



**How does  
breeding  
contribute to the  
bright future of  
the Jersey breed**

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# Set clear breeding goals - and go for it!

Introduce new traits, - if they

- have an economic value
- are measurable
- are heritable
- have a good variation

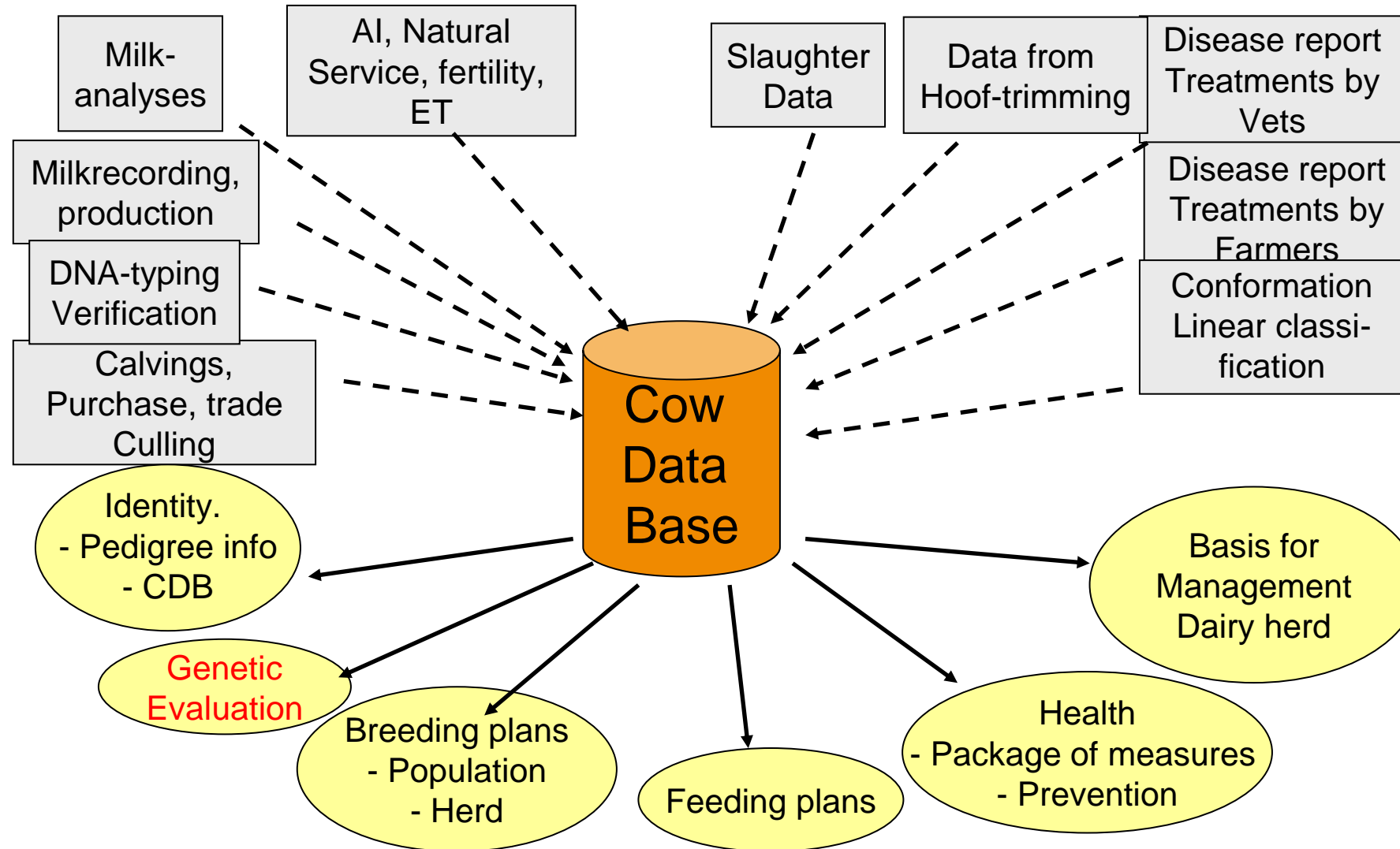


# New or "Next level traits"

- Emissions
- Water efficiency
- Heat stress tolerance
- Eating quality
  
- Harmonize the traits for World wide use
  
- AI is more than Artificial Insemination
  - It is also Artificial Intelligence:
    - In CFIT – 3D images used to measure feed intake, weight, etc.
    - In semen quality evaluation
    - In measuring when a young bull is able to produce semen
    - .... And many more to come



