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The researchers now are trying to breed transgenic chickens that would lay omega-3 eggs, but those results are not expected for several months. They said "the obvious followup" would be transferring the gene to livestock to see if they can produce meat and milk rich in omega-3.

Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

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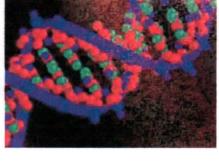
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"It would be little bit more difficult in a cow or pig," said the study's senior author, Jing X. Kang. "Overall, it would be guite similar and I think the outcome would be the same."

Researchers at several universities are experimenting with adding protective levels of omega-3s to foods ranging from ice cream to orange juice and salad dressing.

Breeding livestock that genetically express omega-3 would represent a radical change to America's meaty eating habits, and a potential bonanza to ranchers who have been riding a rollercoaster of high protein diets, mad







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