

# **Animal Breeding Systems**

## **Dairy and Beef**

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# Breeding Companies

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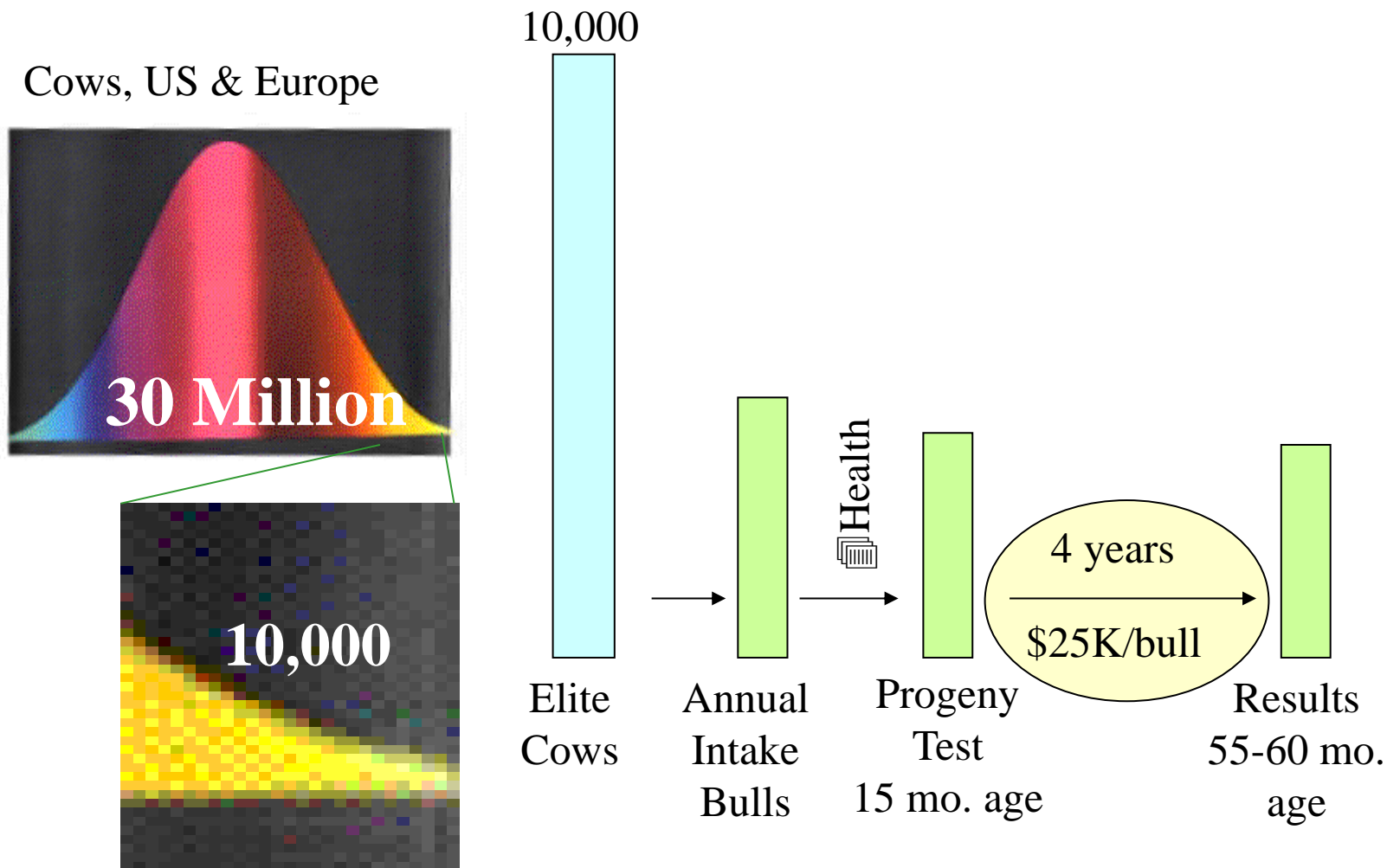
plus many other smaller companies



