

#### Donagh Berry Teagasc, Moorepark, Ireland

Donagh.berry@teagasc.ie



## Reliability

 How confident are we that the published index will not change as more information accumulates



### Who eats more??





## **Recent Tully data**









## **Recent Tully data**



## Recent Tully data (Lims)



# Recent Tully data (Lims)





### Fertility multi- v single trait reliability



#### Fertility multi- v single trait reliability No progeny with fertility



#### Fertility multi- v single trait reliability Several thousand progeny with fertility





## Carcass weight - reliability



## Carcass weight - reliability



## Carcass weight - reliability



# Why simpler models?

- Best reflection of genetic merit for a trait is data on the trait itself
  - Feed intake or live-weight??
- Complicated models are more difficult to run and take considerably longer
  - Computing power becomes an issue
  - Carcass eval:
    - 45 million  $\rightarrow$  13 million equations
    - 15 days  $\rightarrow$  8 days
- Helps identify "curve benders"



# Future

- Computing
- Memory efficiency
  - 16,000 Gb (traditional) → 800 Gb (APY)
  - 2000 laptops to 100 laptops
- Speed of evaluations
  - 28 days → 8 days with doubling of genotypes
- Increased efficiency is not synonymous with increased speed





- Models changed to be more efficient with minimal loss in information
- Without genomics: drop in reliability and some movement in proofs
- More precise evaluations with genomics





#### **IRISH CATTLE BREEDING FEDERATION**

#### Genomic evaluations research update





## **Current evaluations**

- 6 evaluations for suckler herd
- Beef performance (29 traits: 6 goal traits)
- · Calving performance (15 traits: 4 goal traits)
- maternal weaning wt (15 traits: 1 goal)
- fertility (14 traits: 3 goal traits)
- · docility (3 traits: 1 goal trait),
- · linear (13 traits)



## Beef performance evaluation

Beef performance evaluation
150-250 day lwt
250-350 day lwt
350-450 day lwt
450-550 day lwt
550-650 day lwt
Cow liveweight
calf quality
mart calf price
mart weanling price
mart yearling price
Tully feed intake
Tully ultrasound muscle
Skeletal
Muscle
Carcass weight
Carcass conformation
Carcass fat
Cull cow weight
Cull cow conformation
Cull cow fat
Foreign ebv weaning
Foreign ebv muscle
Foreign ebv skeletal
Foreign ebv carcass
Foreign ebv conformation

Evaluation new 1
150-250 day lwt
250-350 day lwt
350-450 day lwt
450-550 day lwt
550-650 day lwt
Cow liveweight
Skeletal
Carcass wt
Cull cow weight
Foreign ebv weaning
Foreign ebv skeletal
Foreign ebv carcass

Evaluation new 2
calf quality
mart calf price
mart weanling price
mart yearling price
Carcass conformation
Cull cow conformation
Muscle
Foreign ebv muscle
Foreign ebv conformation

Evaluation new 3	
350-450 day lwt	
450-550 day lwt	
550-650 day lwt	
Skeletal	
Tully feed intake	
Tully ultrasound muscle	
Carcass weight	
Carcass conformation	
Carcass fat	
Foreign ebv weaning	
Foreign ebv carcass	
Foreign ebv conformation	



## Current test run

- August 2015 evaluation files
- · 105,000 genotypes included
- · 6 evaluations completed
  - Carcass wt (12trt), conformation (9 trt), feed intake and fat (12 trt), fertility (6 trt), docility (3 trt) evaluations completed
- Run with 150,000 genotypes and December evaluation files not completed yet



## Proportion of Replacement index with genomics

Trait	Relative emphasis in Replacement Index	% currently with genomics		
Age 1st Calving	6%	6%		
Maternal calving difficulty	6%			
Materal weaning weight	18%			
Calving interval	9%	9%		
Survival	8%	8%		
Heifer feed intake/cow livewt	8%	8%		
Cow feed intake/cow livewt	6%	6%		
Cow docility	4%	4%		
Cull cow weight	7%	7%		
Calving difficulty	7%			
Gestation	2%			
Mortality	1%			
docility	1%	1%		
Feed intake	4%	4%		
Carcass weight	10%	10%		
Carcass conformation	3%	3%		
	100%	65%		



AI sires > 90% rel previous cwt rel No of bulls 898 correlation r = 0.996 Aug Non Geno cwt = 19.2 {stdev = 12.3} Aug Geno cwt = 20.68 {stdev = 12.21}





