

## Introduction

The latest routine international evaluation for females fertility traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twentyone (21) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for female fertility traits of bulls from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark-Finland-Sweden, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Japan and the United States of America and Slovenia were computed. Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Red Dairy Cattle and Simmental breed data were included in this evaluation.

Based on a decision made by Interbull Steering committee in August 2007, female fertility traits are classified as follows:

- T1 (HC): Maiden (H)eifer's ability to (C)onceive. A measure of confirmed conception, such as conception rate (CR), will be considered for this trait group. In the absence of confirmed conception an alternative measure, such as interval first-last insemination (FL), interval first insemination-conception (FC), number of inseminations (NI), or non-return rate (NR, preferably NR56) can be submitted;
- T2 (CR): Lactating (C)ow's ability to (R)ecycle after calving. The interval calving-first insemination (CF) is an example for this ability. In the absence of such a trait, a measure of the interval calving-conception, such as days open (DO) or calving interval (CI) can be submitted;
- T3 (C1): Lactating (C)ow's ability to conceive (1), expressed as a rate trait. Traits like conception rate (CR) and non-return rate (NR, preferably NR56) will be considered for this trait group;
- T4 (C2): Lactating (C)ow's ability to conceive (2), expressed as an interval trait. The interval first insemination-conception (FC) or interval first-last insemination (FL) will be considered for this trait group. As an alternative, number of inseminations (NI) can be submitted. In the absence of any of these traits, a measure of interval calving-conception such as days open (DO), or calving interval (CI) can be submitted. All countries are expected to submit data for this trait group, and as a last resort the trait submitted under T3 can be submitted for T4 as well.
- T5 (IT): Lactating cow's measurements of (I)nterval (T)raits calving-conception, such as days open (DO) and calving interval (CI).

Based on the above trait definitions the following traits have been submitted for international genetic evaluation of female fertility traits.

Country	Traits	Submitted traits and their definitions
AUS	T4=C2 T5=IT	Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate Calving interval converted to 42 days pregnancy rate
BEL	T2=CY T4=C2 T5=IT	PR=Pregnancy Rate ( $=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$ , with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ( $=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$ , with DO=days open) PR=Pregnancy Rate ( $=\frac{21}{(DO-45+11)} \times 100$ , with DO=days open)
CAN	T1=HC T2=CY T3=C1 T4=C2 T5=IT	NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in heifers (NRR), % CF=Interval from Calving to First Service in cows (CF) NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days in cows (NRR), % FC=Interval first insemination-conception in cows DO=Days open
CHE	T1=HC T2=CR T3=C1 T4=C2	CR=Heifers' Conception rate CF=Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF), days NR=Non Return Rate after 56 Days (NRR), % FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows
CZE	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)

	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)
	T4=C2	CR=Cows' Conception rate (pregnant or not after 3 months)
AUT/DEU	T1=HC	NR=Heifers' Non Return Rate after 56 days
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination cows (days)
	T3=C1	NR=Cows' Non Return Rate after 56 days
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=Days open (days)
DFS	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate for maiden heifers
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination cows (days)
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' conception rate for cows
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=Days open (days)
ESP	T2=CY	Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF)
	T3=C1	Conception rate
	T4=C2	Interval first insemination to conception
	T5=IT	Days Open
FRA	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate (binary trait) for maiden heifers
	T2=CY	Interval between calving and first AI
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (binary trait)
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
GBR	T2=CY	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
	T3=C1	NR=1st lactation non return at 56 days
	T4=C2	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
	T5=IT	CI=days between 1st and 2nd calvings
IRL	T2=CY	CI=Calving interval
	T4=C2	CI=Calving interval
	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval
ISR	T3=C1	CR=Inverse of the number of insemination to conception (%)
	T4=C2	CR=Inverse of the number of insemination to conception (%)
ITA	T1=HC	NR= non-return rate 56 days (heifers)
	T2=CY	CF=Days to first service
	T3=C1	NR=Non-return rate at 56 days (%)
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	DO=days open (days)
ITA(BSW)	T2=CY	CF=Interval calving to first insemination
	T4=C2	Days Open
	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval
NLD	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate
	T2=CY	CF=Interval calving to first insemination (days)
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate (binary trait) for cows
	T4=C2	FL=Interval from first to last insemination cows (days)
	T5=IT	CI=Days Open
NOR	T1=HC	NI=Number of inseminations (heifers)
	T2=CY	CF=Days from calving to first insemination (days)
	T3=C1	NI=Number of inseminations (cows)
	T4=C2	NI=Number of inseminations (cows)
	T5=IT	CF=Days from calving to first insemination (days)
NZL	T2=CY	PM=Lactating cow's ability to start cycling
	T4=C2	CR= Cow's conception rate at 42 days
	T5=IT	CR= Cow's conception rate at 42 days
POL	T1=HC	CR=Conception Rate (heifer)
	T2=CR	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception Rate (cow)
	T4=IT	DO=Days open
	T5=IT	DO=Days open