# Dairy

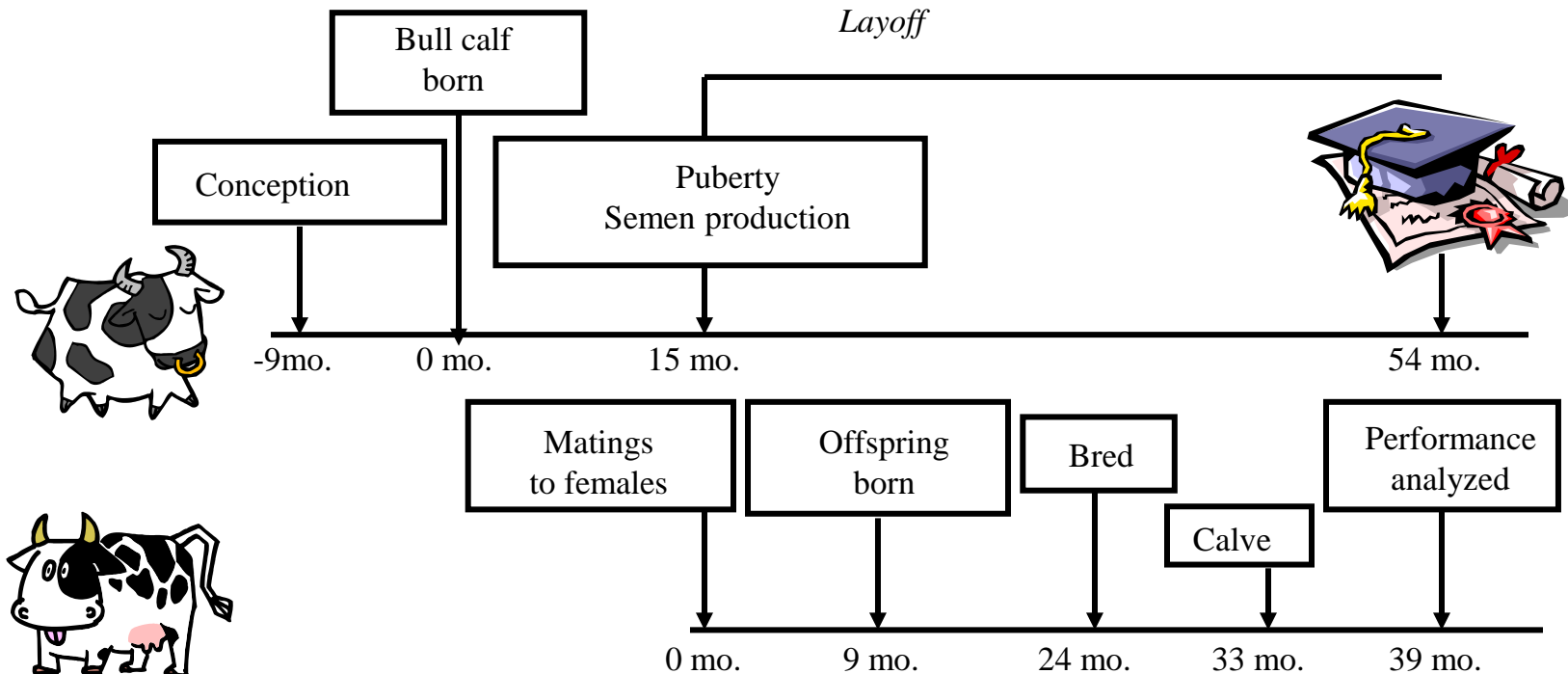


# Finding the Best Genetics

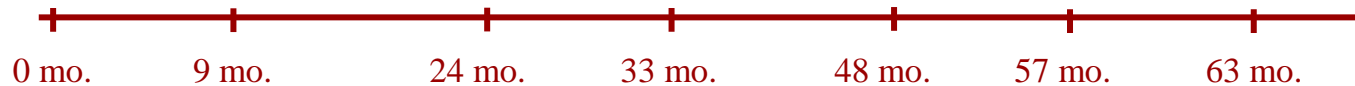




# The Genetic Time Line for AI Companies



## Cumulative Time Line



# Growth of markers and animals

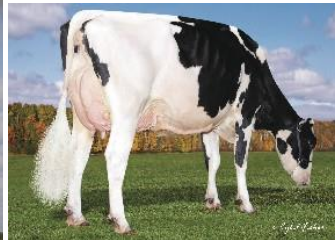


Year	Markers	Animals	Research partners
1991-2004	367	1,415	USDA, Illinois, Israel (DNA from USA, CAN)
2007-2009	38,416	16,646	USDA, Missouri, Canada, Illumina
2011-2013	636,967	161,341	Added Italy, United Kingdom, high density
2012-2015	61,013	1,000,000	Added Interbull (BSW) and Denmark (JER)
2015-future	39,700,000	1,577	Worldwide exchange in Australia

# Genotypes by continent

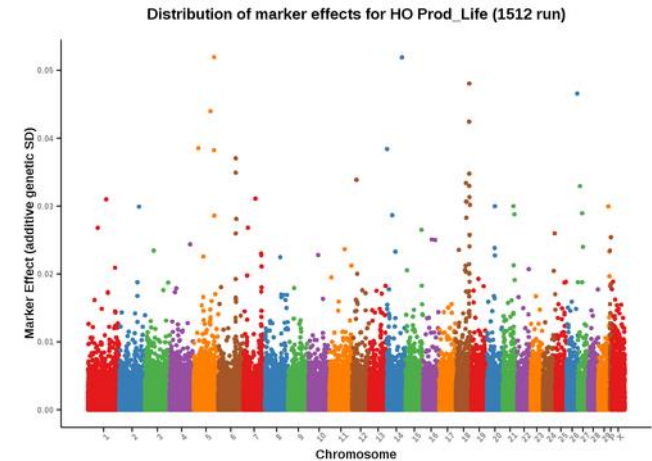
Continent	Genotypes	Countries
N. America	776,473	USA, CAN
W. Europe	86,678	AUT, BEL, CHE, DEU, DNK, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, IRL, ITA, LUX, NLD, NOR, SWE
E. Europe	2,169	BLR, CZE, HUN, POL, ROU, RUS, SRB, SVK, SVN
Oceania	6,282	AUS, NZL
L. America	8,130	ARG, BRA, CHL, COL, CRI, ECU, GTM, MEX, PER, URY
Asia	772	CHN, IND, IRN, JPN, KAZ, SAU, THA, TWN
Africa	303	ZAF, ZWE

# Genomic Evaluation Process



Build a Reference Population  
30,000 AI Bulls  
250,000 Cows w/records

