

Breeding for environmental sustainability



Breeding nitrogen efficient grazing dairy cows Genetic variability in nitrogen efficiency and excretion



10% bes Percent Potentia Lactation Nitrogen

Potentia

I decrease	12	2,900 tonnes
	1.55	millions cows
n saved per lactati	on	8.3 kg/cow
n length	×	288 days
al improvement		30 g
genetic	×	11%
st cows - average		85 g/day







Methane output (g/day)

Lots of variability among similarly managed animals in methane output

Take home messages

Breeding for improved environmental metrics is possible





