## **4 INNOVATIONS** SUPPORTING GENETIC EFFICIENCY

## **#3 HOMOGENEITY OF DESCENDANTS** (HD+)

## PERFORMANCE AND SUPERIOR HOMOGENEITY

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# « THE RIGHT DNA TRANSMITTED »



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#### WE GIVE YOU TOOLS TO MOVE FORWARD RIGHT NOW:

Our bulls are evaluated

Homogénéité de descendance

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**PRODUCT SHEET**: UNDERSTAND AND USE THIS INNOVATION IN YOUR HERD



#### **HOMOGENEITY OF DESCENDANTS CHALLENGES:**

#### To obtain the best possible offspring in relation to the dam.

- > When mating a female, one of the main objectives is to obtain a significantly improved progeny on one or more criteria
- > The choice of the bull aims to have a strong impact on this criteria. 50% of the sire's genes are transmitted, adding to the 50% of the dam's inheritance
- > The genetic value of the offspring fluctuates around the average of the sire and the dam

### The challenge of homogeneity of descendants is to be able to obtain a higher and more homogeneous level on a strategic criteria.

#### WHAT IS HD+?

**HD+** is the bull capacity to transmit a quality more regularly to his offspring. This is observed on a specific criteria.

Method: the knowledge of the bulls' DNA has made possible to project more than 500 random descendants and to measure the distribution of their genetic level.

#### Thus, HD+ bulls are not only very improving on one criteria, but «tested» for their ability to transmit this quality in a more homogeneous way:

- > To be labelled HD+, the bull must be in the top quarter in genetic level and in the top quarter in homogeneity of transmission to its offspring (standard deviation of transmission)
- > For HD+ bulls, less than 5% of the offspring will be less than 1 genetic standard deviation

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Examples :		
Bull	LIWAY SIL	NARADJA
Proof	+2,0 Feet & Legs	+1081 Milk
Population standard deviation	on +/- 0,3	+/- 300
HD+ bull effect	+25% of homogeneity	+13% of homogeneity





#### WHAT BENEFITS FOR THE BREEDERS ?

By using HD+ bulls on a female with a significant defect, it will be corrected in a more homogeneous way : the probability having an insufficiently corrected female goes from 17 to 12%.

For example, a female negative in Udder Health (-1.3) mated with NEEKENS HD+ bull in Udder Health (+2.7), the calf will be positive in somatic cells at 88%, against 83% for the average bulls.

For a 100 dairy cows herd with a genetic issue in somatic cells on 20 females, to mate the sensitive female with a bull HD+ in Udder Health, it is 1 to 2 females with 1 more lactation or 600 € savings per year.

#### The breeder will earn 10% perfectly satisfactory female rate on HD+ couplings.

PRINCIPLE OF EVOLUTION

BENEFITS FOR THE BREEDER