Submit you are requesting a sample kit to be issued from ICBF



HerdPlus® User screen

Select Genomics Link and Place Order



Genomics Service



Welcome to the ICBF Genotyping Service Application.





EBI Report

HerdPlus® User genotype request screen. -Tick the required eligible animal from this online profile.



Genomic EBI Request

Total: 263 animals Selected: 3 animals Total Cost: €150

Select All Visible Deselect All

FB Jumbo	Animal Number		Birth Date Sex	Sh 🕶				Show A	Show All	Shc v	
				Breed	Sire	Dam	Age Range	Genotyping Possible?	Cost	CenoType	
1620	IE151013721620	140	11-APR-12	F	HO (81.25%), FR (18.75%)	SOK	IE151013741085	0-1 yrs	LD YES	€50	V
1618	IE151013781618	167	07-APR-12	F	HO (81.25%), FR (18.75%)	IRP	IE151013781097	0-1 yrs	LD YES	€50	•
1613	IE151013731613	194	03-APR-12	F	HO (90.63%), FR (6.25%), MY (3.13%)	LHZ	IE151013760923	0-1 yrs	LD YES	€50	V
1611	IE151012711611	166	29-MAR-	С	HO (100%)	DVV	IE151013700001	0.1 wre	INVES	650	П





Genotype Orders

- After the orders are received, hair kits are mailed directly to the herd-owner.
- □ Pack contains:
 - ☐ Hair sampling cards, 1 per animal, barcoded with the full International number.
 - ☐ Hair collection instructions
 - ☐ Cover letter.
 - □ Return using prepaid envelopes.



Hair collection instructions

 Check that the animal identification on the label collection card perfectly matches the ID of the animal (see Figure 1).







- 2. Hair samples should be pulled from the end of the tail.
- 3. The hair must be clean and dry with the roots attached.
- Extreme care must be taken to avoid contamination of hair roots from one animal to another.
- Make sure that the hair samples have follicles as it is the <u>root</u> follicles that contain the DNA and not the hair itself. 40 to 60 root follicles are required for each sample.

Sample Receipt

- Hair samples and contracts are returned by the herd-owner.
- The samples and contracts are scanned into the database. Samples are posted to the lab weekly.

Record Received Hair Samples





Al Company Contracts

- Al companies request an animal genotype.
- In the case of multiple companies requesting the same animal:
 - □ one hair card
 - ☐ An Al Company letter and contract for each company
- ☐ The owner returns one contract per animal.
- The contract indicates the organisation that is to receive the genotype.





The National Cattle Breeding Centre (NCBC) Bull Calf Contract 2012

	Bom on	(and who's Dam is tag number
•		and sire is A I Code)
		ood health until it's Genomic breeding value is known.
		calf to NCBC for a fee based on the calf's EBI.
4.	If selected and subject to me bull calf.	eting health requirements, NCBC agrees to purchase the
5.	If not selected into the breed release the breeder of all NC	ing programme, NCBC will pay the breeder €100 and BC claims to the calf.
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		FAX: + 353 (0) 52 74 45731 E-mail: tom@eurogeneaiservices.com
(NI-	mel	
AZ.	LD IR171395	l
НО	E351257572047 OLSTEIN No: 31102012	Re: Letter of Offer for a High Genomic

Patent number: 7,470,399

and Herd Number)

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(Date)

1. Agree to allow NCBC genotype the BULL Calf tag number



November 14th 2012

JOHN FARMER HIGHFIELD HOUSE BANDON CO. CORK

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GENOTYPING SERVICE

Dear Herd-owner.

Many thanks for agreeing to genotype your bull calf with Dovea Genetics.

Please find enclosed:

. 1 Hair sampling card per animal, labelled with the animal details.



FUROGENE	AISERVICES	(TRELAND)	ITD
LUKUGLINL	HISLKVILLS	(TKELAND)	LID

r of Offer for a High Genomic Bull Calf

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that your calf meets Eurogene Ai Services Irl. Ltd.'s required selection criteria to be eligible for entry to our Irish Breeding Programme.

