

Is breeding a methane mitigation solution for cattle?

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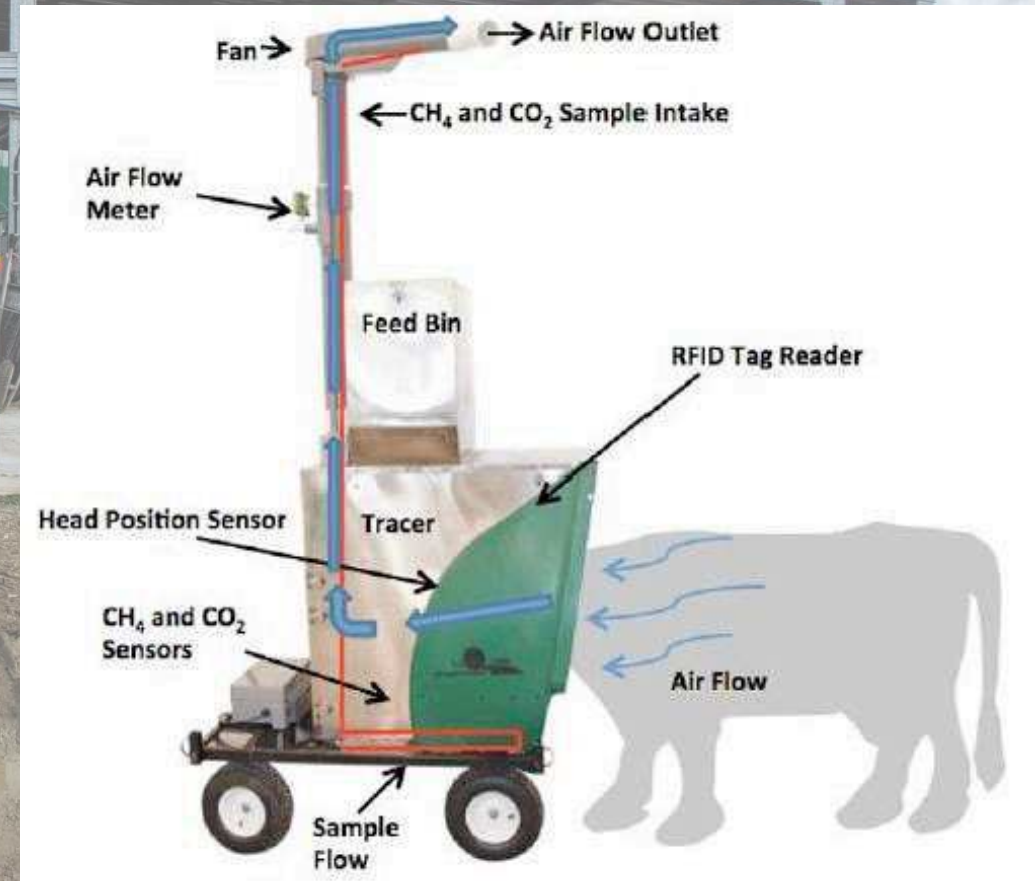
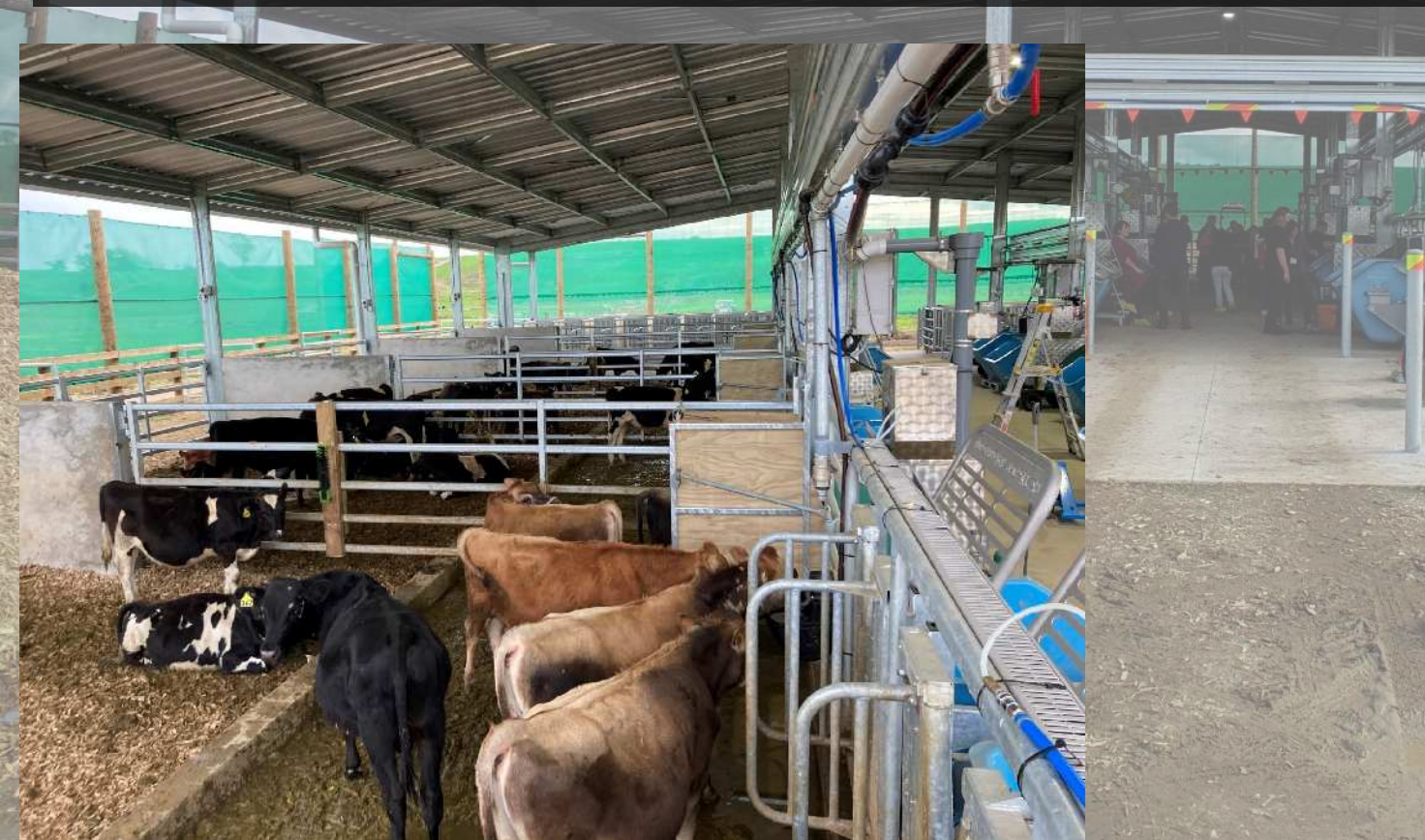


