

Genotyping dairy females

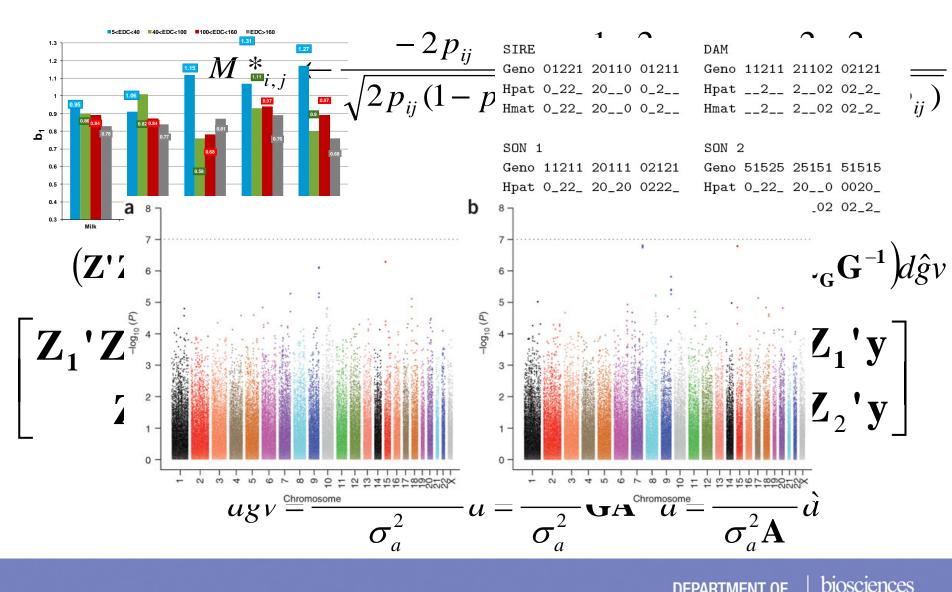
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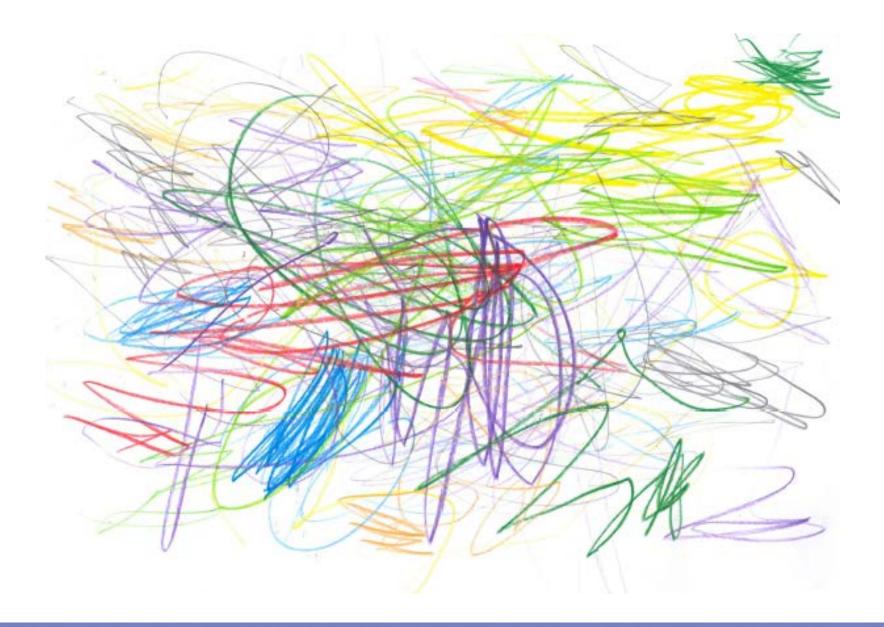


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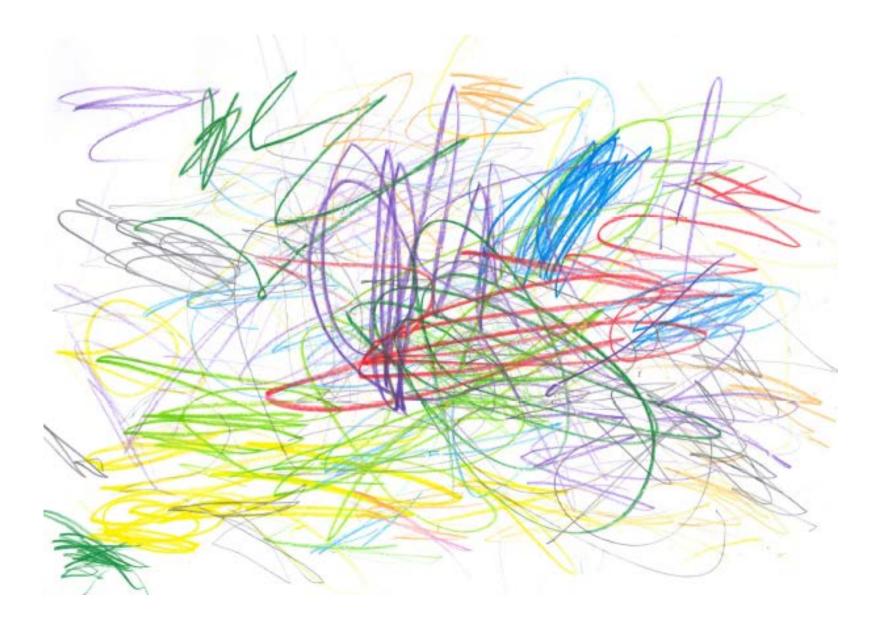


