

INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic test international evaluation for conformation traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twenty-four (24) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for conformation traits of bulls were computed from: AUS BEL CAN CHE CZE DEU DFS ESP EST FRA GBR HUN IRL ITA JPN KOR NLD NZL POL PRT SVN USA ZAF LVA Holstein data were included in this evaluation.

BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE submitted GEBVs.

ang: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
bcs: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
bde: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
cwi: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
fan: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ftl: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
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fua: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
loc: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ocs: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ofl: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ous: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ran: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rlr: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rls: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rtp: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, , CZE
ruh: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
rwi: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
sta: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
ude: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
usu: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

Changes in the national genetic evaluation of conformation traits are as follows:

CAN (HOL) Base change.
DEU (HOL) Base change.
FRA (HOL) Base change. Corrections in pedigree, as a consequence changes were observed in number of daughters and number of herds (bulls are not directly concerned). The several decreases in reliability are due to either a change in the information used to calculate EBVs of their parents (french EBV or MACE) or parents GEBVs or decrease in the reliability of their polygenic information (correction of database). Bulls' change of status due to new publication rules at the national level following the introduction of Single Step.
GBR (HOL) Missing bulls due to genotypes checks or dams failing to pass parentage validation.
ITA (HOL) Base change. Cut off one year. Excluded bulls which are not publishable and do not belong to ITA. In pedigree loading excluded North America Partners bulls <2 years old. For "ous" submitted gebv in line with changes in mace. Two new traits have been included: rear teat placement and teat length. Consequently, all weights have been changed and heritability changed as well.

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

No changes in Interbull procedures

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Thirteen Holstein populations sent GEBV data for up to 38 traits, while classical EBVs for the same traits were used in the analyses. Young bull GEBVs from the GEBV providers have been converted to the scales of all countries participating in classical MACE. A bull will get a MACE EBV or a GMACE EBV but not both. From those thirteen countries, National GEBVs of bulls less than seven years of age and with no

classical MACE proofs were included for the breeding value prediction with a further requirement of either a MACE-PA or a GMACE-PA (for young genomic bulls with young genomic sires) being available.

The parameter-space approach is used for the GMACE genetic evaluations (Sullivan, 2016)

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

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

- Sullivan, P.G. 2016. Defining a Parameter Space for GMACE. Interbull Bulletin 50, p 85-93.
- VanRaden, P.M. and Sullivan, P.G. 2010. International genomic evaluation methods for dairy cattle. Gen. Sel. Evol. 42:7
- Sullivan, P.G. and Jakobsen, J.H. 2012. Robust GMACE for young bulls methodology. Interbull Bulletin 45, Article 1.
- Sullivan, P.G. 2012a. GMACE reliability approximation. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_rels 2013
- Sullivan, P.G. 2012b. GMACE variance estimation. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_vce 2013
- Sullivan, P.G. 2012c. GMACE Weighting Factors. Report to the GMACE working group of Interbull. GMACE_gedcs 2013
- Jakobsen, J.H. and Sullivan, P.G. 2013. Trait specific computation of shared reference population. Reference sharing Nov 2013

NEXT ROUTINE INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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

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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 minimising the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honour 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.

Table 1. National evaluation dates in GMACE run April 2022

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20220401
DEU	20220405
DFS	20220301
ESP	20220310
FRA	20220406
GBR	20220304
ITA	20220310
NLD	20220401
HUN	20220127

CAN 38423.0
DEU 7872.0 42956.0
DFS 4944.0 37775.0 38744.0
ESP 5793.0 38910.0 37972.0 39978.0
FRA 4027.0 34613.0 34101.0 34697.0 36349.0
GBR 32315.0 8293.0 5307.0 6248.0 4120.0 35083.0
ITA 30975.0 6009.0 3657.0 4164.0 3202.0 30003.0 31459.0
NLD 4113.0 36463.0 35847.0 36466.0 34147.0 4447.0 3247.0 38307.0
HUN 2060.0 7994.0 7480.0 7860.0 7234.0 2190.0 1849.0 7604.0 8547.0
POL 4554.0 33050.0 32818.0 33400.0 30328.0 4821.0 3229.0 31855.0 7499.0 34797.0
CZE 1633.0 2104.0 1715.0 1972.0 1667.0 1580.0 1317.0 1724.0 1343.0 2443.0 3474.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rwi

CAN 37601.0
DEU 7872.0 42997.0
DFS 4944.0 37816.0 38785.0
ESP 5793.0 38947.0 38009.0 40015.0
FRA 4027.0 34653.0 34141.0 34733.0 36389.0
GBR 32315.0 8293.0 5307.0 6248.0 4120.0 35083.0
ITA 30975.0 6009.0 3657.0 4164.0 3202.0 30003.0 31459.0
NLD 4113.0 36503.0 35887.0 36502.0 34187.0 4447.0 3247.0 38347.0
HUN 2060.0 7985.0 7471.0 7851.0 7225.0 2190.0 1849.0 7595.0 8538.0
POL 4554.0 33043.0 32811.0 33393.0 30321.0 4821.0 3229.0 31848.0 7490.0 34790.0
CZE 1633.0 2104.0 1715.0 1972.0 1667.0 1580.0 1317.0 1724.0 1343.0 2443.0 3474.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rls

CAN 38424.0
DEU 7873.0 43054.0
DFS 4945.0 37873.0 38842.0
ESP 5794.0 39003.0 38065.0 40071.0
FRA 4027.0 34709.0 34197.0 34788.0 36445.0
GBR 32316.0 8294.0 5308.0 6249.0 4120.0 35084.0
ITA 30976.0 6010.0 3658.0 4165.0 3202.0 30004.0 31460.0
NLD 4114.0 36560.0 35944.0 36558.0 34243.0 4448.0 3248.0 38404.0
HUN 2060.0 7994.0 7480.0 7860.0 7234.0 2190.0 1849.0 7604.0 8547.0
POL 4554.0 33053.0 32821.0 33403.0 30331.0 4821.0 3229.0 31858.0 7499.0 34800.0
CZE 1633.0 2104.0 1715.0 1972.0 1667.0 1580.0 1317.0 1724.0 1343.0 2443.0 3474.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rlr

CAN 37496.0
DEU 7865.0 40940.0
DFS 4937.0 35789.0 36748.0
ESP 5786.0 36905.0 35977.0 37955.0
FRA 4019.0 32635.0 32147.0 32719.0 34305.0
GBR 31479.0 8284.0 5298.0 6239.0 4110.0 33162.0
ITA 30146.0 6002.0 3650.0 4157.0 3194.0 29173.0 30628.0
NLD 4103.0 34502.0 33885.0 34499.0 32223.0 4351.0 3239.0 35886.0
HUN 2058.0 7101.0 6586.0 6965.0 6377.0 2185.0 1847.0 6707.0 7647.0
POL 4545.0 31033.0 30799.0 31380.0 28346.0 4810.0 3220.0 29849.0 6603.0 32723.0
CZE 1632.0 2091.0 1702.0 1959.0 1655.0 1578.0 1316.0 1712.0 1335.0 2381.0 3383.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fan

CAN 38396.0
DEU 7873.0 40897.0
DFS 4946.0 35983.0 36935.0
ESP 5795.0 37112.0 36178.0 38175.0
FRA 4027.0 32884.0 32373.0 32962.0 34614.0
GBR 32291.0 8294.0 5309.0 6250.0 4120.0 33982.0
ITA 30952.0 6010.0 3658.0 4165.0 3202.0 29981.0 31436.0
NLD 4111.0 34678.0 34064.0 34678.0 32427.0 4361.0 3247.0 36060.0

