

# Milking the genome

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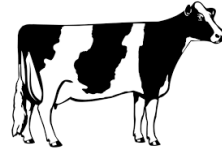
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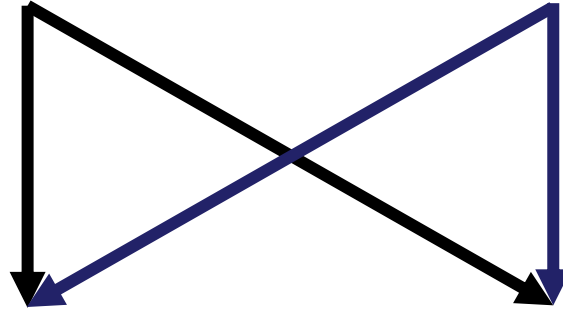
# How well do you know breeding?



**Romeo**



**Juliet**



**Jack**

**Jill**



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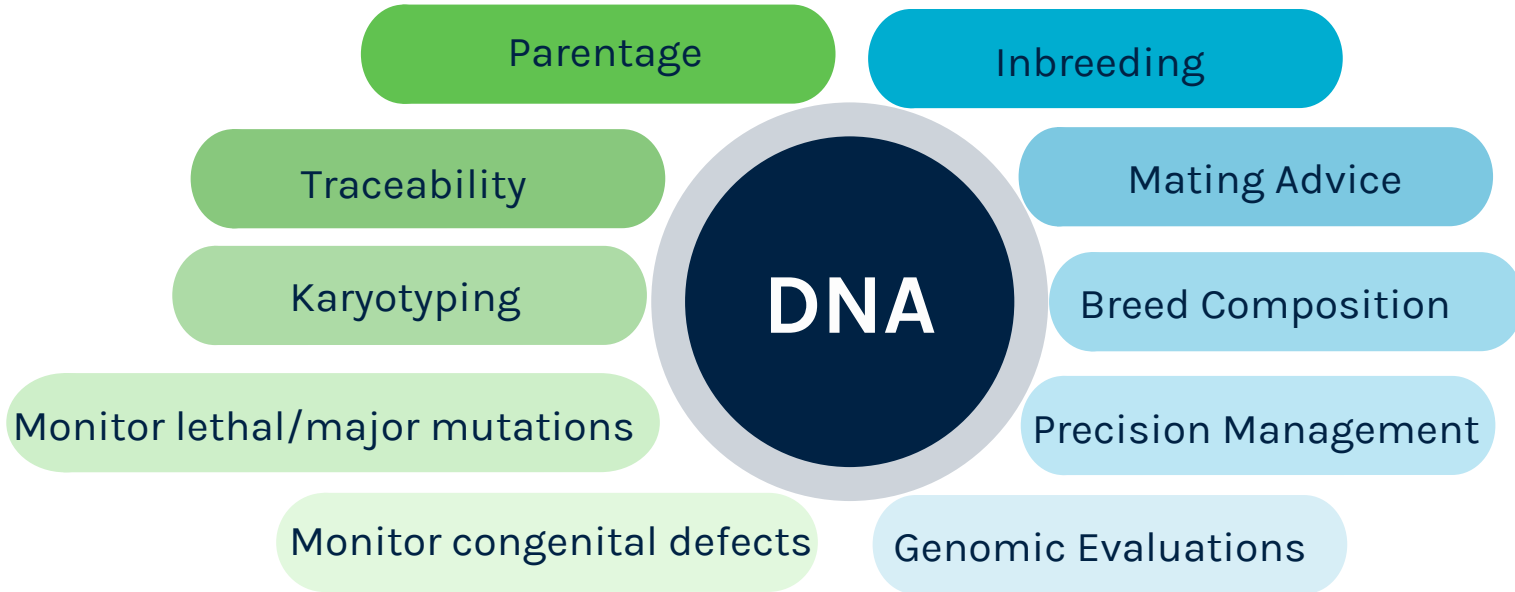
**50% LM : 50% HF**  
(assuming parents are pure)



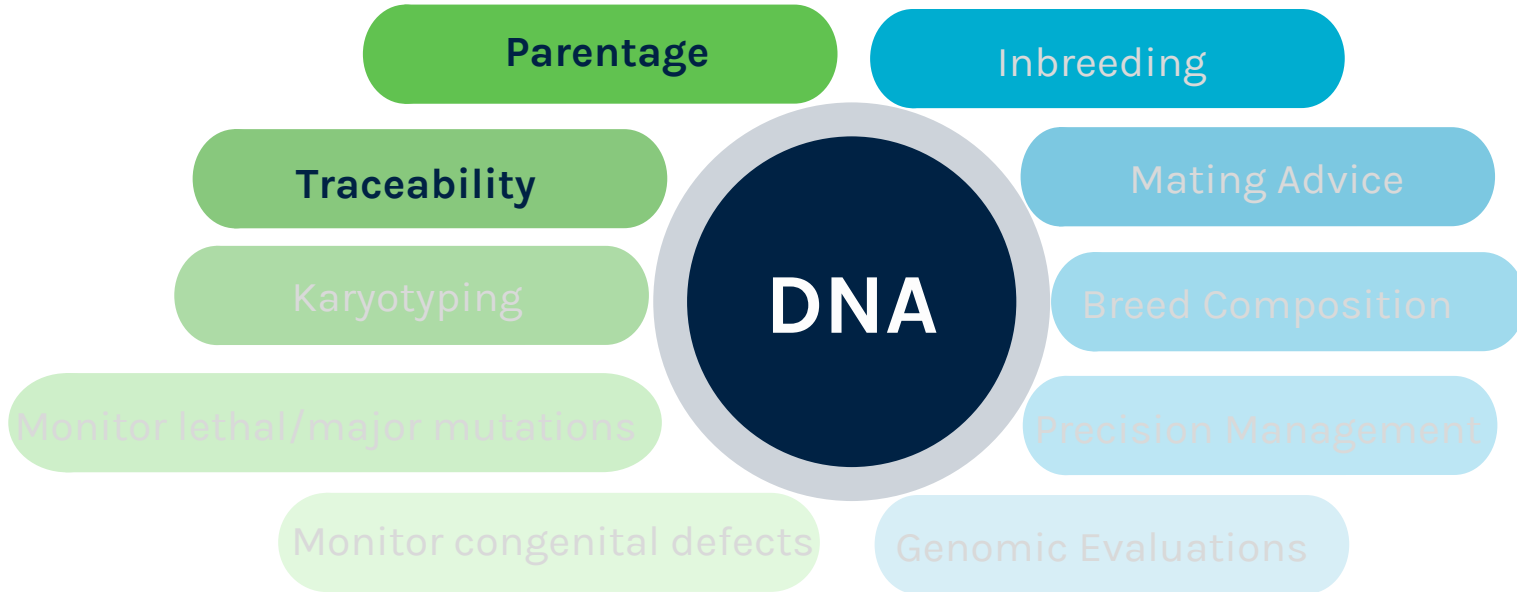
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# Parentage