# Data is “King” - Make your data available



# Make use of an optimal breeding strategy - and stick to it



**Genomic test**  
of all heifers in the herd

- To have more reliable breeding values/selection tools



**Sexed semen**  
for top 30-50%

- Will be enough for replacement
- **Will increase genetic trend for preferred traits**



**Beef semen**  
for bottom 50-70%

- The majority to be male sexed semen

# Breed for more Feed efficient and Climate friendly cows - and get paid for it!

KPI	Unit
<b>Herd level</b>	
Milk production delivered to dairy	kg FPCM per cow
Cows	Number
Heifers	Number
Feed efficiency	kg DM per kg FPCM
Roughage share	% of DM
N efficiency, herd level	%
<b>Heifers</b>	
Feed use	kg DM per heifer
Heifers per cow	Heifers per cow
Age at first calving	Months

Race Lille malke race	Race Stor malke race
9430.01	10818.78
281.23	259.64
267.13	227.77
0.79	0.86
61.66	65.64
29.93	29.06
1480.66	2111.74
1.00	0.89
23.89	25.05

	CONVENTIONAL		ORGANIC	
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Butterfat price, GBP	4.93	4.98	6.15	6.27
Protein price, GBP	4.43	4.48	5.54	5.64
Deduction for milk collection costs, pence	-1.60	-1.60	-1.60	-1.60
<b>Raw milk value ppkg</b>	<b>34.16</b>	<b>34.57</b>	<b>43.06</b>	<b>43.89</b>
Best Quality	1.37	1.38	1.72	1.76
Climate check	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86
Sustainability Incentive	1.43	1.43	1.43	1.43
ONE Milk collection & volume bonus	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
Basic cost	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16
<b>On account price ppkg</b>	<b>37.97</b>	<b>38.40</b>	<b>47.23</b>	<b>48.09</b>

BF 4,20 \* 4,93 +  
P 3,40 \* 4,43 +  
Vol. (-1,60) →

# Monogenetic traits

**Make the best out of the positive ones,  
- if they have economic value**

- Pollednes
- Caseins
  - Cappa Casein
  - Beta Casein
- Fatty Acids
- Yellow fat
- And there might be more in the future

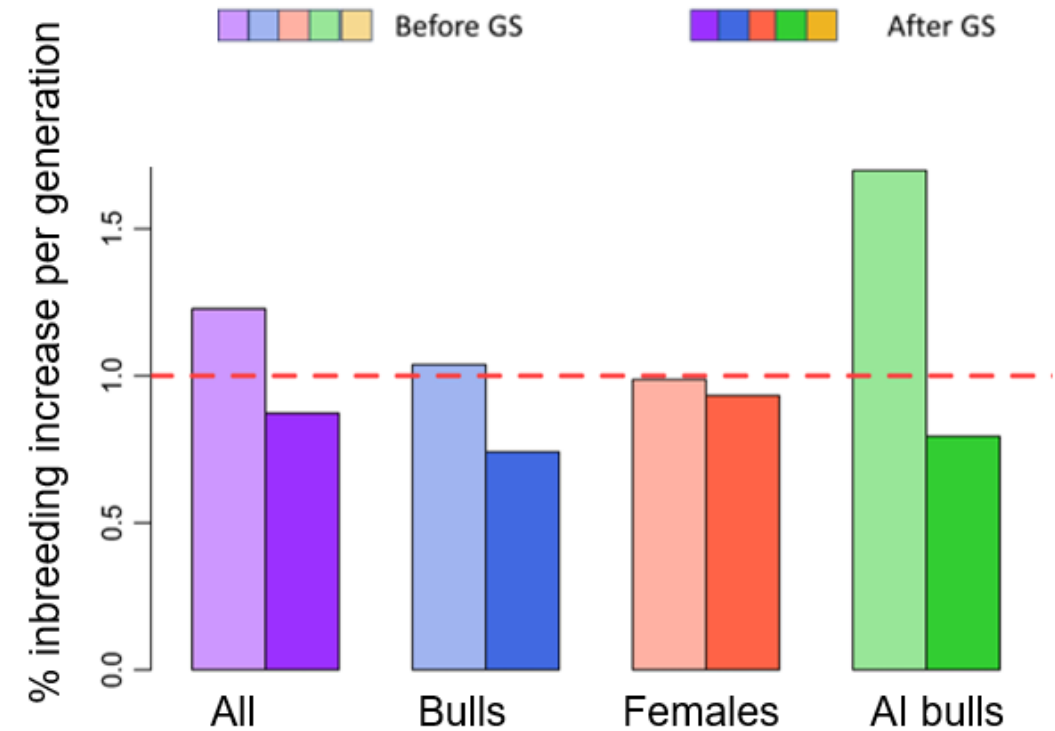
**Controle and eradicate the negative ones:**