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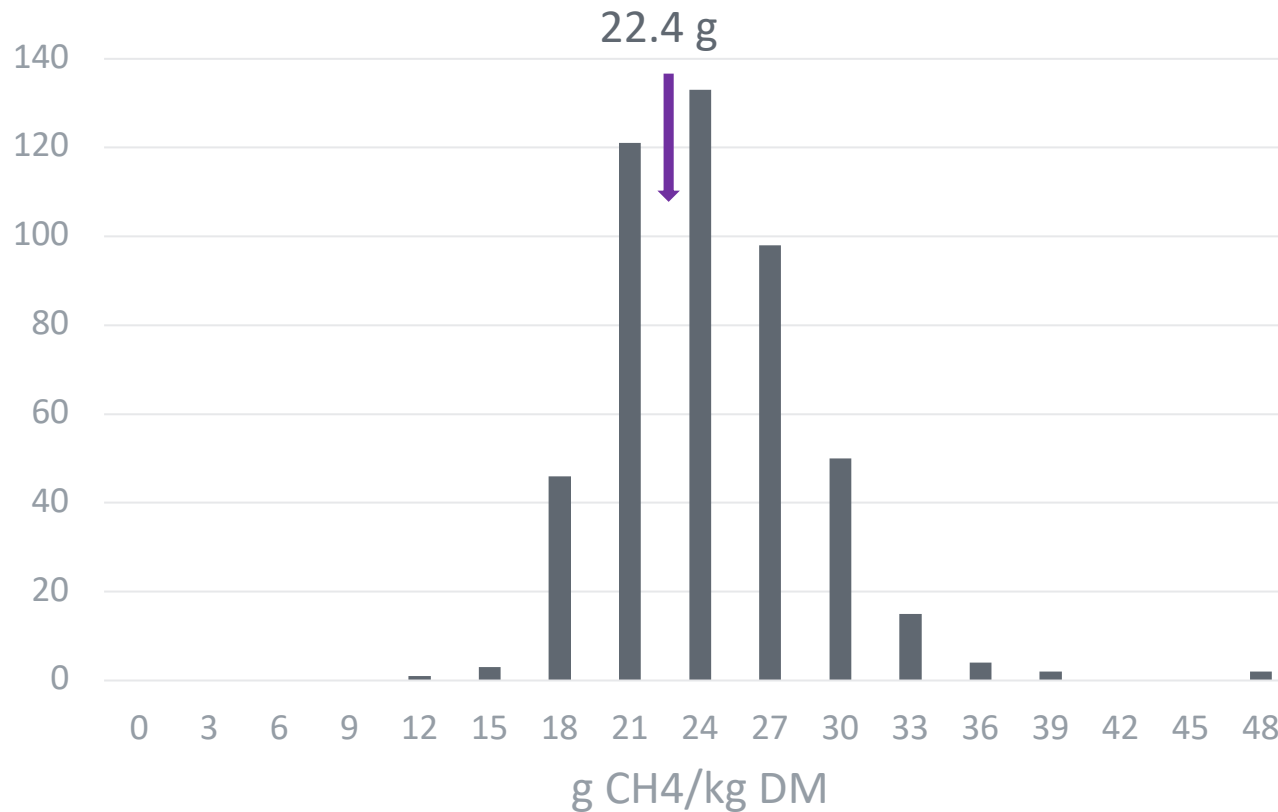