*Sire*

.....TCACCGCT GAG.....

.....CAGATAGGATT.....



.....CAGATAGGATT.....

.....AATGCTACGCT.....

*Offspring*

# Parentage

## Database

*Sire 1* ....TCGGGCTGTG.....

*Sire 2* ....CAGATAGGATT.....

*Sire 3* ....TCACCGCTGAG.....

*Sire 4* ....AATGCTACGCT.....

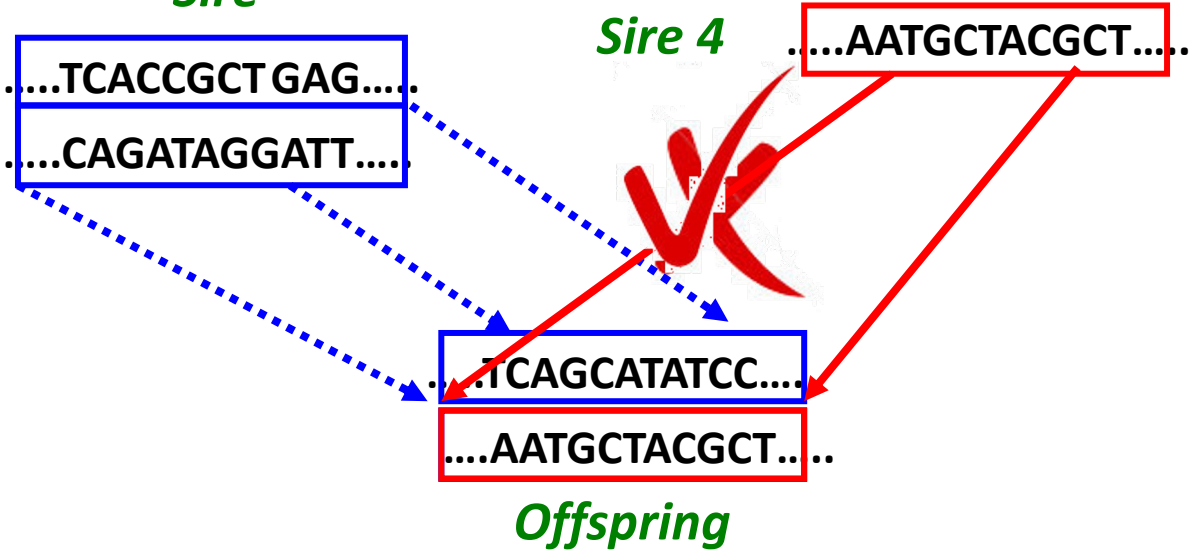
## Sire

....TCACCGCTGAG....  
....CAGATAGGATT....



....TCAGCATATCC....  
....AATGCTACGCT....

## Offspring



# Traceability

*Animal*

....TCACCGCTGAG....

....CAGATAGGATT....



....TCACCGCTGAG....

....CAGATAGGATT....

*Meat sample*

*Animal*

....TCACCGCTGAG....

....CAGATAGGATT....



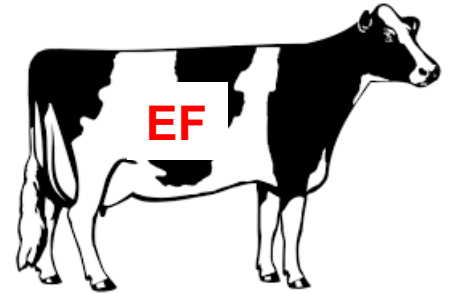
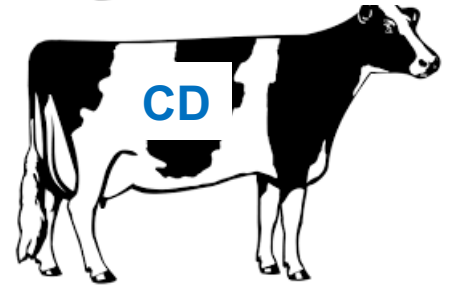
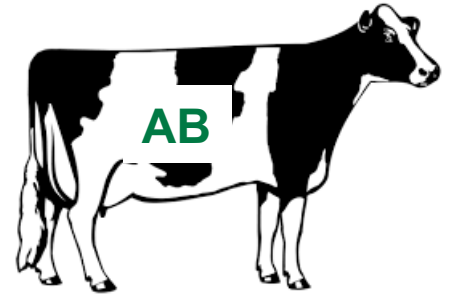
....TGTATTAGAAG....

....CAGATAGGATT....