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www.	neogen.com/geneseek (402) 435-0665
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National ID: IE1234567

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Results/Evaluations

- ☐ The labs automatically transmit the results to the ICBF database.
- ☐ Results are loaded, animals validated, sires checked and tracking updated.
- □ Results with low call rates <90% are discarded and retest kits issued.</p>
- ☐ Valid animals with valid genotypes are evaluated and GEBI's are generated.
- □ Results are published and reports generated.



Genomic Evaluation Report

Clients receive a report for each animal via the web or post

	Ge	nomic E	valuation	Report				
Jumbo	1563				Lact. No			
Tag	IE151013731563			Sex	М			
Name					Sire	LHZ (€ 248)		
ров	13-Feb-2012	2 0y 2m			Dam	IE151013721067 (€141)		
Breed	HO (91%), FR (9%), MY (3%)			Dam's Sire	HFL (€ 170)			
Date of Evaluation	11-Apr-2012							
Index	Official Genomic Evaluation	Reliability	Weighting on Genomics	DNA Value	Parent Average Evaluation	Reliability	Diff.from Parent Avg	Increase In Reliability
EBI€	255	46%	31%	235	191	26%	+64	20%
Milk Sub Index €	90	54%	39%	82	80	31%	+10	23%
Fertility Sub Index €	151	38%	26%	140	93	19%	+58	19%
Calving Sub Index €	26	52%	24%	22	27	36%	-1	16%
Beef Sub Index €	-20	37%	24%	-17	-15	21%	-5	16%
Maintenance Sub Index €	16	39%	26%	15	11	22%	+5	17%
Health Sub Index €	-7	49%	40%	-6	-6	24%	-1	25%
Milk Sub Index								
Milk (Kg)	156	54%	39%	113	257	31%	-101	23%
Fat (Kg)	12.7	54%	39%	11.2	14.1	31%	-1.4	23%
Protein (Kg)	14.5	54%	39%	12.9	14.3	31%	+0.2	23%
Fat (%)	0.12	54%	39%	0.13	0.09	31%	+0.03	23%
Protein (%)	0.18	54%	39%	0.17	0.12	31%	+0.06	23%
Fertility Sub Index								
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VIEW YOUR RESULTS

Genomic Evaluation Reports/ EBI & Genomics profiles/Bull Search



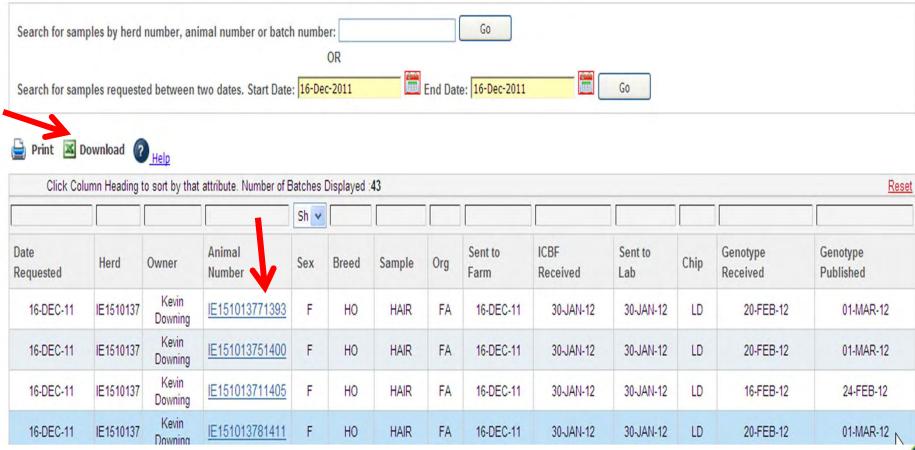


Track your order

All the different stages from date requested to genotype published can be tracked by the user who placed the order. Click on animal link to view status of result.



Genotype Request Tracking



Turnaround Times

- 23 days for AI requested animals
 - Date hair sample received to results
- Farmers returning samples is longest step in the process (average = 12 days)



Incorrect Sires

- Animals that have incorrect sires are identified.
 - ☐ Currently 7.5% error rate on sire.
- These are checked against sires in the database.
- □ Reduces error rate down to 1.5%.
- ☐ Changes are made and farmers and Breed Societies notified. Unassigned sires are likely to be un genotyped stock bulls.