URY	T4=C2	Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate
	T5=IT	Days open expressed as Daughter Pregnancy Rate
USA	T1=HC	CR=Conception rate (heifer)
	T2=CY	CF=Interval from calving to first insemination
	T3=C1	CR=Conception rate (cow)
	T4=C2	DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate
	T5=IT	DP=Daughter Pregnancy Rate
ZAF	T4=IT	CI=Calving Interval
	T5=IT	CI=Calving Interval
JPN	T1=HC	CR=Heifers' Conception rate
	T3=C1	CR=Cows' Conception rate
	T4=C2	DO=Days open
	T5=IT	DO=Days open
SVN	T5=IT	CI=Calving interval (days)

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 CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES  
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Changes in the national genetic evaluation of female fertility traits are as follows:

JPN (HOL)	Decrease in information due to the pedigree updates.
AUS (ALL)	Decrease in information due to the pedigree updates and status changes of some bulls which then leads to no longer qualifying.
CHE (ALL)	Decrease in information due to the manual edits/ data correction in data base, change of hys assignment
ITA (BSW)	Decrease in information due to routine database adjustments.
POL (HOL)	Decrease in information due to data edits
USA (ALL)	Decrease in information due to the pedigree correction and heard-year minimum edits.
NZL (ALL)	Decrease in information due to continuous DNA parentage testing and some update in phenotype records.
ESP (HOL)	Base change
CZE (HOL)	Drop in information due to trimming old insemintaion phenotypes: since last evaluation the second half of year 2007 has been trimmed. Pedigree verification

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ROUTINE RUN  
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Post-processing Windows:  
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According to the decision taken by ITC in Orlando (2015) to review the post-processing windows every 5 years, during the 2020 the relative working group has been re-activated and new windows have been identified.

As before, the upper bounds have been set to 0.99 as these were judged to have very little effect on evaluations while the lower values have been reduced to the 10th percentile. This reduction would provide post-processed correlations to be closer to the real estimated ones. Over the past five years, in fact, the previous adopted lower value (25th percentile) had been found too high causing estimated and post-processed correlations to differ significantly from each other. The new lower values have been applied to all breeds and traits.

The weight assigned to the magnitude of the changes tested by each country has also been revised. The new weight will allow post-processed correlations to take more in consideration the value of the new estimated ones even when no changes are applied by the countries.

The new weights are as follows:

No changes	:: 2
Small changes	:: 1
Big changes	:: 0

More information can be read on [https://interbull.org/ib/rg\\_procedure](https://interbull.org/ib/rg_procedure)

#### DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

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Data were national genetic evaluations of AI sampled bulls with at least 10 daughters or 10 EDC (for clinical mastitis and maternal calving traits at least 50 daughters or 50 EDC, and for direct calving traits at least 50 calvings or 50 EDC) in at least 10 herds. Table 1 presents the amount of data included in this Interbull evaluation for all breeds.

National proofs were first de-regressed within country and then analysed jointly with a linear model including the effects of evaluation country, genetic group of bull and bull merit. Heritability estimates used in both the de-regression and international evaluation were as in each country's national evaluation.

Table 2 presents the date of evaluation as supplied by each country

Estimated genetic parameters and sire standard deviations are shown in APPENDIX I and the corresponding number of common bulls are listed in APPENDIX II.

#### SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

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The international genetic evaluation procedure is based on international work described in the following scientific publications:

International genetic evaluation computation:

Schaeffer. 1994. J. Dairy Sci. 77:2671-2678

Klei, 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:3-7

Verification and Genetic trend validation:

Klei et al., 2002. Interbull Bulletin 29:178-182.

Boichard et al., 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:431-437

Weighting factors:

Fikse and Banos, 2001. J. Dairy Sci. 84:1759-1767

De-regression:

Sigurdsson and G. Banos. 1995. Acta Agric. Scand. 45:207-219

Jairath et al. 1998. J. Dairy Sci. Vol. 81:550-562

Genetic parameter estimation:

Klei and Weigel, 1998, Interbull Bulletin 17:8-14

Sullivan, 1999. Interbull Bulletin 22:146-148

Post-processing of estimated genetic correlations:

Mark et al., 2003, Interbull Bulletin 30:126-135

Jorjani et al., 2003. J. Dairy Sci. 86:677-679

<https://wiki.interbull.org/public/rG%20procedure?action=print>

Time edits

Weigel and Banos. 1997. J. Dairy Sci. 80:3425-3430

International reliability estimation

Harris and Johnson. 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:31-36

#### NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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Dates for the next routine evaluation can be found on <http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

#### NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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Dates for the next test run can be found on <http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL ROUTINE RUN

Results were distributed by the Interbull Centre to designated representatives in each country. The international evaluation file comprised international proofs expressed on the base and unit of each country included in the analysis. Such records readily provide more information on bull performance in various countries, thereby minimizing the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honor the agreed code of practice, decided by the Interbull Steering Committee, and only publish international evaluations on their own country scale. Evaluations expressed on another country scale are confidential and may only be used internally for research and review purposes.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL TEST RUN

Test evaluation results are meant for review purposes only and should not be published.

^LTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for fertility (August Routine Evaluation 2023).  
Number of records for lactating cow's ability to conceive (cc2) by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS		149	8728	1857	790	
BEL			2106			
CAN	184	50	10297	643	595	
CHE	3009		3274			
CZE			3648			
DEA	4937					
DEU			25558		316	
DFS			17362	2512	10601	
ESP			6610			
EST						
FRA	436		17222			
FRM						
GBR	110	253	7620	621	462	
HUN						
IRL			3333	242	75	
ISR			1659			
ITA	1959		9400			
JPN			6611			
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	220		16593	246	96	
NOR					3117	
NZL	55	49	8483	4883	1327	
POL			9095			
PRT						
SVK						
SVN						
URY			1953			
USA	1197	796	42128	5315	795	
ZAF			1276	748	158	
HRV						
CAM						
No. Records	12107	1297	202956	17067	18332	
Pub. Proofs	10664	1071	158535	14194	18099	0

^LAPPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

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 BSW hco  
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	CAN	DEA	FRA	USA	CHE	NLD
CAN	9.40					
DEA	0.86	9.89				
FRA	0.77	0.86	0.88			
USA	0.78	0.80	0.88	2.63		
CHE	0.90	0.94	0.87	0.81	13.17	
NLD	0.79	0.65	0.74	0.75	0.67	4.62

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 BSW crc  
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	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.80								
CHE	0.82	11.36							
DEA	0.78	0.95	15.00						
NLD	0.83	0.87	0.86	3.60					
NZL	0.61	0.61	0.69	0.62	0.12				
USA	0.77	0.84	0.81	0.79	0.60	8.13			
GBR	0.71	0.70	0.63	0.74	0.64	0.73	3.95		
FRA	0.82	0.96	0.95	0.88	0.63	0.84	0.74	1.78	
ITA	0.82	0.78	0.79	0.80	0.65	0.78	0.74	0.81	16.21

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 BSW cc1  
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	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	7.55						
CHE	0.82	11.79					
DEA	0.79	0.94	11.47				
NLD	0.75	0.70	0.67	3.91			
USA	0.75	0.68	0.67	0.81	2.85		
GBR	0.77	0.81	0.78	0.71	0.68	0.03	
FRA	0.74	0.69	0.67	0.84	0.88	0.72	0.96

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 BSW cc2  
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	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	6.60								
CHE	0.78	11.10							
DEA	0.77	0.93	12.29						
NLD	0.83	0.80	0.79	3.28					
NZL	0.71	0.66	0.73	0.70	6.11				
USA	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.79	0.70	2.48			
GBR	0.71	0.81	0.81	0.73	0.70	0.81	3.95		
FRA	0.84	0.87	0.87	0.84	0.70	0.82	0.79	0.96	
ITA	0.80	0.70	0.78	0.80	0.67	0.80	0.77	0.76	21.49

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 BSW int  
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	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	7.22							
DEA	0.80	14.31						
NLD	0.84	0.89	3.17					
NZL	0.68	0.81	0.69	6.11				
USA	0.91	0.83	0.79	0.68	2.48			
GBR	0.82	0.73	0.83	0.67	0.82	3.95		
ITA	0.85	0.92	0.86	0.68	0.79	0.82	17.49	
SVN	0.72	0.68	0.72	0.71	0.71	0.76	0.71	19.95

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 GUE crc  
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	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.78				
GBR	0.74	4.77			
NZL	0.61	0.64	0.11		
USA	0.78	0.76	0.60	6.85	
AUS	0.68	0.79	0.89	0.66	6.97

GUE ccl

	CAN	GBR	USA
CAN	7.54		
GBR	0.77	0.03	
USA	0.81	0.73	3.46

GUE cc2

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	7.37				
GBR	0.70	4.77			
NZL	0.69	0.70	5.88		
USA	0.85	0.81	0.70	2.80	
AUS	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.72	10.26

GUE int

	CAN	GBR	NZL	USA	AUS
CAN	8.16				
GBR	0.82	4.77			
NZL	0.67	0.67	5.88		
USA	0.90	0.81	0.67	2.80	
AUS	0.73	0.70	0.72	0.73	10.26

HOL hco

	CAN	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	USA	POL	CHE	NLD	ITA	JPN
CAN	7.83										
CZE	0.77	17.80									
DEU	0.90	0.80	15.18								
DFS	0.79	0.84	0.84	13.54							
FRA	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.89	0.83						
USA	0.84	0.85	0.84	0.87	0.88	2.38					
POL	0.63	0.53	0.63	0.52	0.52	0.56	19.60				
CHE	0.96	0.79	0.93	0.79	0.84	0.86	0.55	13.64			
NLD	0.81	0.77	0.83	0.86	0.84	0.83	0.51	0.80	5.20		
ITA	0.80	0.77	0.92	0.73	0.75	0.80	0.63	0.87	0.73	0.04	
JPN	0.85	0.71	0.84	0.72	0.78	0.84	0.63	0.84	0.75	0.73	6.19

HOL crc

	BEL	CAN	CHE	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	FRA
BEL	4.63													
CAN	0.75	7.29												
CHE	0.81	0.83	12.28											
DEU	0.72	0.83	0.87	10.92										
DFS	0.79	0.86	0.94	0.92	11.59									
ESP	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.79	0.80	10.95								
GBR	0.89	0.74	0.77	0.72	0.79	0.76	4.59							
IRL	0.85	0.60	0.67	0.60	0.62	0.71	0.82	3.55						
ITA	0.80	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.83	0.80	0.67	7.60					
NLD	0.80	0.84	0.90	0.86	0.93	0.80	0.77	0.60	0.82	4.47				
NZL	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.59	0.62	0.60	0.63	0.56	0.69	0.58	0.09			
USA	0.74	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.78	0.78	0.59	0.80	0.79	0.60	6.84		
POL	0.75	0.90	0.89	0.85	0.84	0.81	0.74	0.66	0.95	0.80	0.67	0.76	13.58	