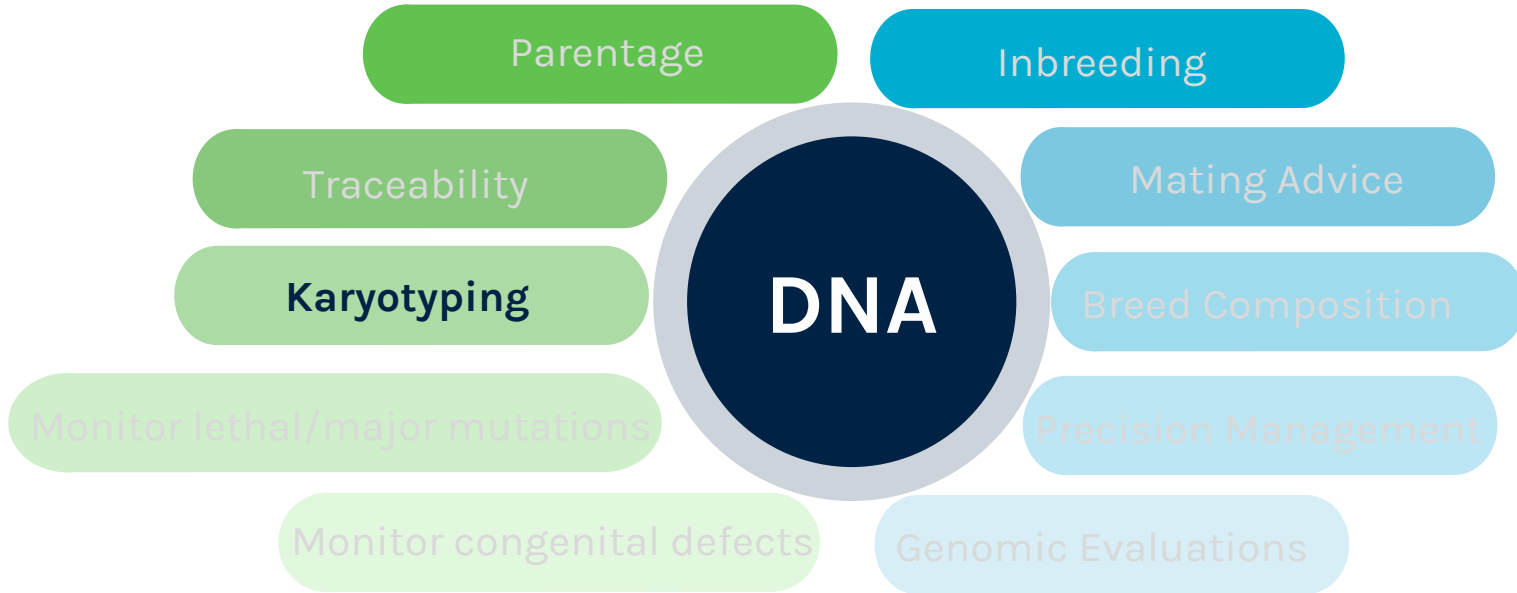
*Meat sample*



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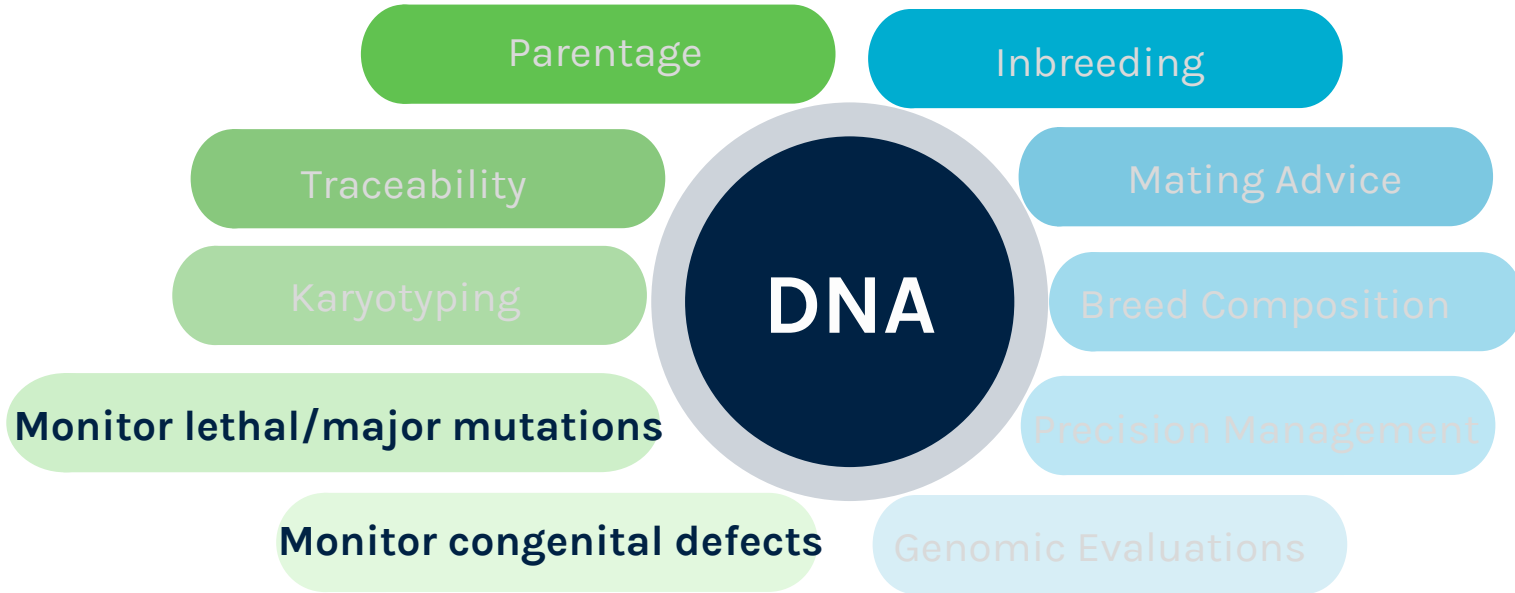


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Jun '16

# Beta Casein

Beta Casein Variant	Allele Frequency
A1	27.43%
A2	51.16%
A3	0.12%
B	3.96%
C	0.001%
E	0.02%
F	2.86%
I	14.21%
Unknown	0.25%