	% WRONG SIRE	% SIRE ASSIGNED	% SIRE REMOVED
MALES	7	76	24
FEMALES	8	73	27



Number of animals genotyped

Chip Type	Al Companies 2011	AI Companies 2012	Farmers 2011	Farmers 2012	Others 2011	Others 2012	Totals
3k	1,768	35	351	10	297	0	2,461
7k-LD	6	3,301	0	6,587	20	496	10,410
54k	117	240	46	2	54	27	486
800K- HD	0	0	0	0	1,999	781	2,780
Totals	1,891	3,576	397	6,599	2,370	1,304	
Overall animals genotyped =16,137							

BEEF BULLS WANTED

Large reference population needed for each breed to estimate the genetic marker (SNP) effects.



Irish Cattle Breeding Federation Striving to achieve the greatest possible genetic improvement in the national cattle herd for the benefit of Irish farmers, the dairy and beef industries and members.

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Senomic Selection

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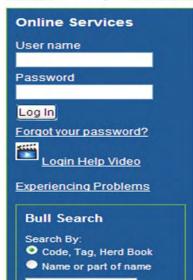
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LIST OF BEEF BULLS WANTED

Contact ICBF on 1850 600 900 if you have any of these straws



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Genomic Selection

- Beef
- Dairy



Dairy Bulls Wanted

Download Bull List: excel

ANALYSIS OF MAIN BEEF BREEDS IN MASTERFILE ABOVE						
BREED	HD GENOTYPES	HAVE DNA	WANT			
AA	364	63	268			
СН	866	192	403			
HE	284	44	426			
LM	951	163	203			
SI	343	40	176			



Future

Sample type will continue to be hair in 2013

- ☐ Ear tags may be used in 2014
 - ☐ Either a voluntary double DNA tag or a BVD sample tag
- ☐ Research on providing genomic breeding values for other dairy breeds is underway.

□ Spring 2013, service will be available for beef animals.





Thank you





IRISH CATTLE BREEDING FEDERATION

Role of Genomics in Irish Dairy and Beef Breeding Programs. Part I. Parentage Verification.

Andrew Cromie, ICBF.

12th November 2012.



Genomics & Breeding Programs

- Genetic improvement (€);
 - Quality & quantity of data (*ID*, ancestry & performance).
 - Profit based genetic indexes (EBI & €uro-Stars),
 - **Selecting the best** to breed the next generation.
- Focus on two areas; (i) parentage verification and (ii) genetic gain.

Pedigree beef registrations (2011).

Herbook Association	Births	Males	DNA	DNA/males
Belgian Blue Cattle Breeding So	855	424	316	75%
Irish Aberdeen Angus Associati	1,283	678	102	15%
Irish Angus Cattle Society				
Irish Aubrac Cattle Society	488	149	70	47%
Irish Blonde d'Aquitaine Breed C	433	195	48	25%
Irish Charolais Cattle Society	9,263	4,798	743	15%
Irish Hereford Breed Society	3,124	1,649	318	19%
Irish Limousin Cattle Society Ltd	8,483	4,246	906	21%
Irish Parthenaise Cattle Society	285	136	23	17%
Irish Piemontese Cattle Society	197	85	55	65%
Irish Simmental Cattle Society I	2,142	1,047	196	19%
Irish Speckle Park Cattle Societ	43	23	32	139%
Irish Shorthorn Cattle Society	1,104	290	54	19%
Saler Cattle Society	736	322	82	25%
Total	28,436	14,042	2,945	21%

- ~3k pedigree animals were DNA'd in 2011 with microsattelites.
- Combination of;
 (i) random, (ii)
 ET's, and (iii)
 sire now has
 pedigree
 progeny.
- Linked to males.



Pedigree dairy registrations (2011)

Herbook Association	Births	Males	DNA	DNA/males
Jersey Cattle Society of Ireland	440	35	25	71%
Irish Holstein Friesian Associati	79,896	5,476	7,907	144%
Irish Normande Cattle Society				
Kerry Cattle Society of Ireland				
Meuse Rhine Issel Cattle Socie	85	30		0%
Montbeliard Cattle Society	380	16	29	181%
Norwegian Red Cattle Society	254	64	16	25%
Total	81,055	5,621	7,977	142%

~8k pedigree animals were DNA'd in 2011 with microsattelites.