FRA 0.78 0.85 0.94 0.92 0.94 0.81 0.79 0.65 0.90 0.91 0.63 0.82 0.88 1.18

HOL cc1

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN
CAN	6.71												
CHE	0.93	10.88											
CZE	0.83	0.75	17.42										
DEU	0.91	0.92	0.80	14.71									
DFS	0.75	0.69	0.87	0.78	13.16								
FRA	0.78	0.75	0.90	0.76	0.89	1.02							
GBR	0.76	0.77	0.70	0.78	0.66	0.73	0.03						
ISR	0.78	0.70	0.92	0.77	0.87	0.89	0.75	3.26					
ITA	0.87	0.86	0.80	0.94	0.71	0.75	0.79	0.79	0.05				
NLD	0.76	0.74	0.87	0.78	0.90	0.92	0.71	0.87	0.72	4.60			
USA	0.80	0.71	0.95	0.75	0.84	0.87	0.67	0.93	0.78	0.83	2.81		
POL	0.73	0.75	0.72	0.74	0.60	0.61	0.66	0.67	0.78	0.61	0.64	19.62	
JPN	0.78	0.76	0.89	0.76	0.83	0.82	0.76	0.85	0.76	0.80	0.92	0.66	7.57

HOL cc2

	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	4.63																			
CAN	0.75	6.19																		
CHE	0.82	0.90	10.97																	
CZE	0.65	0.87	0.87	17.42																
DEU	0.79	0.93	0.92	0.91	13.47															
DFS	0.81	0.85	0.88	0.83	0.94	12.84														
ESP	0.74	0.76	0.83	0.84	0.79	0.75	10.94													
FRA	0.82	0.89	0.93	0.84	0.93	0.86	0.79	0.97												
GBR	0.89	0.71	0.74	0.66	0.77	0.80	0.73	0.75	4.59											
IRL	0.84	0.76	0.83	0.70	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.82	0.82	3.56										
ISR	0.64	0.74	0.74	0.87	0.83	0.78	0.80	0.78	0.65	0.68	3.26									
ITA	0.76	0.86	0.88	0.90	0.91	0.84	0.86	0.86	0.79	0.80	0.88	15.02								
NLD	0.79	0.86	0.88	0.83	0.94	0.90	0.76	0.91	0.73	0.78	0.79	0.84	4.34							
NZL	0.69	0.68	0.63	0.63	0.68	0.69	0.64	0.68	0.69	0.69	0.61	0.63	0.69	4.59						
USA	0.80	0.86	0.85	0.88	0.90	0.86	0.78	0.81	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.91	0.81	0.69	2.35					
POL	0.80	0.71	0.73	0.63	0.71	0.72	0.71	0.72	0.81	0.78	0.64	0.80	0.70	0.69	12.42					
ZAF	0.77	0.78	0.82	0.72	0.82	0.76	0.73	0.79	0.78	0.87	0.64	0.84	0.74	0.62	0.87	0.81	15.46			
AUS	0.69	0.68	0.73	0.63	0.70	0.64	0.65	0.71	0.69	0.84	0.63	0.69	0.64	0.62	0.72	0.62	0.79	8.44		
URY	0.72	0.70	0.66	0.62	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.70	0.71	0.71	0.57	0.64	0.69	0.72	0.70	0.72	0.78	0.67	1.39	
JPN	0.84	0.82	0.85	0.77	0.84	0.85	0.76	0.81	0.86	0.86	0.71	0.87	0.78	0.68	0.92	0.89	0.89	0.71	0.72	18.29

HOL int

	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN	SVN	
BEL	4.63																		
CAN	0.88	6.66																	
DEU	0.86	0.91	12.30																
DFS	0.90	0.91	0.95	12.75															
ESP	0.86	0.80	0.81	0.83	10.94														
GBR	0.89	0.83	0.86	0.89	0.82	4.59													
IRL	0.85	0.83	0.83	0.80	0.84	0.83	3.56												
ITA	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.83	19.54											
NLD	0.90	0.87	0.89	0.94	0.81	0.85	0.80	0.86	4.28										
NZL	0.69	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	4.59									
USA	0.81	0.93	0.91	0.88	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.91	0.82	0.66	2.35								
POL	0.81	0.86	0.79	0.82	0.76	0.82	0.78	0.91	0.79	0.67	0.79	12.42							
ZAF	0.79	0.84	0.85	0.81	0.83	0.81	0.87	0.86	0.79	0.66	0.88	0.84	15.46						
AUS	0.72	0.73	0.71	0.69	0.71	0.71	0.84	0.70	0.68	0.66	0.74	0.69	0.81	8.44					
URY	0.73	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.70	0.74	0.72	0.68	0.72	0.68	0.72	0.80	0.70	1.39				
FRA	0.81	0.87	0.81	0.81	0.79	0.73	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.66	0.80	0.70	0.78	0.72	0.66	0.97			
JPN	0.85	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.84	0.87	0.84	0.93	0.86	0.66	0.92	0.90	0.89	0.73	0.74	0.79	18.29		
SVN	0.88	0.75	0.77	0.84	0.76	0.80	0.76	0.81	0.83	0.66	0.72	0.67	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.79	0.76	20.10	