Estimate 60,000 SNP Effects



Bull: H0USA000000000001  
Name: GENOMICS EXTRAORDINAIRE-ET  
Birth year: 2001

HEALTH				
Trait	Genomic PTA	Official PA	Genomic REL (%)	Official REL (%)
Net merit (\$)	3.2	4.5	64	39
Daughter pregnancy rate (%)	-1.3	-1.1	53	34
Productive life (mo)	0.8	0.3	54	33
Somatic cell score	3.10	3.19	59	36

YIELD				
Trait	Genomic PTA	Official PA	Genomic REL (%)	Official REL (%)
Milk (lb)	1442	1843	66	40
Fat (%)	31	62	66	40
Protein (%)	-0.08	-0.02	66	40
Protein (lb)	45	61	66	40
Protein (%)	0.00	0.02	66	40

CALVING				
Trait	Genomic PTA	Official PA	Genomic REL (%)	Official REL (%)
Sire calving ease	7.1	6.6	56	31
Daughter calving ease	7.1	5.9	52	31

TYPE				
Trait	Genomic PTA/STA	Official PA	Genomic REL (%)	Official REL (%)
Final score	1.3	0.6	57	31
Dairy form	2.0	0.9	57	31
Fore udder attachment	0.7	0.7	57	31
Rear udder height	1.1	0.8	57	31
Rear legs (rear view)	2.0	1.3	52	30
Rear legs (side view)	-0.8	-0.8	55	30
Udder clef	1.6	1.1	56	31
Udder depth	1.0	-0.3	58	31
Front foot placement	0.9	1.8	57	31
Foot length	0.3	-1.1	58	31
Shank	1.3	-0.3	60	31
Body depth	1.2	0.4	58	31
Rump angle	0.0	0.5	59	31
Thurl width	1.0	0.1	57	31
Foot angle	0.3	0.3	53	30
Strength	0.7	0.3	58	31