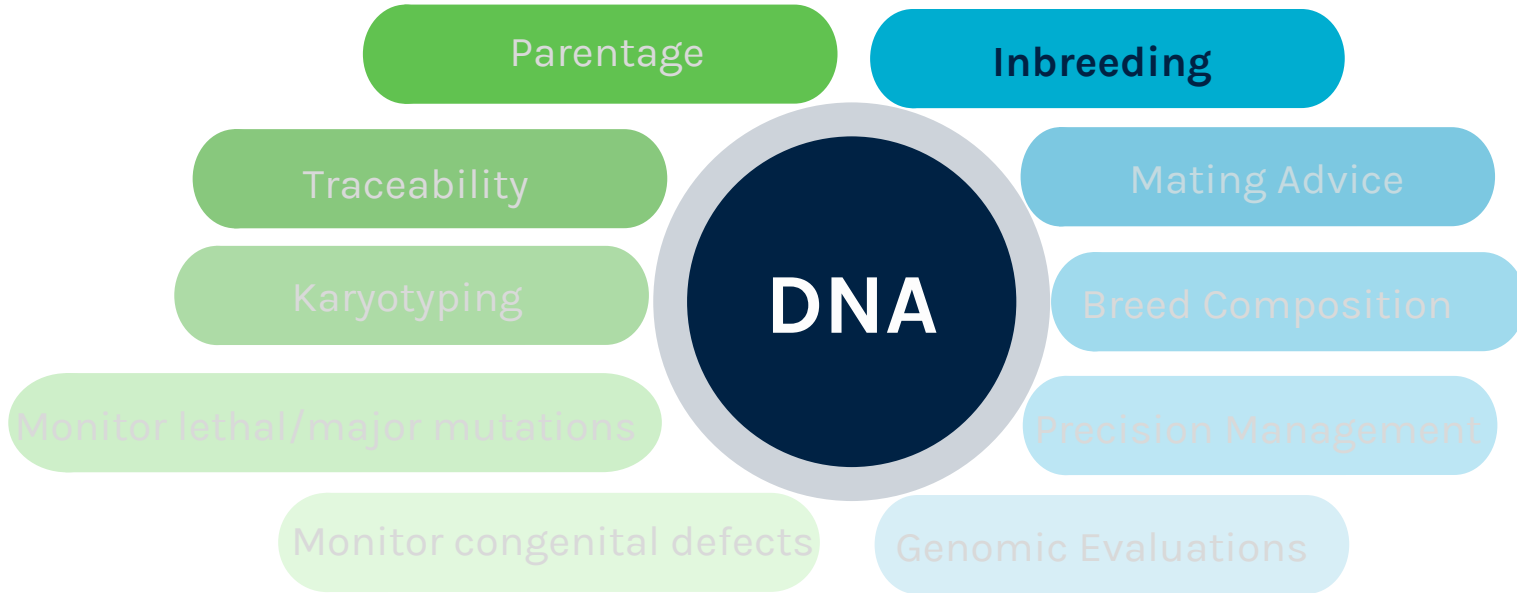
Beta Casein Type	Number of Animals	Percentage
A1 A1	36,114	12.26%
A1 A2	129,148	43.85%
A2 A2	128,117	43.50%



# Disease/congenital defects

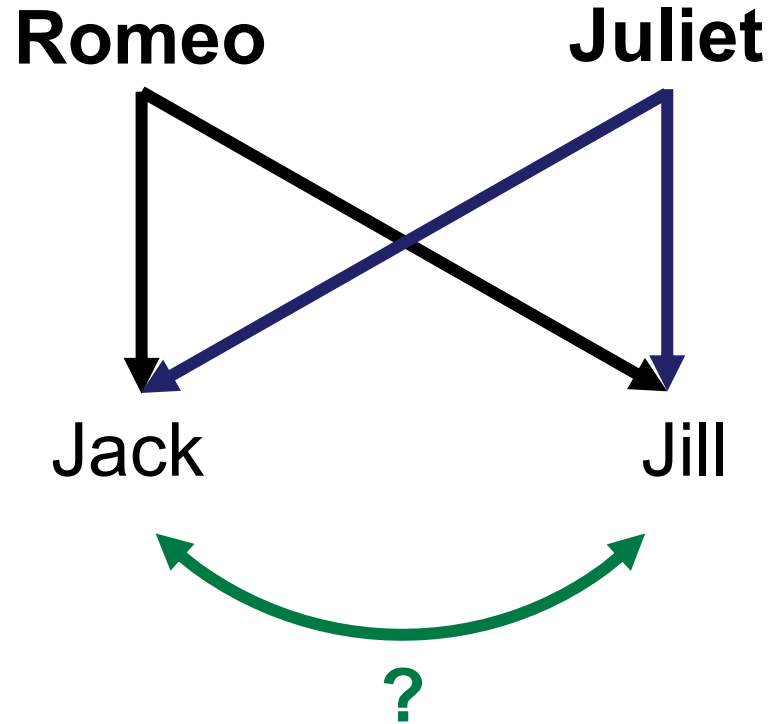
- **Colour**
- **Fertility**
- **Polled**
- **Congenital defects**
  - **CVM. BLAD, DUMPS, Brachyspina, dwarfisms**
- **Milk proteins**
  - **$\alpha$ -casein,  $\beta$ -casein,  $\kappa$ -casein**
  - **$\beta$ -lactoglobulin**
- **.....**