- JH1
- JH2
- JNS
- RVC (Eradicated)
- **And there will be more in the future!**



# Control of Inbreeding

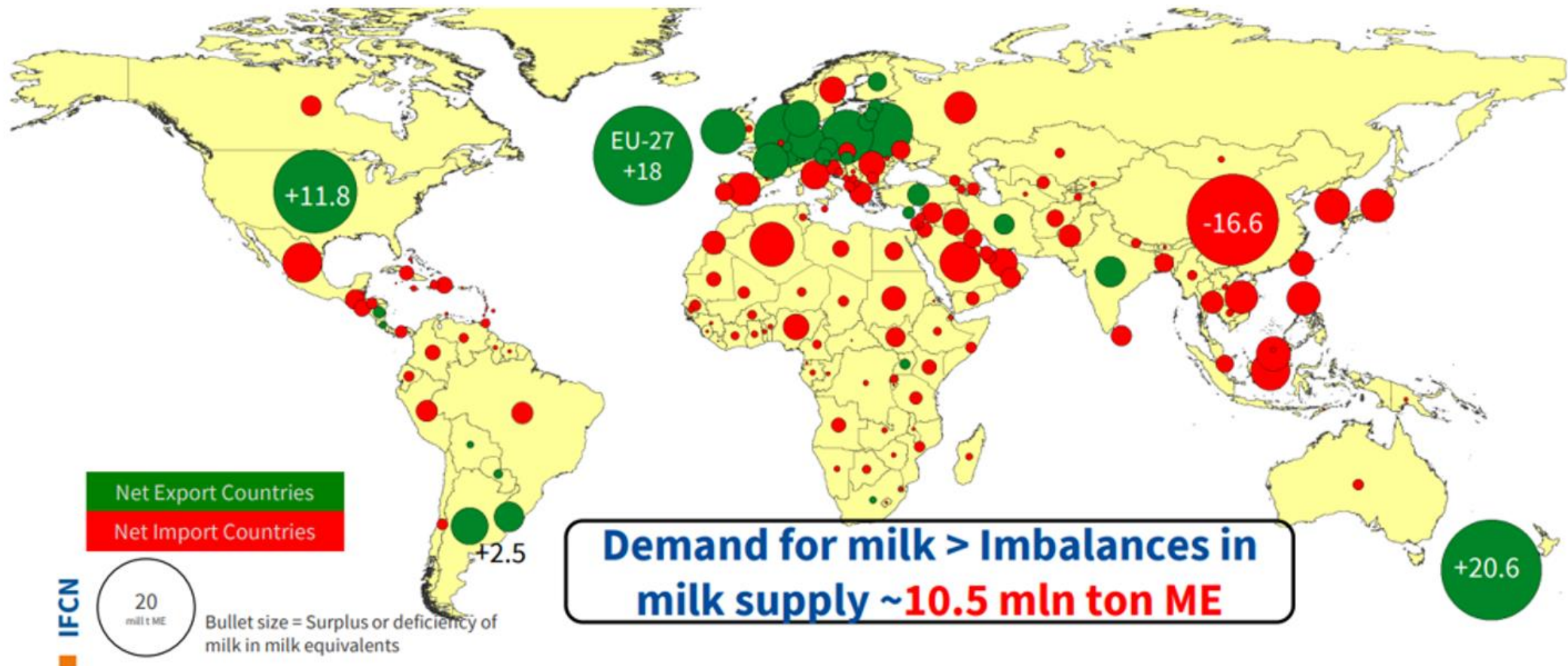
- Less “Bottlenecks” after genomics
- Bottlenecks are caused by individuals getting too much impact and increase the inbreeding level through own use, but also via offspring:
  - Bulls like FYN Tved, FYN Lemvig, DJ Hulk & DJ Zuma
- Focus & coordination prevent Bottlenecks
- Use Mating programs for Dairy farmers and bull breeding to control inbreeding
- Use of SoS & donor heifers from other populations
- Outcross!
- Less than 1% inbreeding increase per generation
  - FAO recommendations





