

Neogen GeneSeek[®] Operations

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Opportunities for Commercial Adoption

- Seedstock offerings improve every year
- Biology = Variability produced by a good bull
- Identify an appropriate tool
- Fit that tool into the production system
- Help with a decision



Biology = Variability

- 1 Bull
 - 30 Pairs of Chromosomes
 - 1 from his Sire
 - 1 from his Dam
 - Combinations:
 - 1-30 from sire
 - 1-29 from sire, 30 from dam
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 - 1-29 from dam, 30 from sire
 - 1-30 from dam
 - 2³⁰ = 1,073,741,824 combinations (> 1 Billion)
- Same thing happens in the cow
- 1 Billion x 1 Billion = 1 Quintillion
 - Possible combinations from a pair of parents

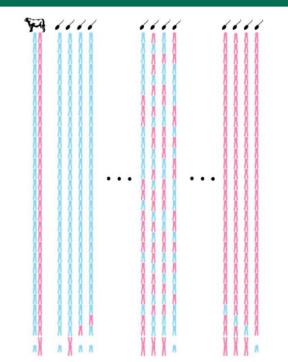
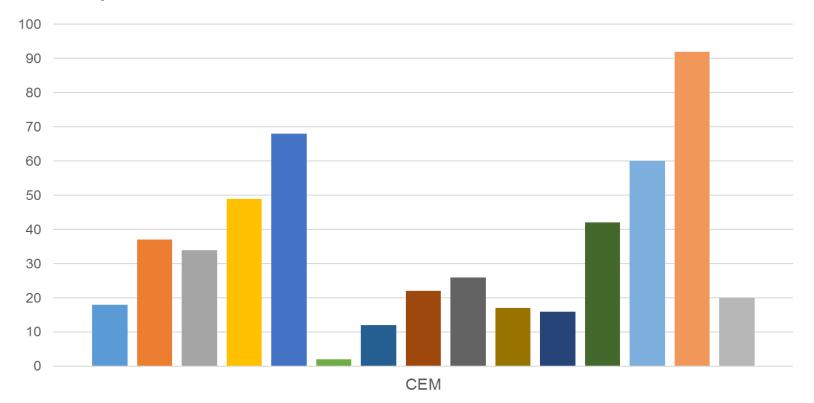




Image: eBEEF.org (2014) The Random Shuffle of Genes: Putting the E in EPD

Genomics Identify the Variability

 There is significant variation even between cattle that are closely related



Genomic variation in Calving Ease Maternal among half-sibling embryos (percentile rankings) all sired by a single bull



Commercial Operation Fit

- The production system on commercial operations often doesn't allow for BIF adjustments:
 - 205-day adjusted weaning weight:
 - Weaning weights:
 - May not be taken individually
 - May be outside of age windows
 - Calves may not be tagged at birth
 - No age of calf adjustments
 - Calves may not be paired to dams at birth
 - No age of dam adjustments



Commercial Operation Fit

- Genetic potential is important to future productivity
- Capture the inve\$tment in good bull\$
- Identify your trait improvement needs



Igenity Beef

- Breeds used in development:
 - Angus
 - Red Angus
 - Hereford
 - Simmental
 - Gelbvieh
 - Limousin
- Additive genetics are characterized
 - Hybrid vigor still available



Igenity Profiles

Igenity Silver – 6 traits plus parentage

Maternal

Calving Ease Maternal, Stayability

Performance

Residual Feed Intake, Average Daily Gain

Carcass

Tenderness, Marbling

Igenity Gold – 13 traits plus parentage

Maternal

Birth Weight, Calving Ease Direct, Calving Ease Maternal, Stayability, Heifer Pregnancy, Docility, Milk

Performance

Residual Feed Intake, Average Daily Gain

Carcass

Tenderness, Marbling, Ribeye Area, Fat Thickness



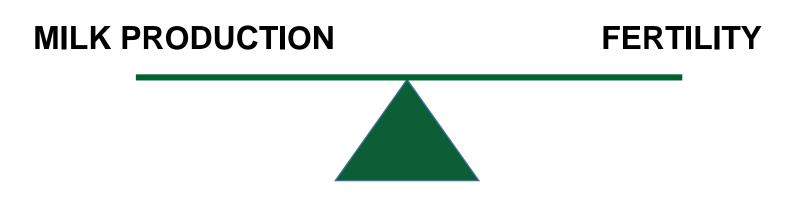
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Multi-trait Selection is Key

- 50-70 years ago dairy selection emphasis:
 - MILK PRODUCTION
 - No emphasis on fertility = No change in fertility...



- Genetic correlations exist
 - Can lead to unexpected results

Igenity Selection Indexes

- Igenity Production Index
 - Keep own replacement females
 - Market calves at harvest on a grid

- Soon to report:
- Igenity Maternal Index
- Igenity Terminal Index



Igenity Production Index

Trait	Emphasis	Trend	Trait	Emphasis	Trend
BW		-0.43	ADG	15%	1.05
CED		0.66	RFI	-15%	0.06
CEM	10%	0.39	FAT		0.57
MILK		0.19	MARB	20%	1.17
HPG		0.25	REA		0.33
STAY	30%	0.91	TEND	10%	0.63
DOC		0.10			

Trend is in 1 to 10 score units per generation when selecting the top \sim 38% of parents on the index

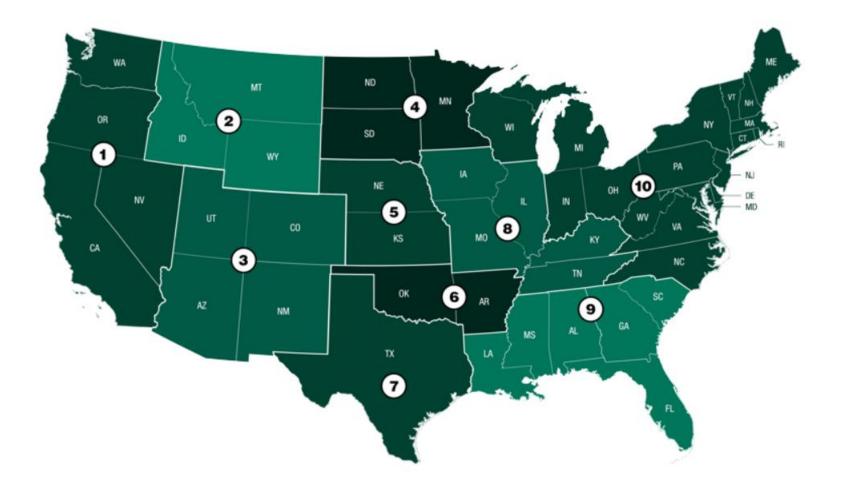


Profiles for Commercial Replacement Heifer Selection

Multi/	Crossbreed	Availability		
	Igenity Beef (AN, AR, HH, SM, GV, LM)	Neogen		
Breed	d Specific			
	Igenity Angus	Neogen		
	Igenity Gelbvieh	AGA		
	Red Navigator	RAAA		
	Igenity Brangus	IBBA		
	Igenity Santa Gertrudis	SGBI		
	Igenity Beefmaster	BBU		



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