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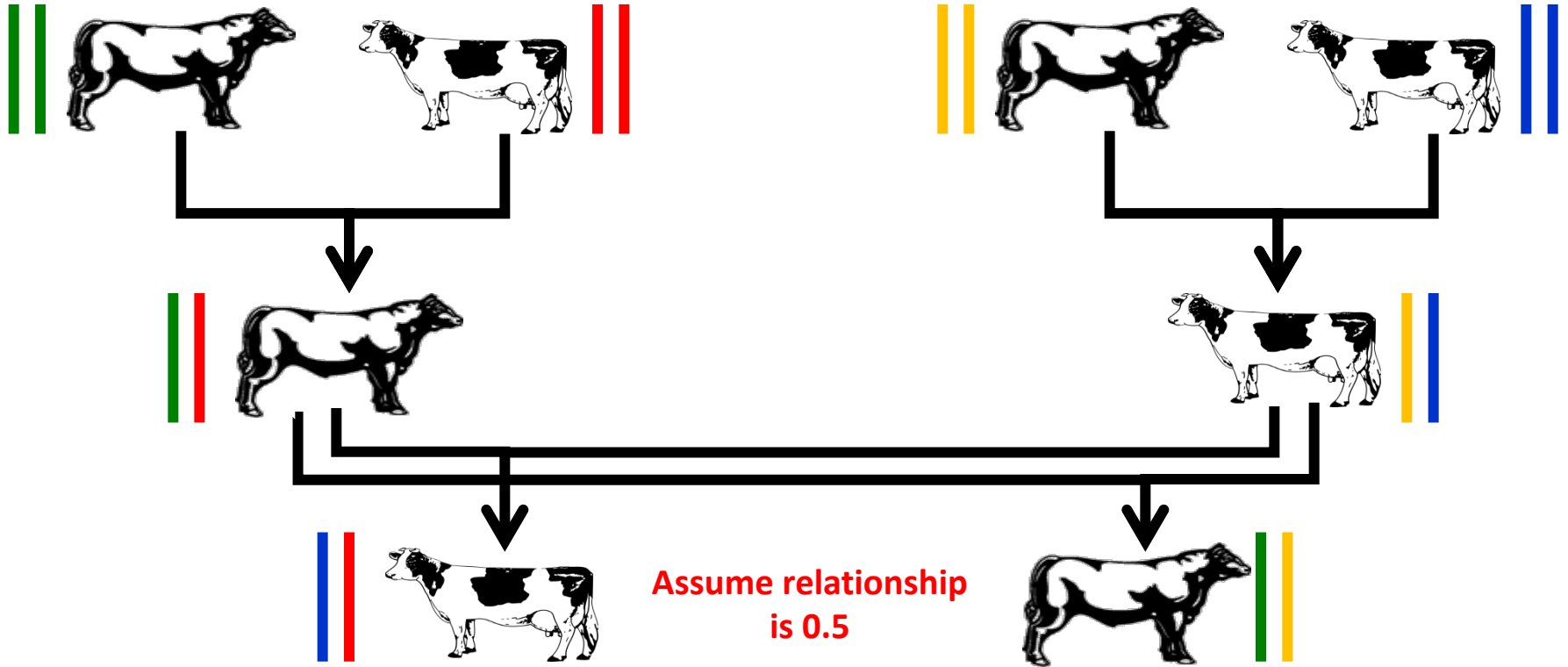