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Potential benefits of genotyping females

- Improve the reliability of genomic selection
- Provide farmers with new management tools
 - 1) Identify elite females (or males)
 - 2) Best heifers to become replacements
 - 3) Certainty of parentage
 - 4) Avoid inbreeding
 - 5) Avoid genetic defects

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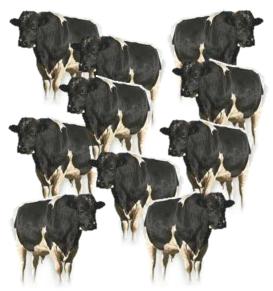


The contribution of females to the reference population

- Strategies to reduce deterioration in reliability:
 1.Exchange genotypes between countries
 2.User denser SNP chips and better statistical tools
 - 3.Genotype females to include in the reference population

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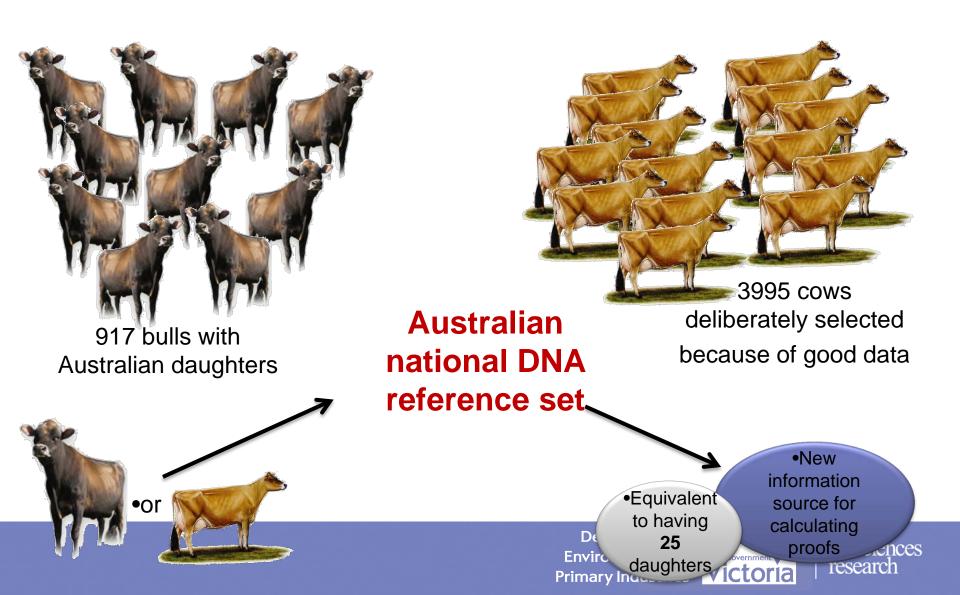
3571 bulls with Australian daughters

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Australian national DNA reference set 8716 cows deliberately selected because of good data









Genomic information nucleus

- 10,000 Holstein genomes and Jernomics captured 1 time-point, *Ginfo* is designed to be on-going
- Work with herds with great data, rather than cows with great data
- The reference population needs updating, predictions of genomic breeding values deteriorate as the reference population differentiates from the general population

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Genomic testing

- 9K (Scan test)
- 90K/50K (Full test)

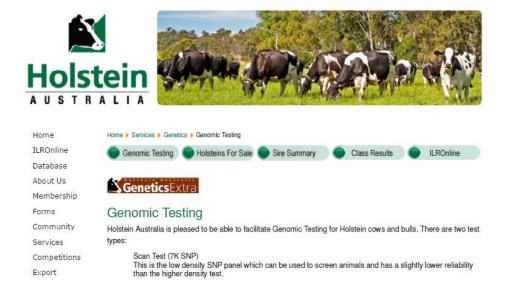


~ AUSTRALIAN JERSEY GENOME TESTING~

Jersey Australia is pleased to be able to facilitate Genomic Testing for Jersey cows and bulls. There are two test types:

Scan Test (7K SNP) This is the low density SNP panel which can be used to screen animals and has a slightly lower reliability than the higher density test.

Standard Test (50K SNP) This is a higher density SNP panel which gives a higher reliability.

