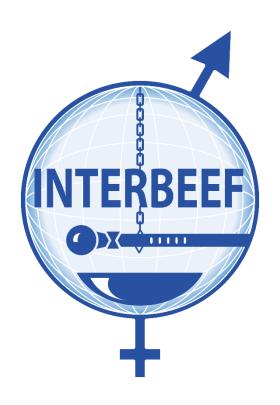


Interbeef Update.







Andrew Cromie, ICBF & Interbeef WG Chairperson. Interbull Business Meeting. ICAR Conference, Leewarden, April 2021.





Interbeef - Overview.





- A sub-group of ICAR.
- Objective; Developing and promoting the national and international evaluation of beef cattle.
- Governance; Working Group and Technical Group.
- Operations; ICAR contracts Interbull centre for the provision of services.
- Status; Currently 13 members and growing!

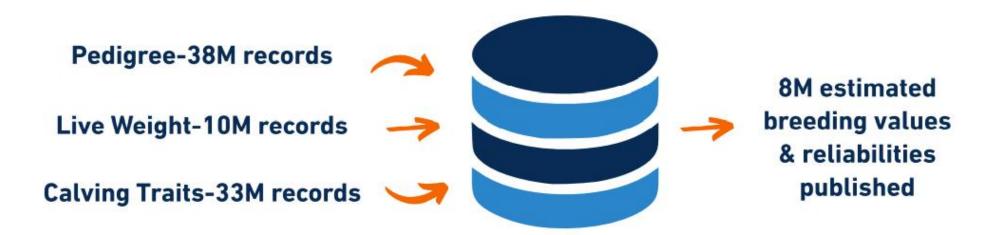




Current Evaluations – 2020.







In 2020, Interbeef provided official international breeding values across 13 countries and 5 beef breeds.

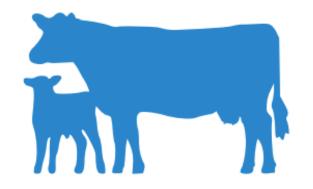




Interbeef – R&D











Female fertility:
Age at 1st calving & productivity

Carcass Traits:
Carcass weight, quality
& age at slaughter

Genomic Selection:
Development of a singlestep genomic model

- Research undertaken by members; Ireland, Germany, Czech Rep, Netherlands, Australia & Interbull Centre.
- Utilizing the Interbull structure (co-ordination, phenotypes, ped genotypes).
- Effective and efficient way to develop new services.



Highlights for 2020.





Network. Guidelines. Certification.

- New members => Latvia & Slovenia.
- New fee structure.
- Expansion of routine services
 => New trait/breed/country
 combinations.
- Interbeef webinar (Dec 2020);
 Working together for international evaluations of beef cattle.
 - Pilot evaluation service.

Interbeef Country Pilot run

Simple assumed genetic correlation with other countries

Fast calendar defined with the country
Cheap 1000€ per breed-trait combination

Valuable Estimate the possible gain of international evaluation

on EBV and reliabilities (non-publishable)

=> Opportunity to **try the Interbeef process**







Plans for 2021+



- New members => Italy & Estonia.
- Global Hereford project with ABRI-Breedplan.
- New carcass evaluations.
 - Beef from the dairy herd.
- GenTore (EU funded project).
 - New age at slaughter.
- New female fertility evaluations.
- Animal data exchange platform.
 - Exchange ID, pedigree, performance & genotypes.
- International semen exchange => genetic gain.
- Preparation for International genomic evaluations.

Inclusion of genomic data in Interbeef evaluations

Renzo Bonifazi, J. Vandenplas, J. ten Napel,

R. F. Veerkamp, M. P. L. Calus



- R&D nearing completion.
- LM breed, 7 countries, 330k 17k genotypes.
- Goal of bring forward as a ro 2022+





Interbeef — For more information.





INTERBEEF TODAY



Combined data = T

Evaluation methods



Validation and traits

Multi-country comparisons

Sharing knowledge



Sets guidelines for the identification, recording and genetic evaluation of beef cattle.

Uses a shared platform (the Interbull Data Exchange Area) to ensure a fully automated validation process of each member's data.

Provides a support network for members that helps ensure the latest developments in genetic evaluation methods are used.

Offers a pilot and test run service to incorporate new members, breeds and traits.

Provides country specific unbiased results (twice per year), to help enhance national and international beef breeding programs.

Provides members with a vibrant, interactive forum for the sharing of knowledge ideas. This includes at least two meetings per year.

- See ICAR & Interbull websites for more information (brochure, reports & seminars...).
- Come join a vibrant, growing group of people/orgs with a common purpose => national and international beef (& dairy beef!) improvement.