JER hco				
	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	7.96			
DFS	0.73	17.21		
USA	0.77	0.83	2.72	
NLD	0.82	0.82	0.72	4.80

JER crc							
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	6.96						
DFS	0.82	13.42					
GBR	0.66	0.84	3.89				
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.69	3.35			
NZL	0.57	0.69	0.66	0.56	0.07		
USA	0.77	0.83	0.78	0.76	0.66	8.20	
IRL	0.62	0.62	0.79	0.60	0.56	0.60	2.39

JER cc1					
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	7.01				
DFS	0.71	15.33			
GBR	0.78	0.67	0.03		
NLD	0.73	0.77	0.68	3.58	
USA	0.75	0.82	0.67	0.70	2.88

JER cc2									
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.83								
DFS	0.80	15.59							
GBR	0.71	0.75	3.90						
NLD	0.80	0.81	0.71	3.18					
NZL	0.70	0.70	0.69	0.70	3.96				
USA	0.80	0.80	0.78	0.75	0.70	2.61			
ZAF	0.67	0.66	0.73	0.67	0.76	0.85	11.37		
AUS	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.62	0.65	0.71	6.40	
IRL	0.76	0.74	0.77	0.75	0.70	0.77	0.78	0.73	2.39

JER int									
	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	6.61								
DFS	0.84	15.35							
GBR	0.76	0.83	3.90						
NLD	0.80	0.83	0.76	3.09					
NZL	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	3.96				
USA	0.83	0.82	0.78	0.74	0.69	2.61			
ZAF	0.72	0.72	0.75	0.71	0.76	0.85	11.37		
AUS	0.70	0.69	0.69	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.73	6.40	
IRL	0.80	0.74	0.76	0.75	0.67	0.76	0.80	0.76	2.39

RDC hco						
	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	7.66					
DEU	0.90	14.55				
DFS	0.73	0.80	12.25			
NOR	0.86	0.87	0.87	16.47		
USA	0.83	0.82	0.83	0.73	2.80	
NLD	0.81	0.83	0.78	0.66	0.78	5.97

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RDC      crc
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      CAN      DEU      DFS      GBR      NOR      NZL      USA      NLD      IRL
CAN      6.51
DEU      0.83      10.16
DFS      0.85      0.90      12.68
GBR      0.77      0.71      0.70      4.16
NOR      0.84      0.81      0.85      0.62      14.02
NZL      0.59      0.59      0.55      0.65      0.58      0.11
USA      0.77      0.81      0.80      0.76      0.77      0.69      8.42
NLD      0.82      0.83      0.87      0.72      0.81      0.57      0.77      3.25
IRL      0.61      0.60      0.63      0.81      0.62      0.57      0.61      0.60      2.85
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RDC      cc1
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      CAN      DEU      DFS      GBR      NOR      NLD      USA
CAN      7.29
DEU      0.90      13.97
DFS      0.71      0.80      12.99
GBR      0.77      0.78      0.67      0.03
NOR      0.78      0.85      0.93      0.77      13.95
NLD      0.76      0.78      0.86      0.70      0.70      3.93
USA      0.82      0.75      0.78      0.67      0.74      0.79      2.76
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RDC      cc2
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      CAN      DEU      DFS      GBR      NOR      NZL      USA      ZAF      NLD      AUS      IRL
CAN      6.90
DEU      0.92      11.43
DFS      0.81      0.94      12.83
GBR      0.72      0.77      0.76      4.16
NOR      0.80      0.83      0.89      0.73      13.95
NZL      0.70      0.70      0.70      0.70      0.72      5.70
USA      0.87      0.89      0.81      0.79      0.73      0.70      2.53
ZAF      0.71      0.81      0.74      0.71      0.78      0.65      0.81      17.10
NLD      0.86      0.93      0.86      0.74      0.75      0.71      0.80      0.74      3.38
AUS      0.66      0.68      0.64      0.67      0.65      0.63      0.68      0.67      0.65      7.64
IRL      0.77      0.80      0.77      0.80      0.73      0.70      0.79      0.84      0.78      0.80      2.85
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RDC      int
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      CAN      DEU      DFS      GBR      NOR      NZL      USA      ZAF      NLD      AUS      IRL
CAN      6.66
DEU      0.90      11.24
DFS      0.88      0.94      13.17
GBR      0.82      0.85      0.81      4.16
NOR      0.78      0.77      0.70      0.71      14.02
NZL      0.67      0.68      0.67      0.68      0.69      5.70
USA      0.92      0.89      0.79      0.81      0.70      0.67      2.53
ZAF      0.82      0.85      0.78      0.75      0.82      0.68      0.83      17.10
NLD      0.87      0.89      0.91      0.83      0.78      0.67      0.79      0.79      3.06
AUS      0.72      0.71      0.69      0.71      0.71      0.67      0.72      0.74      0.67      7.64
IRL      0.82      0.82      0.78      0.80      0.71      0.68      0.79      0.85      0.79      0.81      2.85
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^LAPPENDIX II. Number of common bulls

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BSW
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
      CAN  DEA  FRA  USA  CHE  NLD
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CAN    0  100  54  105  102  30
DEA   88    0  195  197  600  138
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FRA	46	153	0	73	167	73
USA	95	157	55	0	209	52
CHE	85	506	128	175	0	100
NLD	27	129	61	48	94	0