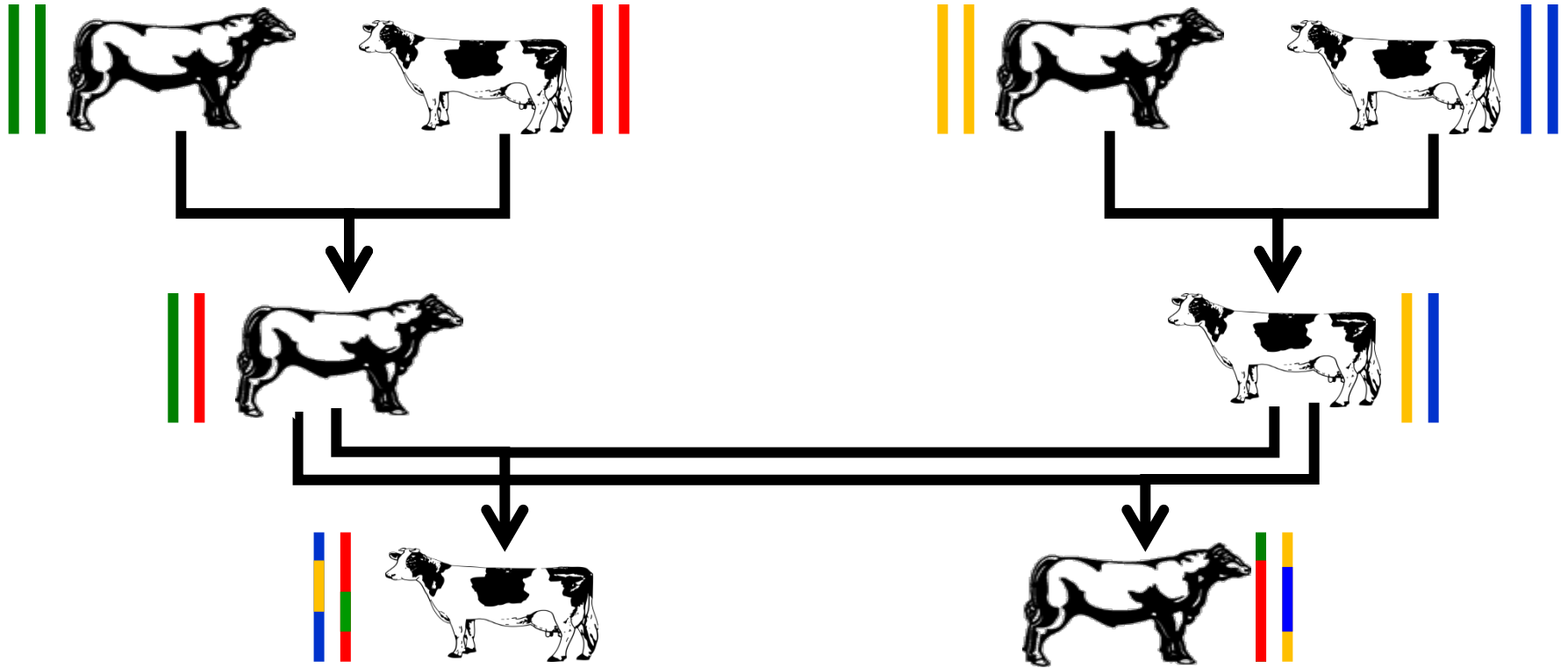
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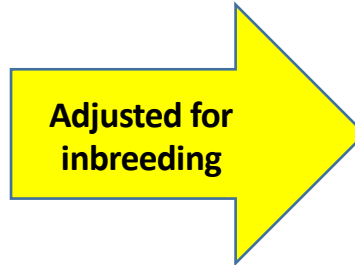
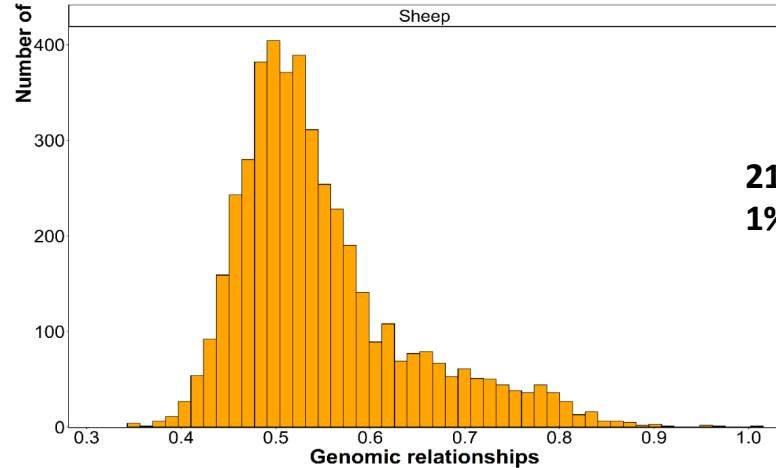
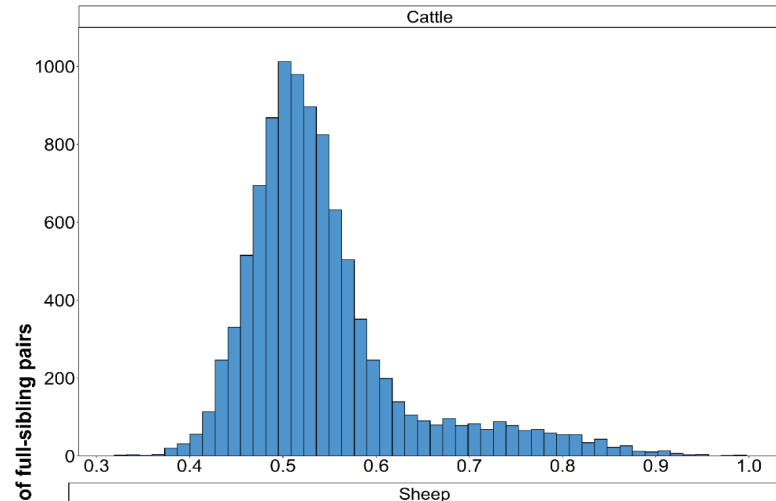
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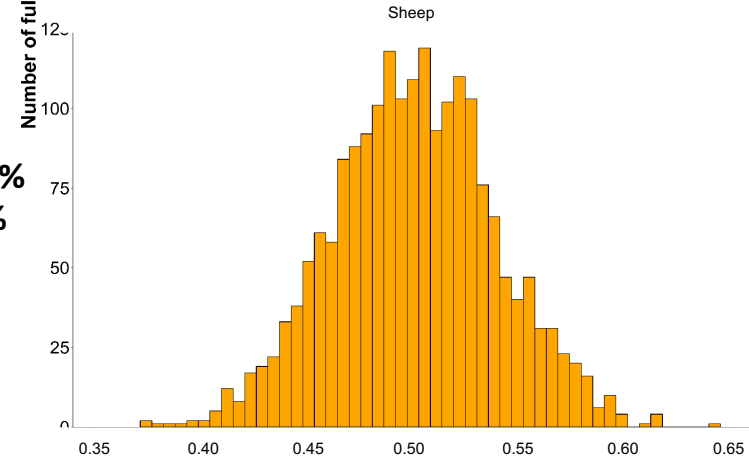
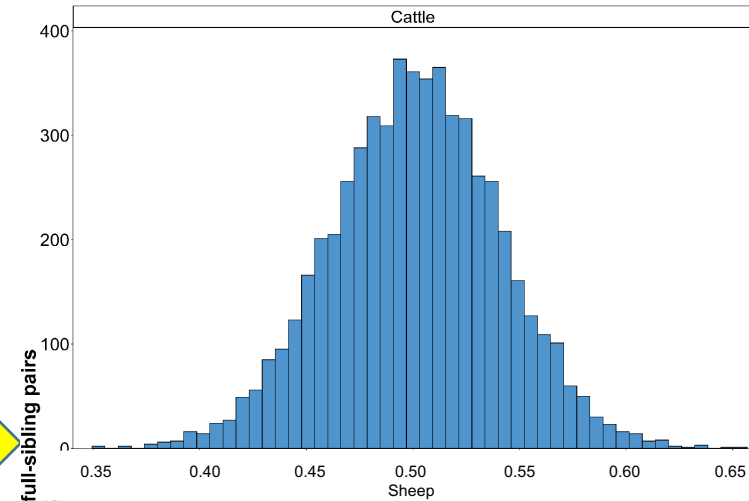
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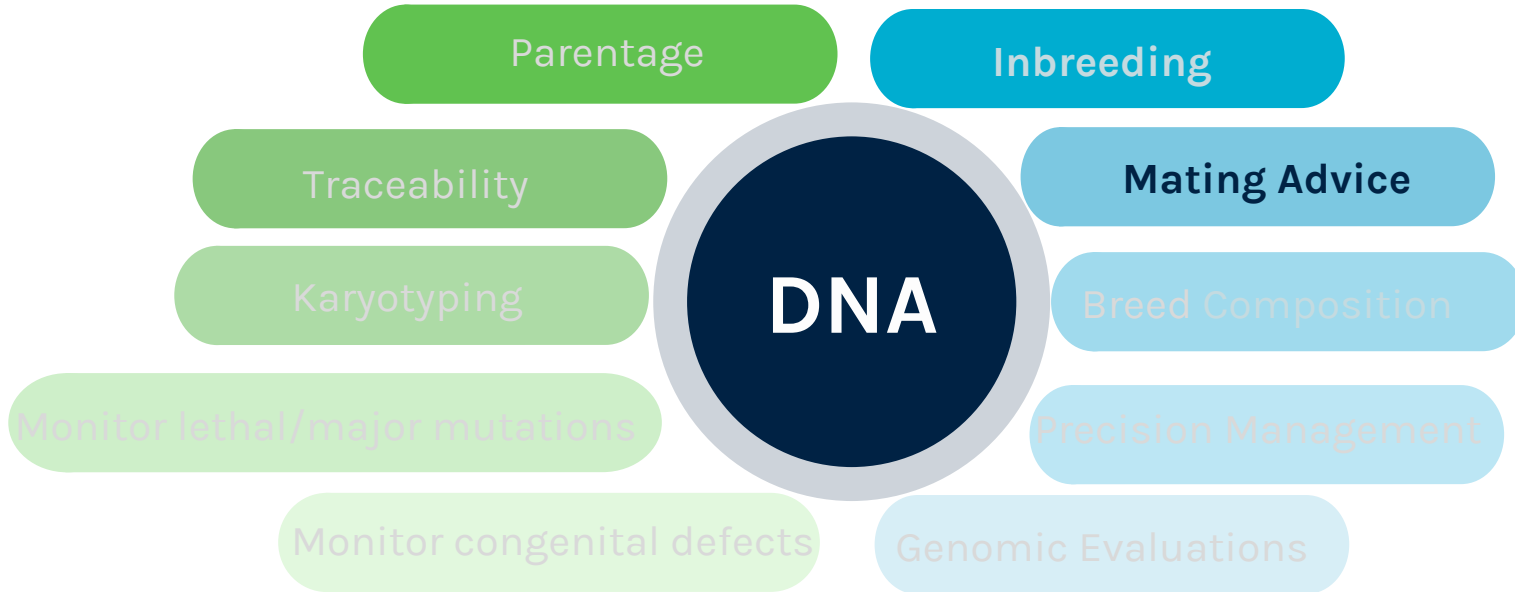
# Full sib kinship – true versus realised