Compute Genomic Evaluations then Make Selection Decisions

DNA Test Young Animals





# Select Sires Sire Development Model

## Partnership of Breeders and ART

XX%

Contract and screen many bull calves on farms in North America

Contract Herds for Elite Genomic Animals  
North American Herds



YY%

Embryos purchased (genomic tested dams)  
North American & European Breeders

ART Program in US  
Select Sires Ownership of Female Lines



# Six Generations of AI Sires



7HO8081 PLANET  
Born **March 2003**  
+2092 TPI Dtr Proven Sire



7HO10721 BOOKEM  
Born **Feb. 2009**  
5 yr. 11 mo. younger than sire  
+2341 TPI Dtr Proven Sire



7HO11477 MCCUTCHEN  
Born **Nov. 2010**  
1 yr. 9 mo. younger than sire  
+2486TPI Dtr Proven Sire



7HO12198 KINGBOY  
Born **Oct. 2012**  
+2527 GTPI



7HO13660 SSI 7450  
Born **Apr. 16, 2016**  
+2615 GTPI  
Malibu x Yoder

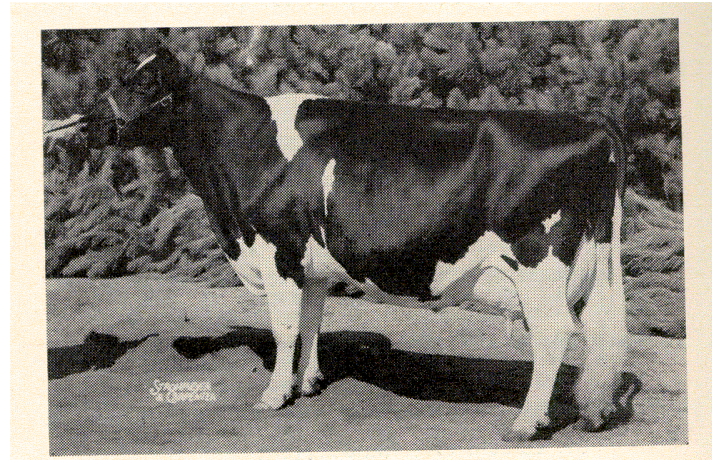


Dam of  
7HO13273 MALIBU  
Born **Jul. 2014**  
+2530 GTPI

# The US Holstein Cow



100 years ago



50 years ago



Modern Cow





Frank Robinson



Jerseys are changing the color of the U.S. dairy industry.





# Beef Breeding Programs

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Stud Breeders use A.I.  
and elite bulls to  
produce breeding stock.

Cow calf operators use natural  
service bulls purchased from  
stud breeders. Produce calves  
for finishing.

Feedlots and finishers purchase the calves from  
cow calf operators and feed them until market  
weight.

# Beef Bulls for A.I.

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Stud breeders  
produce bulls

Performance test  
to identify bulls  
with high EPD's

A.I. centers  
purchase or lease  
bulls to produce  
semen for A.I.

# Beef Bulls for A.I.

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- The vast majority of beef bulls for A.I. are supplied from breeders.
- Some A.I. centers are starting to own females to produce their own bulls.
- Low percentage of cows in the USA are bred A.I.
- Europe uses higher rate of A.I. due to smaller herd size.
- Japan and Korea have a traditional beef breeds (Wagyu beef or Korean Yellow Beef) and A.I. would be used more extensively.

# Commercial Beef Producers

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- Large commercial beef operations in USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia etc. still utilize natural service for the majority of their breeding.
- Synchronization programs enable commercial producers to breed a portion of their herd to A.I.



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**Select Sires**

**ABS Global**

**Accelerated Genetics**

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**AIPL**

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**Holstein Association of America**