

## DNA test for rare cow breeds

The Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands, at WUR, has developed a DNA test for threatened Dutch cattle breeds such as *blaarkoppen*. The test determines the breed of a cow for which there is no pedigree information. The cow can then be entered in a stud book. The more stud-book cattle there are, the broader the genetic basis of the breed, and the bigger its chances of being maintained.

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