BSW

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	0	122	120	40	18	137	49	73	114
CHE	103	0	612	108	27	274	65	169	460
DEA	107	508	0	157	40	242	60	202	604
NLD	35	99	144	0	25	64	35	78	131
NZL	17	21	35	19	0	18	14	21	32
USA	134	239	192	58	15	0	67	95	175
GBR	46	50	46	31	11	65	0	47	71
FRA	62	128	157	64	16	64	39	0	187
ITA	100	394	491	106	26	123	53	147	0

BSW

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	USA	GBR	FRA
CAN	0	123	121	41	138	48	77
CHE	104	0	609	107	274	67	177
DEA	108	504	0	156	240	63	214
NLD	36	99	144	0	63	35	82
USA	135	239	190	58	0	69	100
GBR	46	52	48	31	68	0	52
FRA	66	135	168	69	70	45	0

BSW

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	FRA	ITA
CAN	0	110	107	36	15	133	46	70	102
CHE	91	0	603	108	25	330	65	177	460
DEA	95	501	0	157	35	315	60	213	599
NLD	32	99	144	0	20	86	35	82	131
NZL	14	19	30	14	0	25	11	18	27
USA	125	306	272	75	21	0	77	120	222
GBR	42	50	46	31	8	75	0	50	71
FRA	61	135	167	69	13	84	43	0	199
ITA	90	394	488	106	23	155	53	158	0

BSW

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DEA	NLD	NZL	USA	GBR	ITA	SVN
CAN	0	112	38	15	138	48	109	26
DEA	99	0	157	35	314	60	701	79
NLD	34	144	0	20	87	35	136	39
NZL	14	30	14	0	25	11	27	7
USA	130	272	75	21	0	77	243	33
GBR	44	46	31	8	75	0	72	17
ITA	96	621	112	23	173	53	0	76
SVN	24	75	39	7	30	14	74	0