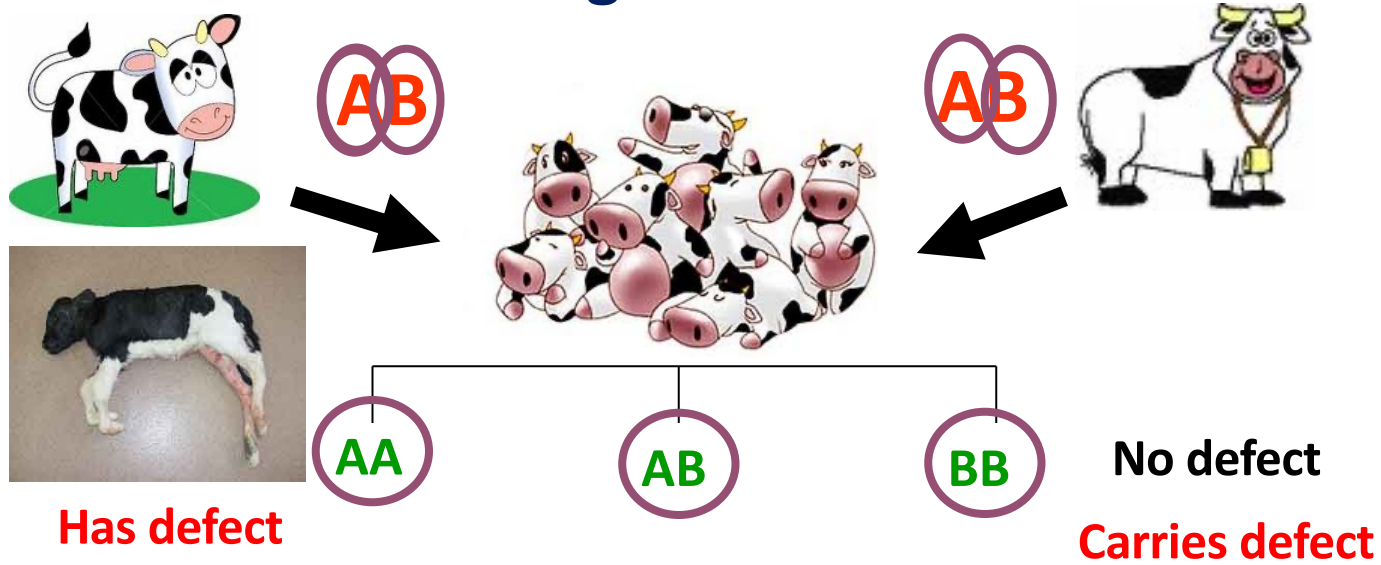
**21% of full sibs differ by >10%**  
**1% of full sibs differ by >20%**



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# Recessive genetic disorders



- Non-defect variant (B) expressed whenever present
- Defect variant is recessive “hidden” when with non-defect variant