IHFA insist on all pedigree males being DNA'd (part of

cost of

registration).



Pedigree registration & parentage verification.

- Part of "quality assurance" aspect of herdbook (~20% calves).
 - Still high level of errors (~5-10%).
- Seen as a "cost" rather than a benefit.
 - ~€120k in beef herds & ~€200k in dairy herds.
- What are the additional costs of moving to SNP's?
 - Initial focus on beef. Dairy is much simpler!



Moving Beef to SNP's for parentage verification.

				Sire with	
		Sire with	Sire with	SNP's and/or	
Breed	Ped Males	SNP's	Microsat	microsat	% total
AA	2,235	621	1,564	1,744	78.0%
AU	149	16		16	10.7%
ВА	195	15	114	125	64.1%
ВВ	424	77	48	105	24.8%
СН	4,798	2,816	3,044	4,214	87.8%
HE	1,649	576	1,207	1,461	88.6%
LM	4,246	1,962	2,193	3,368	79.3%
PI	85	2		2	2.4%
PT	136	32	55	73	53.7%
SA	322	77	190	229	71.1%
SH	290	40	136	173	59.7%
SI	1,047	665	754	942	90.0%
SP	23				
Total	15,599	6,899	9,305	12,452125	79.8%

- Of the 15.5k
 pedigree beef
 males born in 2011,
 45% already have
 their sire
 genotyped.
- 80% have their sire genotyped or we can "predict" parentage SNP's from micr0sattelites.
- Compelling case to move to SNP's.

Moving industry to SNP's (process).

- 1. Pedigree registration through Animal Events.
- 2. Database generates DNA kit to farmer.
- 3. Farmer returns DNA kit to HB/ICBF, with payment.
- 4. HB/ICBF forward hair samples to Weatherby's.
- 5. Weatherby's extract DNA. Generate genotype. Parentage verification off ICBF database. Database confirms parentage, suggests alternative or generates error. HB/ICBF communicate with farmer.
- 6. Valid registration, load to ICBF database & generate genomic index. Invalid registration, follow up by HB/ICBF.
- 7. HB generates pedigree cert & completes charge for service.
- 8. ICBF & HB generate genomic report. Posted on websites



Moving beef industry to SNP's for males (costs)

- Proposition to move all pedigree beef males to "new" genomic service.
- 15k pedigree males in 2013.
- "Full cost" of service = €40/animal (chip, extraction, post, pack, administration, gen EBI & initial 20% errors) = €600k.
- Beef farmers currently paying €120k (for MS based services). How do we "close the gap"?
- · Establish a 5 year plan, including relevant funding models.



Moving IHFA to SNP's for males.

- Of the 5.5k pedigree males born/annum, 10% are genotyped, 56% sires are genotyped & 97% sires have a genotype or micro-satellite.
- IHFA already undertaking parentage verification on 100% males.
 - No "long-term" impact on male registrations.
 - Part of overall registration fee.
- Opportunity for "seamless" move to SNP's. More benefits for members.
 - Suggested sires with SNP's, MGS validation.
- Other dairy breeds follow beef model.



Quantifying the Benefits. A quick summary.

- Parentage verification on all breeding males.
- Major genes & recessives.
 - Screening out & new genes.
 - Genomic mating's.
- Genomic indexes (in time).
 - Selecting the best.
- Further quantification of benefits, including examples in part II.



Summary. Role of genomics in Irish breeding programs – Parentage Verification (i)

- Case is compelling. Infra-structure is in place; (i) customised chip (under constant improvement), (ii) database, (iii) service providers (Weatherby's, HB, & ICBF), & (iv) appetite amongst breeders.
- · Need to establish operational & funding models.
 - Present to HB councils (mandatory, voluntary....?).
- Shared approach (HB, ICBF, Teagasc & Weatherby's) = better service for farmers.
- Opportunity to become world leaders in implementation of genomic technologies.