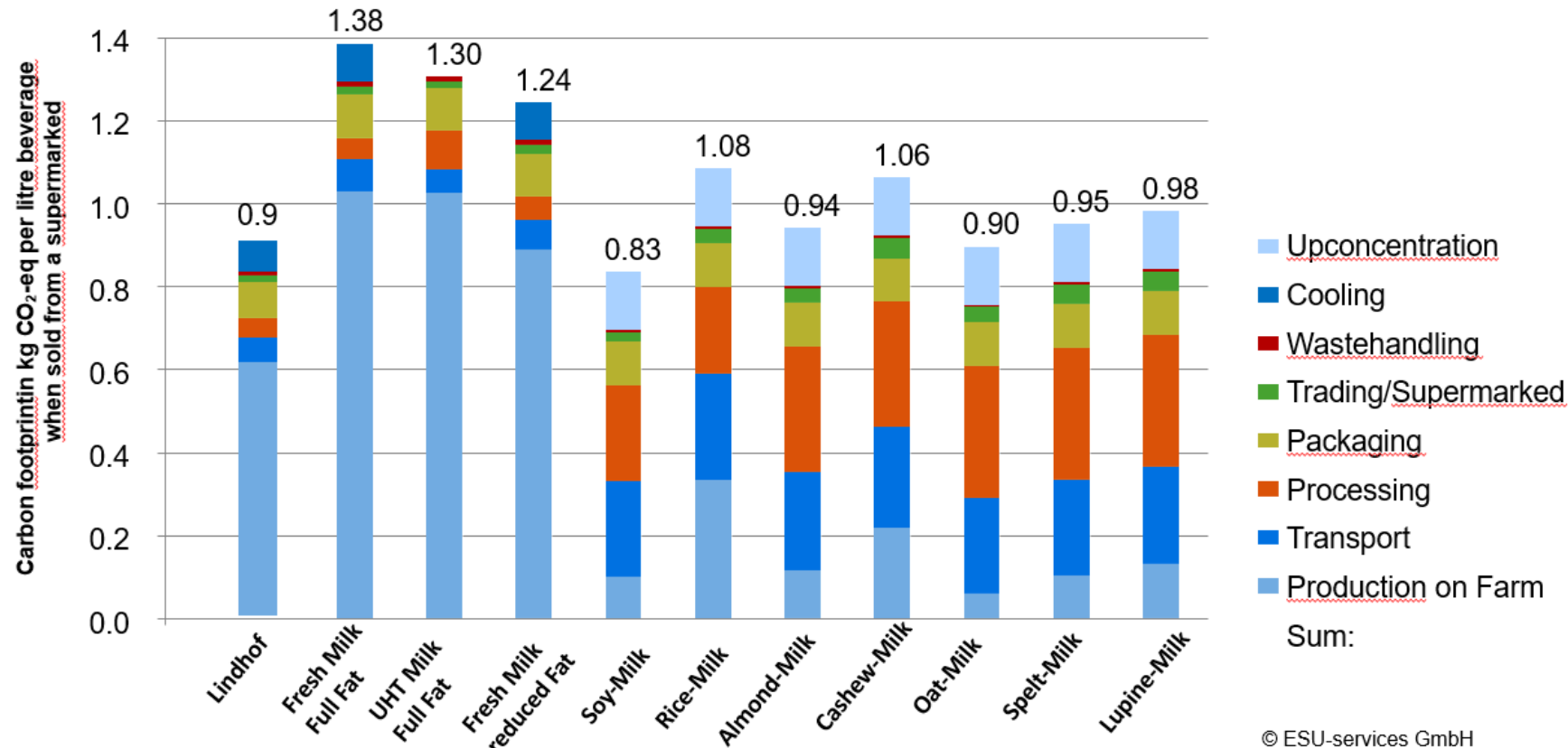
# Breed & produce for what's demanded - the demand is there!

