

The importance of Nordic cooperation

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- Jari Loponen from Lopola farm in Ylöjärvi
- Member of Faba's board and dairy cattle breeding committee
- Member of Viking Genetics' board and breed ambassador group (HOL)
- Lopola farm with ~80 Holstein cows in free stall
 - Robotic milking



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NAV's role

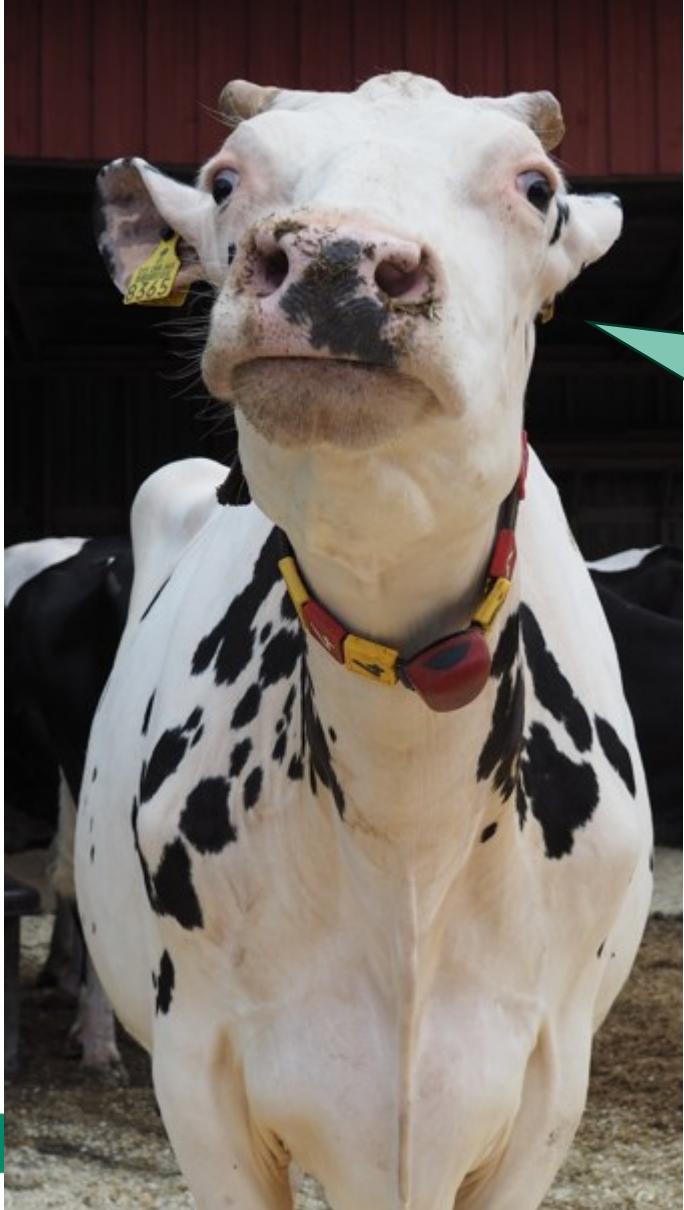
- Nordic cooperation started from NAV
- Made it easier to build up Viking Genetics
- Combining resources
 - Money
 - Workers
 - Coordination

Cooperation in many levels

- Development work
 - NAV workers in all three countries
- Management
 - NAV board members
 - Member organizations
- Deciding breeding goal - NTM
 - Farmers from all three countries

Future cooperation

- NTM stays in our hands
 - New methods and tools don't help if we don't have the right goal
 - Competition is hard especially in HOL breeding and we need to have a clear own goal
- Coordination of development work
 - Needs to stay cost efficient
- Important to have knowledge in all three countries
 - Communication in own language



**NTM is best breeding value for
Nordic Holstein!**