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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  CAN  GBR  NZL  USA  AUS
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CAN   0  17   2  41  18
GBR  14   0  14  56  28
NZL   1  12   0  10  25
USA  40  53   7   0  19
AUS  13  22  23  16   0
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GUE
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  CAN  GBR  USA
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CAN   0  19  42
GBR  15   0  59
USA  41  56   0
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GUE
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  CAN  GBR  NZL  USA  AUS
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CAN   0  14   0  41  25
GBR  11   0  13  86  35
NZL   0  11   0  24  23
USA  39  87  23   0  69
AUS  21  29  23  66   0
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GUE
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  CAN  GBR  NZL  USA  AUS
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CAN   0  14   0  41  25
GBR  11   0  13  86  35
NZL   0  11   0  24  23
USA  39  87  23   0  69
AUS  21  29  23  66   0
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HOL
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  CAN  CZE  DEU  DFS  FRA  USA  POL  CHE  NLD  ITA  JPN
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CAN   0 1122 2332 1443 1317 3066 1424  855 1460 1917 1182
CZE  837   0 1875 1273 1228 1516 1233  498 1522 1352  834
DEU 1926 1443   0 2716 2371 3072 2389 1158 3187 2752 1355
DFS 1372  869 2101   0 1702 1812 1492  753 2278 1709  998
FRA 1000  763 1369 1011   0 1697 1526  721 1975 1682 1142
USA 3545 1247 2490 1683 1041   0 2059  910 1964 2610 1510
POL 1314  997 2143 1257 1068 2188   0  567 1692 1707  864
CHE  780  351 1084  708  665  843  462   0  920  786  473
NLD 1446 1320 2858 2005 1321 1770 1546  915   0 1824 1088
ITA 1717 1016 2044 1466 1045 2251 1438  737 1581   0 1183
JPN  684  377  628  539  431  819  478  309  567  582   0
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common bulls below diagonal
common three quarter sib group above diagonal
  BEL  CAN  CHE  DEU  DFS  ESP  GBR  IRL  ITA  NLD  NZL  USA  POL  FRA
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BEL	0	806	633	1268	904	941	901	542	832	1288	534	867	613	992
CAN	808	0	887	2485	1522	1658	1711	598	1948	1614	742	3266	1314	1419
CHE	638	817	0	1199	760	759	780	454	786	972	448	971	536	736
DEU	1298	1994	1134	0	2892	2389	2350	980	2753	3697	1069	3343	2165	2614
DFS	849	1443	718	2177	0	1616	1696	806	1687	2331	898	1964	1352	1718
ESP	1012	1477	711	2129	1454	0	1586	749	1762	1854	772	1965	1299	1838
GBR	884	1794	749	1822	1359	1457	0	1064	1703	1990	1003	2172	1152	1649
IRL	533	594	465	861	684	769	1112	0	656	979	800	729	442	791
ITA	840	1732	735	2038	1437	1620	1419	605	0	1899	714	2700	1496	1675
NLD	1467	1621	971	3454	2111	1951	1774	930	1675	0	1160	2233	1590	2106
NZL	432	678	374	822	649	637	863	696	571	1048	0	897	487	836
USA	826	3836	906	2611	1774	1763	2148	720	2263	2042	839	0	1864	1901
POL	524	1193	418	1841	1109	1087	917	341	1191	1413	369	1890	0	1440
FRA	979	1088	672	1505	1006	1769	1092	646	1037	1398	517	1145	962	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	FRA	GBR	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	POL	JPN
CAN	0	889	1065	2484	1529	1424	1751	136	1956	1619	3311	1362	1321
CHE	819	0	444	1197	760	741	790	62	786	972	971	560	504
CZE	828	319	0	1655	1107	1048	955	119	1228	1390	1474	1192	751
DEU	1988	1132	1332	0	2887	2632	2384	175	2734	3683	3320	2315	1547
DFS	1451	718	846	2165	0	1722	1730	157	1686	2330	1968	1449	1057
FRA	1102	680	654	1520	1012	0	1679	124	1677	2117	1907	1495	1273
GBR	1846	763	684	1854	1387	1113	0	160	1742	2030	2239	1216	1148
ISR	98	36	91	138	118	69	118	0	147	163	185	119	115
ITA	1742	735	959	2021	1434	1045	1453	108	0	1895	2698	1559	1213
NLD	1629	971	1281	3438	2110	1415	1818	129	1670	0	2234	1712	1156
USA	3894	906	1231	2584	1774	1156	2228	180	2260	2043	0	1928	1711
POL	1257	454	995	2076	1231	1026	996	90	1266	1581	1979	0	874
JPN	795	345	394	711	602	497	615	50	644	653	963	498	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	BEL	CAN	CHE	CZE	DEU	DFS	ESP	FRA	GBR	IRL	ISR	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	JPN
BEL	0	797	633	550	1259	905	941	990	903	544	78	827	1290	514	1017	602	334	774	354	543
CAN	796	0	879	1049	2423	1502	1644	1386	1686	587	133	1911	1589	687	3423	1277	445	1369	760	1230
CHE	638	801	0	444	1185	761	759	731	780	454	63	782	972	426	1067	524	263	673	322	474
CZE	442	805	319	0	1653	1107	1075	1039	946	433	119	1226	1390	480	1518	1113	279	716	466	721
DEU	1288	1919	1119	1326	0	2877	2394	2591	2339	975	175	2699	3656	1017	3866	2107	559	1795	835	1470
DFS	849	1414	719	846	2156	0	1624	1711	1700	806	159	1676	2334	860	2355	1328	512	1367	668	1004
ESP	1012	1443	711	880	2121	1461	0	1836	1589	750	141	1754	1859	744	2282	1277	517	1253	688	1158
FRA	974	1049	666	646	1465	992	1754	0	1646	792	126	1651	2090	820	2593	1408	481	1350	614	1215
GBR	884	1757	749	678	1802	1359	1458	1083	0	1065	157	1694	1993	969	2550	1130	505	1531	719	1088
IRL	533	575	465	331	855	684	769	641	1112	0	108	655	982	783	893	430	338	800	399	473
ISR	47	91	36	91	136	118	106	67	113	83	0	146	165	113	210	113	60	120	89	112
ITA	836	1680	731	954	1985	1426	1612	1014	1416	605	108	0	1884	677	2818	1454	438	1211	693	1157
NLD	1469	1587	971	1281	3389	2112	1954	1373	1775	931	129	1662	0	1094	2794	1545	501	1565	712	1102
NZL	411	624	355	362	768	611	614	495	835	681	93	544	985	0	1137	446	355	1237	540	575
USA	906	3920	1002	1255	2841	1909	2031	1428	2393	821	197	2306	2477	1074	0	1869	636	2087	1205	2011
POL	505	1138	402	883	1755	1079	1062	923	895	329	78	1143	1351	334	1859	0	231	828	494	804
ZAF	281	409	222	200	429	379	476	336	444	297	39	361	415	283	612	159	0	476	315	411
AUS	674	1398	599	509	1362	1013	1034	929	1361	693	78	972	1362	1231	2139	621	416	0	691	932
URY	264	716	243	312	595	460	601	361	581	312	49	518	552	442	1470	381	267	540	0	580
JPN	343	669	300	353	616	529	564	434	538	296	41	564	567	283	836	419	260	501	291	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	BEL	CAN	DEU	DFS	ESP	GBR	IRL	ITA	NLD	NZL	USA	POL	ZAF	AUS	URY	FRA	JPN	SVN
BEL	0	799	1257	905	941	903	544	826	1290	514	1017	601	334	774	354	990	543	153