- Global Milk & Supply 2030



# Encourage to – and finance more Jersey research

Outlook: Climate change potential of milk in comparison to milk-alternative drinks from the supermarket

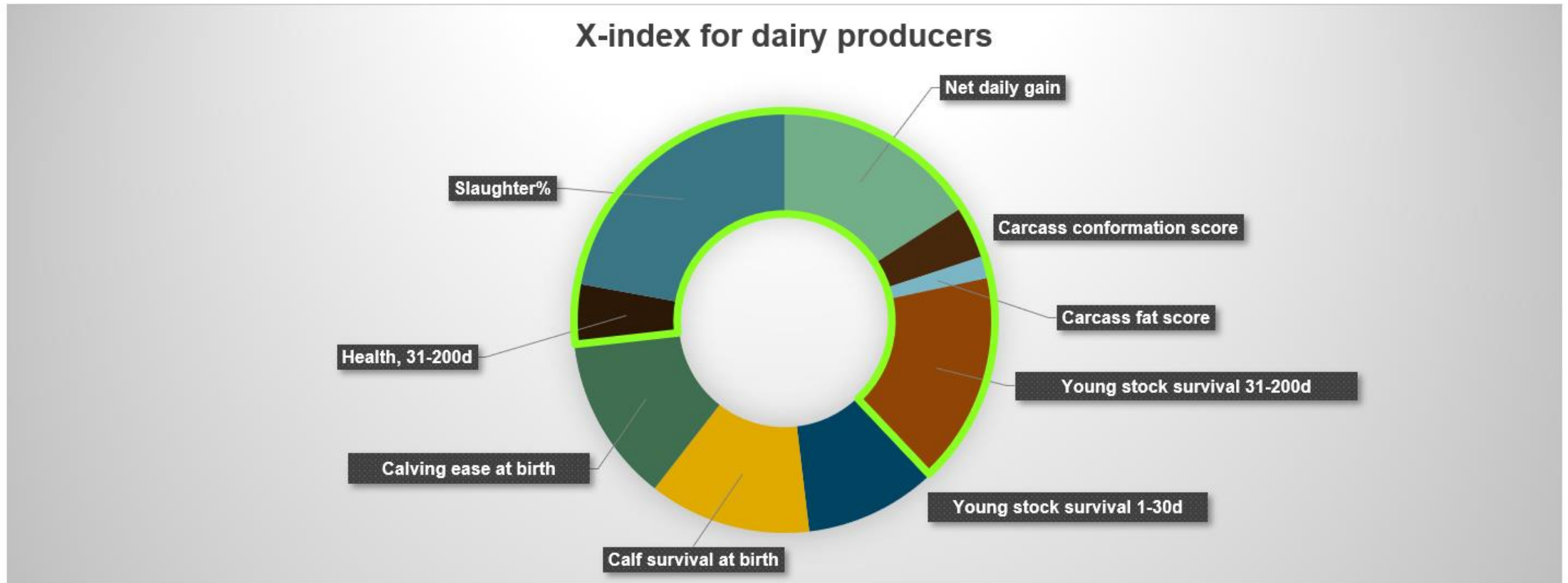


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Fig. 5.6 Comparison of the various milk drinks and fortified drinks for the greenhouse effect (kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq per liter ex supermarket, IPCC 100a, including additional influences from air transport)

# Add breeding values to your Beef x Jersey

- Payment due to genetic potential



# We need to

- **Be better than others!!!**

- More passionate
- More enthusiastic
- More focused
- More aligned
- More innovative
- More committed
- More & better links between our populations
- More of all what we do in Jersey breeding today

- **Then breeding will ensure a bright future for the Jersey breed**



**Thank you**