



Precision Breeding Act

- Defra commissioned Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) to carry out a research project on precision breeding and animal welfare
- Aim of the project was to present Defra with options for health and welfare assessments in precision bred *pigs, laying hens, meat chickens, and salmon*, as the species closest to being commercialised using precision breeding in England
- Report: [Determining potential impacts of precision breeding on animal welfare - AW0521](#). Link on BHC website – Meetings section

What happens next?

- Defra will carefully consider the findings of the report and use it to inform the next phase of research and stakeholder engagement
- Commission further research to gather additional information to support the development of regulations for precision bred animals under the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023
- Opportunities for a range of stakeholders to be involved in the next stages