CAN	800	0	2428	1510	1650	1695	593	1918	1598	692	3436	1279	449	1377	766	1394	1235	198
DEU	1287	1928	0	2875	2393	2339	975	2698	3654	1017	3862	2100	559	1795	835	2591	1470	311
DFS	849	1424	2153	0	1624	1700	806	1676	2332	860	2354	1326	512	1367	668	1711	1004	237
ESP	1012	1459	2121	1461	0	1589	750	1754	1857	744	2279	1277	517	1252	688	1835	1156	225
GBR	884	1770	1802	1359	1458	0	1065	1694	1993	969	2550	1129	505	1531	718	1646	1088	192
IRL	533	583	855	684	769	1112	0	655	981	783	893	430	338	800	399	792	473	105
ITA	836	1692	1985	1426	1612	1416	605	0	1884	677	2818	1448	438	1211	693	1651	1157	238
NLD	1469	1600	3388	2111	1954	1775	931	1662	0	1094	2793	1542	501	1565	712	2089	1101	252
NZL	411	627	768	611	614	835	681	544	985	0	1137	446	355	1237	540	820	575	110
USA	906	3950	2841	1909	2031	2393	821	2306	2477	1074	0	1866	636	2087	1205	2593	2011	227
POL	505	1144	1751	1078	1062	895	329	1142	1351	334	1859	0	231	828	494	1408	803	233
ZAF	281	416	429	379	476	444	297	361	415	283	612	159	0	476	315	481	411	67
AUS	674	1403	1362	1013	1034	1361	693	972	1362	1231	2139	621	416	0	691	1350	932	150
URY	264	722	595	460	601	581	312	518	552	442	1470	381	267	540	0	614	580	80
FRA	974	1057	1465	992	1754	1083	641	1014	1373	495	1428	923	336	929	361	0	1215	189
JPN	343	672	616	529	564	538	296	564	567	283	836	419	260	501	291	434	0	150
SVN	119	150	303	185	201	141	82	201	220	77	182	194	47	104	42	138	79	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	USA	NLD
CAN	0	104	344	34
DFS	100	0	157	90
USA	334	147	0	73
NLD	27	88	74	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	IRL
CAN	0	108	158	42	170	402	14
DFS	102	0	179	158	162	175	58
GBR	159	175	0	95	226	225	79
NLD	36	157	89	0	89	99	40
NZL	172	139	231	81	0	300	150
USA	405	165	244	101	323	0	46
IRL	13	54	82	39	167	48	0

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common bulls below diagonal  
common three quarter sib group above diagonal

	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	108	159	42	406
DFS	102	0	179	157	174
GBR	159	175	0	95	225
NLD	36	156	90	0	98
USA	409	165	244	101	0

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	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	104	156	41	157	404	134	231	14
DFS	98	0	180	158	157	225	159	169	58
GBR	155	175	0	95	222	253	178	234	79
NLD	34	157	89	0	84	113	78	80	40
NZL	157	133	227	77	0	386	213	447	149
USA	407	203	280	118	459	0	323	522	54
ZAF	133	141	182	74	223	336	0	254	43
AUS	226	140	242	73	495	568	242	0	64

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	CAN	DFS	GBR	NLD	NZL	USA	ZAF	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	106	157	41	159	409	136	233	14
DFS	100	0	180	158	157	225	159	169	58
GBR	157	175	0	95	222	253	178	234	79
NLD	35	157	89	0	84	113	78	80	40
NZL	160	133	227	77	0	386	213	447	149
USA	414	203	280	118	459	0	323	522	54
ZAF	135	141	182	74	223	336	0	254	43
AUS	229	140	242	73	495	568	242	0	64
IRL	13	54	82	39	166	56	44	62	0

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	NOR	USA	NLD
CAN	0	10	178	7	106	6
DEU	10	0	63	16	18	12
DFS	186	54	0	133	168	58
NOR	6	15	112	0	73	41
USA	100	17	161	73	0	39
NLD	6	12	55	41	37	0

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	NLD	IRL
CAN	0	13	181	80	7	71	150	6	4
DEU	12	0	69	15	15	21	19	17	5
DFS	188	57	0	119	146	182	193	61	20
GBR	81	14	115	0	64	80	107	39	26
NOR	6	14	119	67	0	48	82	45	62
NZL	71	21	178	78	47	0	106	24	15
USA	144	18	188	102	82	109	0	43	32
NLD	6	17	58	38	45	24	41	0	14
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	32	14	0

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NLD	USA
CAN	0	13	181	82	7	6	150
DEU	12	0	67	15	15	16	19
DFS	188	55	0	123	134	61	193
GBR	83	14	119	0	68	40	111
NOR	6	14	111	72	0	43	82
NLD	6	16	58	39	43	0	43
USA	144	18	188	106	82	41	0

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	13	178	75	7	63	172	77	6	76	4
DEU	12	0	66	15	15	17	23	3	16	45	5

DFS	184	55	0	119	134	165	218	62	61	226	20
GBR	75	14	115	0	63	74	120	47	39	87	26
NOR	6	14	111	66	0	42	86	0	43	71	62
NZL	64	17	161	71	41	0	111	39	18	141	15
USA	176	21	218	118	86	113	0	77	47	139	33
ZAF	81	3	59	43	0	37	72	0	3	46	3
NLD	6	16	58	38	43	18	45	3	0	35	14
AUS	78	43	203	85	60	143	141	48	33	0	20
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	33	3	14	19	0

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	CAN	DEU	DFS	GBR	NOR	NZL	USA	ZAF	NLD	AUS	IRL
CAN	0	13	178	76	7	63	172	77	6	76	4
DEU	12	0	66	15	15	17	23	3	16	45	5
DFS	184	55	0	119	146	165	218	62	61	226	20
GBR	76	14	115	0	64	74	120	47	39	87	26
NOR	6	14	119	67	0	43	86	0	45	75	62
NZL	64	17	161	71	42	0	111	39	18	141	15
USA	176	21	218	118	86	113	0	77	47	139	33
ZAF	81	3	59	43	0	37	72	0	3	46	3
NLD	6	16	58	38	45	18	45	3	0	35	14
AUS	78	43	203	85	64	143	141	48	33	0	20
IRL	4	5	15	25	61	15	33	3	14	19	0

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