Year 3 of data collection, minimum 3 years required

Genetic correlations between CH_4 and other traits



Results to date



Heritability
around 0.1

77% of genetic variation in
methane remains after
accounting for variation in feed
intake

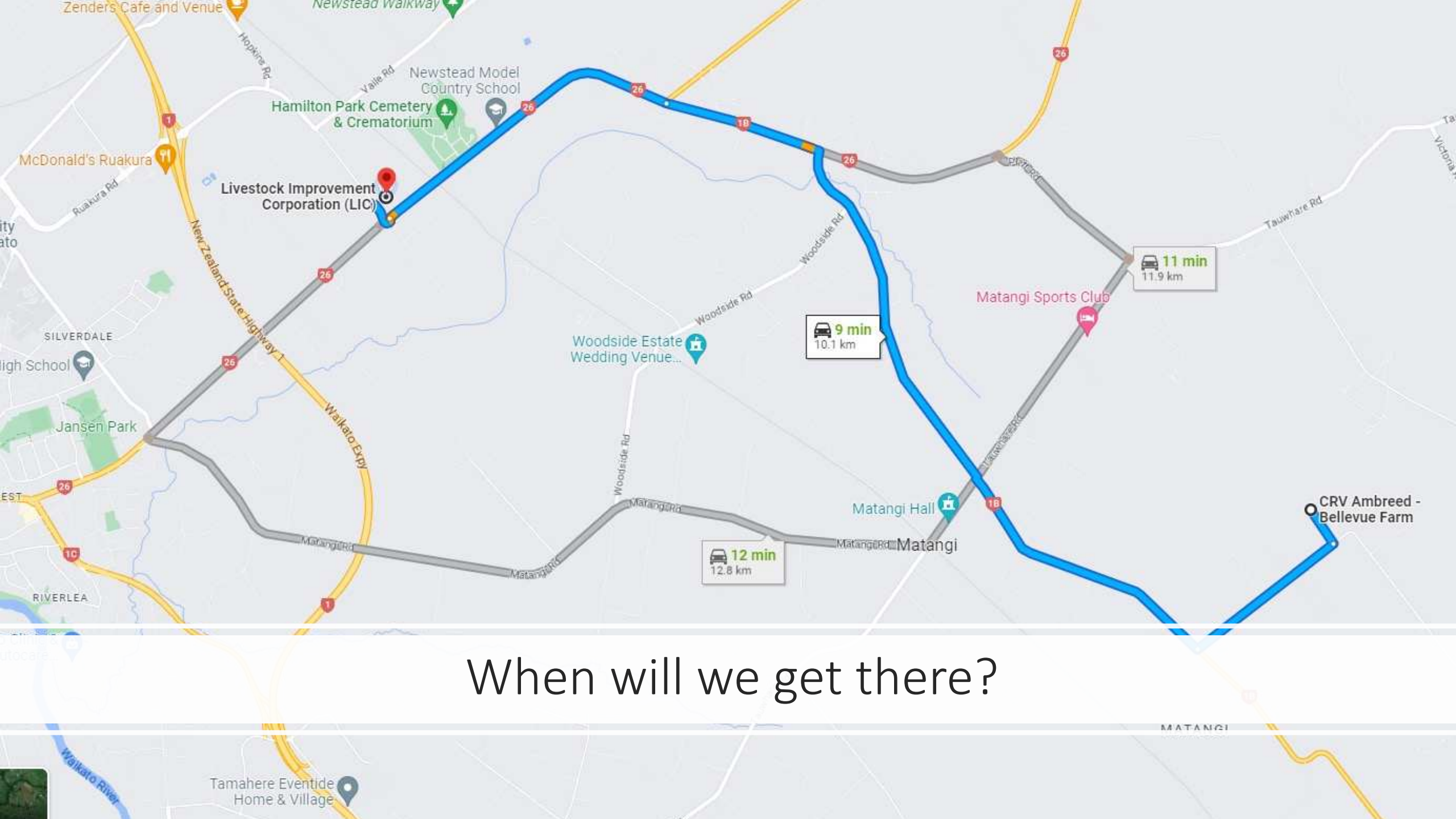
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Validation: Daughters in utero

