

Livestock Breeding

Terminology:

Animal breeding

more general
includes pet (dogs, ...)

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animals on farm
(cow, pig, sheep, goats, ...)

Important: Separation between (Concept)

Production

herd level (farm)

- Livestock to produce goods (milk, meat, ...) that can be marketed
- Main goal: Optimum production with respect to economic efficiency measured by profit (P)

$$P = \text{Revenue} - \text{Costs}$$

- Ex: Dairy Cows
the older a cow, the more efficient

Breeding

breed (Swiss French)

- From population of animals parents are selected, such that offspring are "closer" to a pre-defined breeding goal.

- Breeding goal (different traits)
→ 1. political

2. scientific

(1) Breeders as customers

(2) Define aggregate genotype based on economic import of traits