

Fact sheet

VikingGenetics



VikingGenetics is a leading provider of bovine genetic solutions for dairy and beef producers around the world.

Facts About VikingGenetics Foundation

- VikingGenetics is a cooperative built by farmers from Denmark, Sweden and Finland.
- Three cooperatives joined VikingGenetics: Växa Sverige (Sweden), VikingDenmark (Denmark) and Faba (Finland).
- 2008 Denmark and Sweden merged.
- 2010 Finland joins the merger.
- Today, VikingGenetics is **owned by approx. 20,000 dairy and beef farmers** from the Nordic countries. VikingGenetics is responsible for the joint breeding programmes in Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

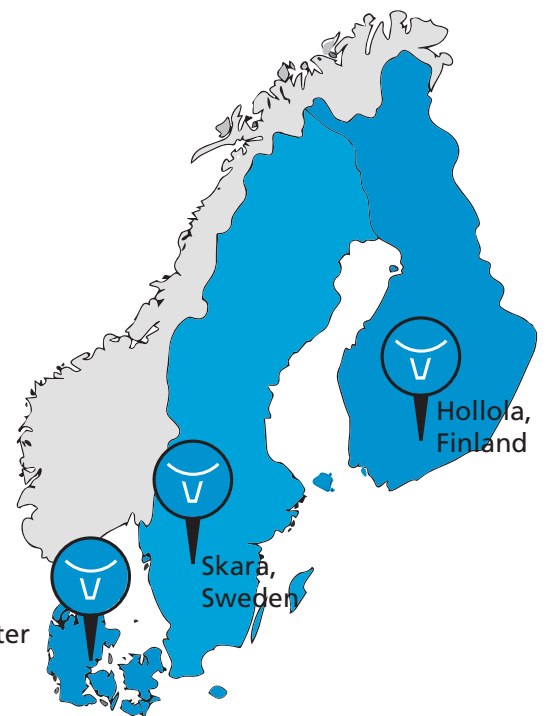
Operations

- The company genomically tests 6,000 bull calves every year, to select 210 for progeny tests.
- Three main breeding programmes: Holstein, VikingRed (Swedish Red, Finnish Ayrshire and Danish Red), Jersey.
- 150 employees in six countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Germany and Australia.
- Exports to 50 countries.
- VikingGenetics has daughter companies in United Kingdom, Germany and Australia.

Others

VikingGenetics uses latest technology such as genomic selection, embryo transfer and sexed semen in its breeding programs.

The company is also providing a substantial financial **support to the science**, which contributes to the progress in bovine genetics worldwide.



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Assentoft,
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Sweden

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Finland

Unique breeding profile

Strict veterinarian rules in the Nordic countries with restricted use of antibiotics have forced us to find other ways of keeping our cows healthy. **A unique registration system** with 900,000 cows report records make possible to have a **reliable breeding program**. The Nordic countries have both **the lowest use of antibiotics** in EU and the highest yield per cow. All economical relevant traits are included into **Nordic Total Merit index (NTM)**.



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