



Feed intake – state of art

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Activities

- ➔ FUNC – Feed Utilisation in Nordic Cattle
- ➔ REMRUM – Reduced Methane from Rumen
- ➔ Global dry matter initiative
- ➔ REFFICO – Robust and Efficient dairy cows
- ➔ German collaboration
- ➔ Efficient Dairy Genome Project
- ➔ GenTORE

Genomic reliability - gDMI

Data	Genomic reliability
Foreign data	0.06
Own data	0.11
Own + foreign	0.19

Other outcome

- Tricky trait biologically
- Efficiency expressions are problematic
- No super indicator so far
- Interest in sharing data and true collaboration
- We have a Nordic stand alone breed challenge

REFFICO

- ➔ 4 year project from 2015 to 2019 (will be expanded 1 year)
- ➔ Total budget of 4 million Euros
- ➔ Overall aim:
- ➔ Implement an index for feed efficiency in Nordic dairy cattle breeds

Status

- ➔ Intensive work on collaborating on international data
- ➔ Methane data from ~ 10000 Holstein cows
- ➔ Blood metabolome data from research farm (historic data)
- ➔ Weight, activity, rumen activity, MIR from commercial farms

Efficient Dairy Genome Project

- Canadian initiative
- Collection of data world wide (HOL)
- We are part of project
 - Because we have good data
 - Because we are active
- CAN, US, AUS, CH, DNK, GB, (NL)
- Dialogue with D, SF, S, I, F, PL, E

GOAL: an index

- +10000 genotyped cows with data (Own=759)
- Free access to data if you deliver
- Access February 2017
- Priority 1, 2 and 3 to make an index
- Based on data we do not already select for
- Generate more data as we come along

Intentions for this project



- Contribute with genotyped HOL data on feed intake, methane and MIR
- Contribute with man power on specific work tasks
- Have exchange of personel
- Several visits with partners

Phone meeting 17th of January



GenTORE



- ➔ EU project will start summer 2017
- ➔ 21 partners
- ➔ Selection for resilience and efficiency
- ➔ Focus on genomic multibreed models
- ➔ Outcome to be use for RDC and Jersey breed

Other countries



- ➔ Index in NL, US, AUS.
- ➔ All countries are in Canadian project...
- ➔ From Nordic/NAV/Viking side we want to do it right

Sum up



- ➔ Collaboration
- ➔ Implementation
- ➔ Holstein 😊 - RDC/JER 😊