+ve methane 200
daughters

-ve methane 200
daughters

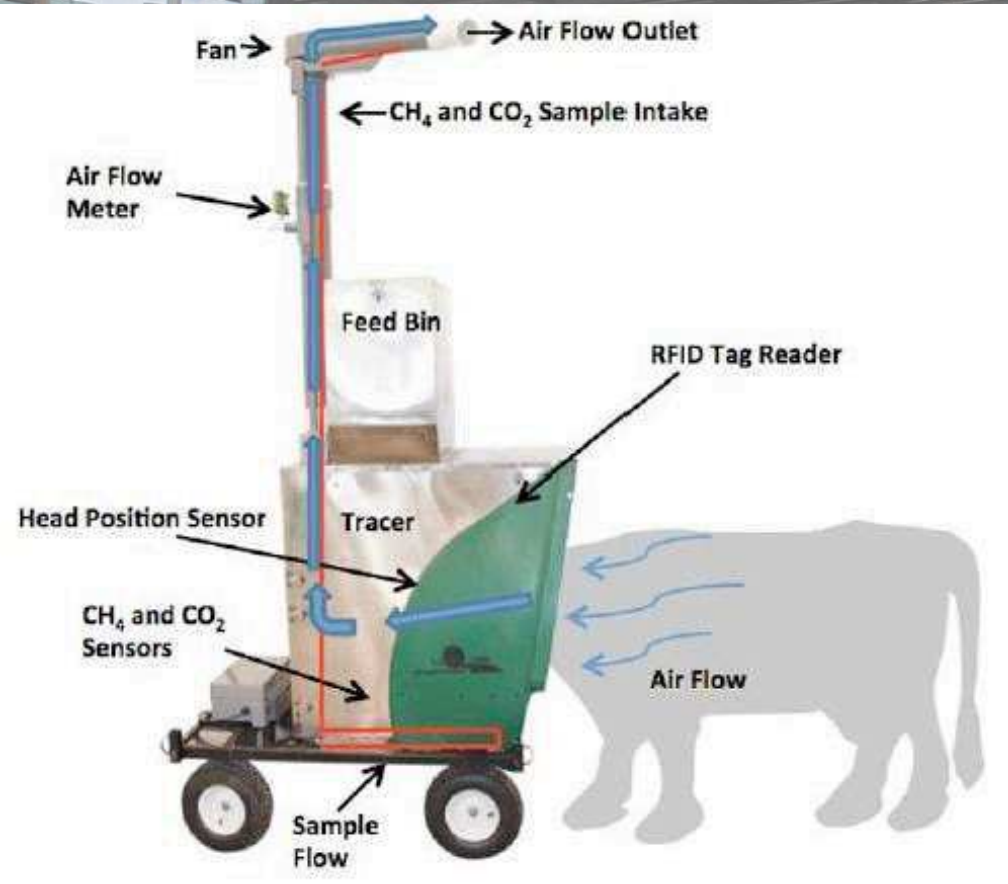




When will we get there?