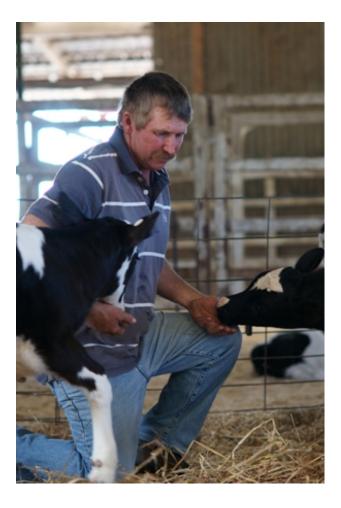


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 9K gives 98% of reliability, unless poorly connected to reference set

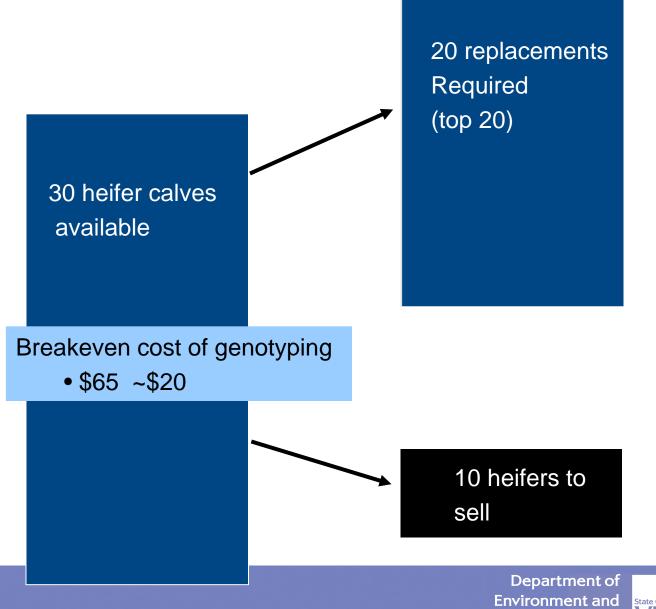
Which animals to test?

- Herd bulls
 - 9k/7k
- Cows/Heifers for ET
 - 9k/7k,
 - 90k/50K if from genomic
- Heifers to enter herd
 - 9k/7k?
 - Cost benefit?



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Replacements per 100 cows



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The dawn of the age of computerised mating plans



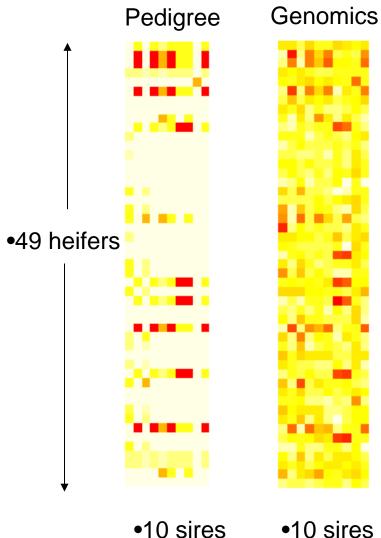
Aim: Control rate of inbreeding, while maintaining genetic progress in your breeding goal

- Select team of bulls
- Calculate relationships between males and females (i.e. potential inbreeding in progeny) at the DNA level
- Select the best mate for each heifer/cow

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Each square represents the degree of relationship Darker orange/red indicates closer relationships

Pryce et al (2012)

1% reduction in genomic inbreeding (worth \$5) with no compromise to breeding objective







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Novel strategies to minimize progeny inbreeding while maximizing genetic gain using genomic information

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Adding value to genomic testing

- Parentage
 - All animals genotyped 9K, 90K, automatically have parentage checked
 - Heifer -> A,A
 - Sire?
 - A,A or A,T Yes
 - T,T No!



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Parentage discovery

- 8% of cows in DFCRC 10,000 cow Holstein genomes project had inconsistent parentage
- Herds selected were good record keepers
- Generally about 15% is expected error rate



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Adding value to genomic testing

- Parentage discovery
 - "Discover" sires, dams
 - 160 SNP panel (Parentage PLUS)
 - no mis-matches in 160 SNP
 - 99% sires discovered, > 99% correct
 - Cows on 160 SNP, Heifers 9K?



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Adding value to genomic testing

- Genetic defects and useful traits? Many on 9K panel
 - Beta Casein A/B, Beta Lactoglobulin, Black/Red Coat Color, BLAD, Chondrodysplasia, Citrullinemia, DUMPS, Dun Color, Silver Color Dilutor
- Extras
 - CVM, Beta Casein A2, Brachyspina, Hypotrichosis_KRT71 (Rat tail)

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Summary

- Genotyped females contribute to the genomic reference population (in Australia we have realized a ' 4-8% in reliability from 10k females)
- The cost-benefit of genotyping is case by case
 - Greater benefit when large number of surplus heifers (high selection differential)
 - Example given here value was \$20
- Genomic mating plans add \$5 for 1% reduction in inbreeding
- Parentage testing (\$??)
- Added benefits e.g. specific conditions (\$??)



Questions?