AI sires 50 to 90% rel previous cwt rel No of bulls 1278 correlation r = 0.978 Aug Non Geno cwt = 19.15 {stdev = 13.57} Aug Geno cwt = 20.65 {stdev = 12.98}









#### AI sires 40 to 70% rel previous feed int rel No of bulls 981 correlation r = 0.958 Aug Non Geno fintake = -0.15 {stdev = 0.42} Aug Geno fintake = -0.12 {stdev = 0.42}





AI Code:	GUX						В	reed:	LM	(100%)			
Animal Name:	GENEREUX						0	wner:	NAT	TIONAL C	ATTLE B	REEDING C	NTR
National ID:	1991009241							Date of Birth: 21-APR-1991					
International ID:							ate of valuation:	Dec	2015				
€uro-star Index	Replacement C	Graphics Termin	nal Graphics	Linear Typ	e P	edigree	Prev I	Eval					
« Back	Compare Ev	aluations											
Calving l	nterval (Days)												
Ranking in	formation												
Date of Evaluation		tile Rank within breed		ating within Breed	PTA	Reliabil	ity	Percentile B	Rank acr reed	055	Star ı	rating acros Breeds	s all
Dec 201	5	3	***	e de de	5.11	94			2		***		
Sire Proge	eny and Progeny	Herdmate Inform	ation										
Date o	f Evaluation	No. of Pro	ienv	No. of H	lerdmate	25			Calvin	g Interva	ıl (Days)		
			,,					verage Da	ughter		Avera	ige Herdma	te
D	ec 2015	914		4	407			431				423	
Information on Dams of Progeny (Cows mated to the sire)													
Data o	Date of Evaluation Avg PTA Calving Interval Average % in Dams By Breed												
Date 0	Ladinarioli	AVUPTA	Carving inte	civai	AA	BA	BB	СН	FR	HE	НО	LM	\$I
De	ec 2015		1		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	95%	1%







CATEGORY	Bull With genomics	Progeny with genomics	No genomics
Count of Bulls	850	1,137	1,885
Replacement - Aug 15	€40 (63%)	€52 (59%)	€55 (24%)
Replacement - Genomic	€51 (68%)	€66 (59%)	€80 (25%)
Terminal - Aug 15	€91 (73%)	€88 (69%)	€69 (31%)
Terminal - Genomic	€98 (76%)	€95 (69%)	€77 (32%)
Carcass wt - Aug 15	21 kg (81%)	19 kg (76%)	12 kg (37%)
Carcass wt - Genomic	22 kg (85%)	20 kg (78%)	14 kg (38%)
Carcass conf - Aug 15	1.6 (78%)	1.5 (74%)	1.2 (34%)
Carcass conf - Genomic	1.8 (83%)	1.7 (75%)	1.4 (34%)
Feed intake - Aug 15	-0.12 (45%)	-0.11 (40%)	-0.12 (15%)
Feed intake - Genomic	-0.1 (46%)	-0.09 (33%)	-0.09 (13%)
Docility - Aug 15	0.03 (69%)	0.02 (65%)	0.01 (19%)
Docility - Genomic	0.03 (77%)	0.02 (67%)	0.02 (21%)
Age 1st calving- Aug 15	-10 (66%)	-10 (62%)	-4 (23%)
Age 1st calving - Genomic	-10 (70%)	-8 (60%)	0 (22%)
Calving interval- Aug 15	0.7 (56%)	0.2 (50%)	-0.7 (16%)
Calving interval - Genomic	0.5 (59%)	-0.5 (46%)	-2.1 (17%)









#### Active AI sires Replacement index by genotype status

No of bulls 454 correlation r = 0.896

Aug Non Geno REPL = 40.54 {stdev = 62.82}

Aug Geno REPL = 59.47 {stdev = 59.53}





#### Non AI Genotyped animals compare Replacement index

No of animals 101522 correlation r = 0.883

Aug Non Geno REPL = 77.37 {stdev = 54.79}

Aug Geno REPL = 96.38 {stdev = 56.82}





## Genotyped non Al animals

CATEGORY	Animals	Aug-15 official Repl index	Aug-15 genomic Repl index	Aug-15 rel %	Aug-15 genomic rel %	
Females NO sire	36,300	€79	€118	19	39	
Females WITH sire	26,417	€82	€101	32	45	
Males born pre 2014	37,499	€73	€73	34	44	
Males born since 2014	2,027	€81	€83	21	36	



## Workplan

- Commencing new round of evaluations next week
- Update phenotypic and pedigree data
- · Update genotype file
- More test results when that run is finished in late February/ Early March