Quality vs. Quantity of Data

2021 onwards
Bulls, methane and feed intake



Future
Lactating cows – lots of data

CowPac?
Sniffers at milking?
Zelp?



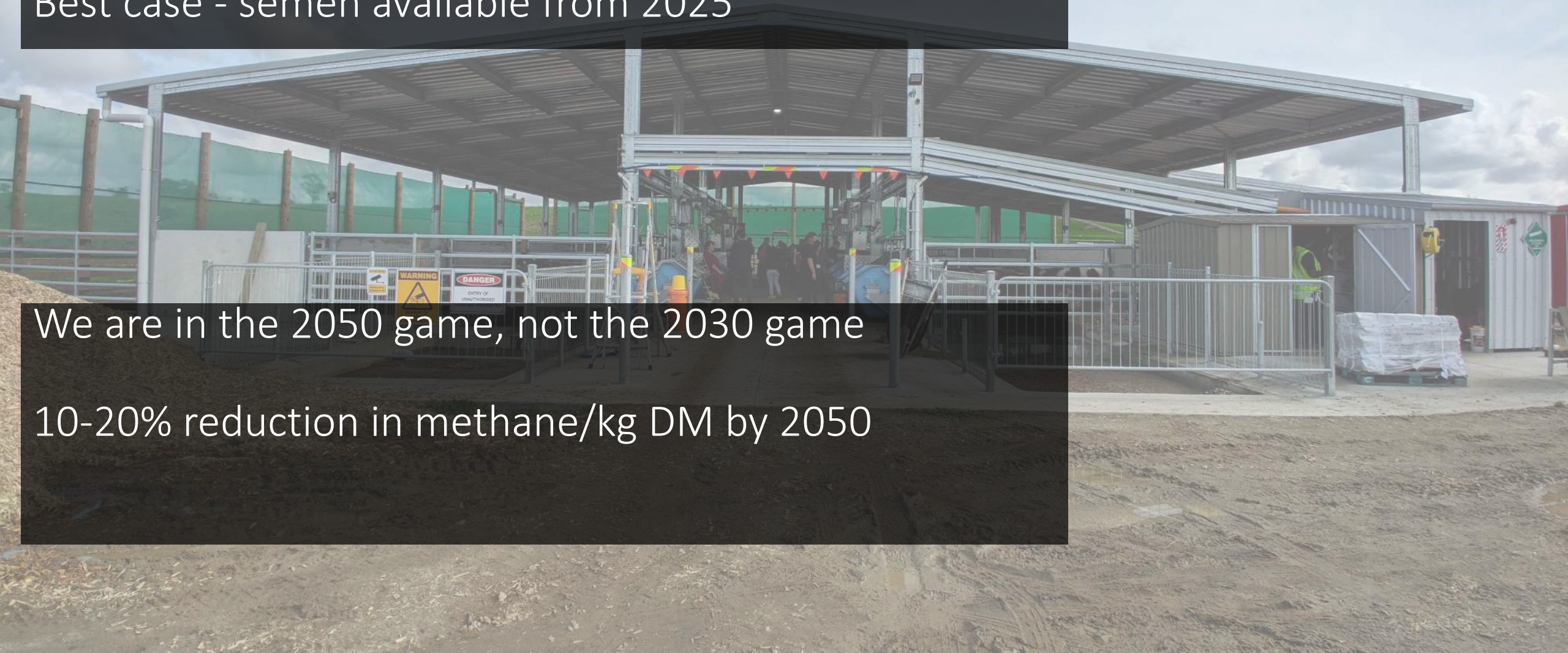
What's the impact?



Best case - semen available from 2025

We are in the 2050 game, not the 2030 game

10-20% reduction in methane/kg DM by 2050



Thank You!



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