



Unravelling the genetics of animal health

Ever wonder why some people never get sick, but others always do?

The genetic make-up of individuals is partly responsible. Genetics is the study of how traits, such as hair colour, eye colour, or even disease, is passed on from parents to offspring.

Researchers at Teagasc, Moorepark have investigated the genetic variability among cattle for health traits. Analysis has revealed that the genetic make-up of cattle is a major component of the animal health puzzle.

The findings from this research can help farmers identify cattle that are more likely to become sick in their lifetime, so preventative strategies, such as vaccination can be implemented.