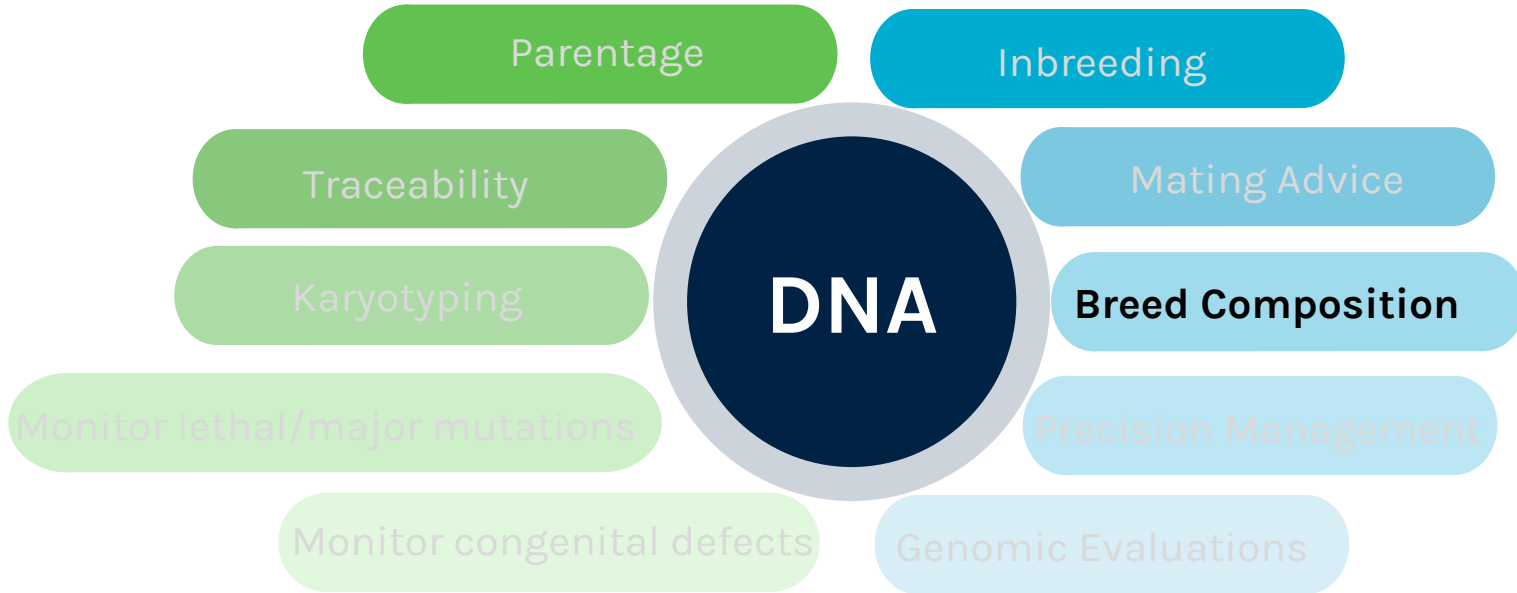
# Genome-enabled mating advice



**OK calving difficulty  
proof**

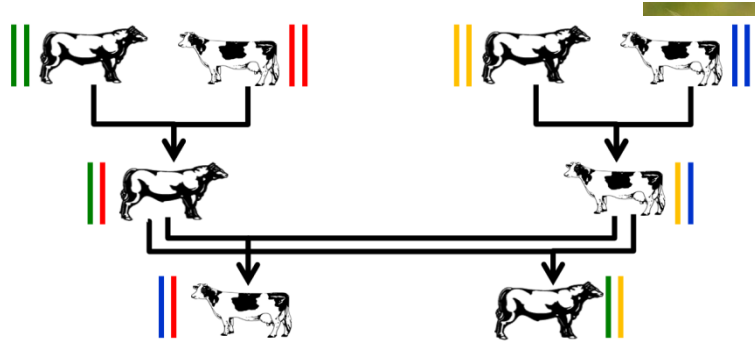


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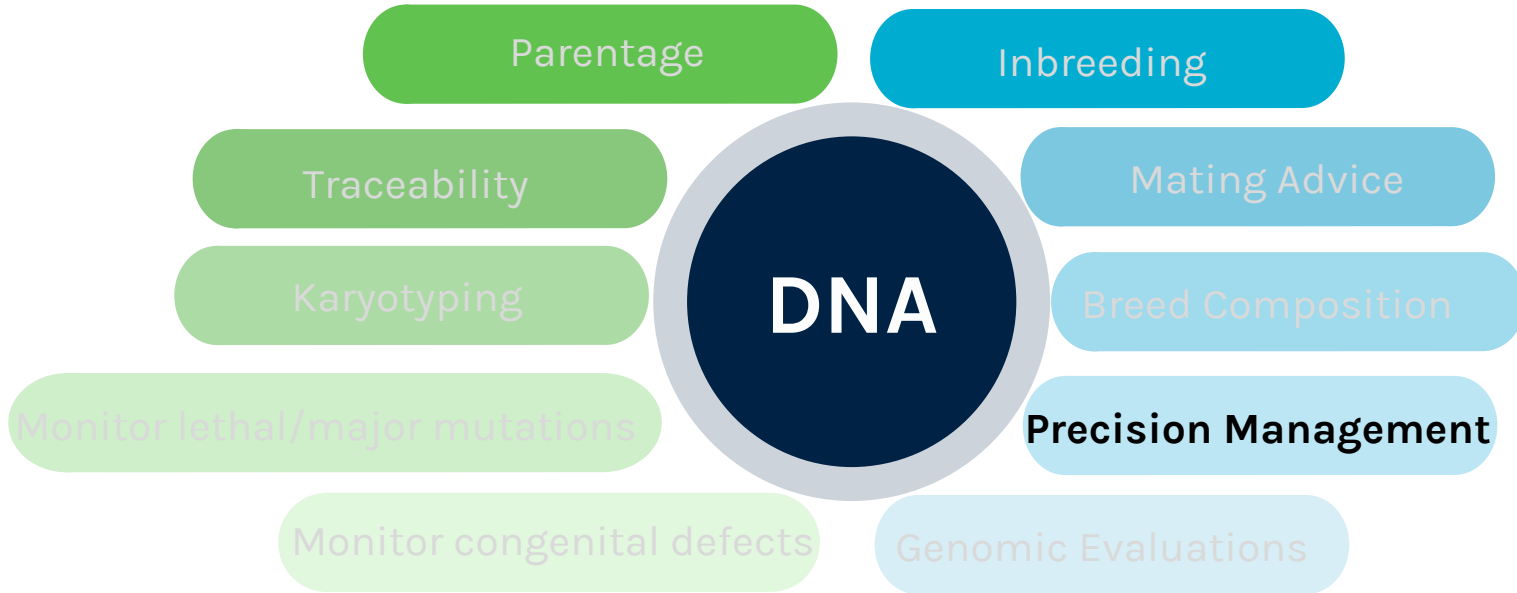
# How well do you know breeding?



50% CH : 25% HF : 25% LM  
50% CH : 50% HF : 0% LM  
50% CH : 0% HF : 50% LM



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# Real-life examples



- **BRAC1 & BRAC2**
  - 5 times the risk of breast cancer
  - 10-30 times risk for ovarian cancer
- **Enhanced screening**
- **Prophylactic treatment**
- **Management/chemoprevention**

# Take home message

