

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
ftp: , CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL, HUN, CZE
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 genomic evaluation of conformation traits are as follows:

AUS (HOL) OUS: The change in SD is due to increase in observations for bulls born between 2015 to 2020.
ESP (HOL) Base change, in line with MACE
HUN (HOL) Provided new parameters. The software for the estimation of SNP solutions has been updated. New estimation of starting values for estimation of SNPs solutions and to calculate the ratio of residual to genetic variance. The changes triggered an increase in SD of all submitted traits.
NLD (HOL) Changes in trait OUS due to a change in formula to calculate the udder composite.

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 August 2022

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20220801
DEU	20220809
DFS	20220809
ESP	20220711
FRA	20220810
GBR	20220704
ITA	20220712
NLD	20220801
HUN	20211122
POL	20220708
CZE	20220725

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for	sta
BEL	1691.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

 CAN 38745.0
 DEU 8290.0 42745.0
 DFS 5230.0 37413.0 38392.0
 ESP 6110.0 38530.0 37516.0 39621.0
 FRA 4031.0 33929.0 33410.0 34015.0 35655.0
 GBR 32623.0 8755.0 5628.0 6583.0 4124.0 35437.0
 ITA 30923.0 6038.0 3741.0 4267.0 3202.0 29953.0 31471.0
 NLD 4118.0 35775.0 35146.0 35765.0 33470.0 4454.0 3248.0 37609.0
 HUN 2219.0 7611.0 7126.0 7496.0 6773.0 2454.0 1895.0 7274.0 8483.0
 POL 4661.0 32441.0 32148.0 32762.0 29557.0 4960.0 3231.0 31062.0 7086.0 34151.0
 CZE 1729.0 2190.0 1792.0 2062.0 1668.0 1674.0 1315.0 1728.0 1395.0 2485.0 3583.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

 CAN 38745.0
 DEU 8291.0 42443.0
 DFS 5230.0 37105.0 38067.0
 ESP 6110.0 38227.0 37192.0 39305.0
 FRA 4031.0 33623.0 33099.0 33710.0 35350.0
 GBR 32622.0 8761.0 5635.0 6592.0 4124.0 35444.0
 ITA 30923.0 6038.0 3741.0 4267.0 3202.0 29953.0 31471.0
 NLD 4118.0 35454.0 34824.0 35445.0 33154.0 4455.0 3248.0 37287.0
 HUN 2219.0 7623.0 7138.0 7508.0 6785.0 2454.0 1895.0 7286.0 8495.0
 POL 4662.0 32588.0 32299.0 32915.0 29694.0 4967.0 3231.0 31199.0 7101.0 34305.0
 CZE 1729.0 2190.0 1792.0 2062.0 1668.0 1674.0 1315.0 1728.0 1395.0 2485.0 3583.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

 BEL 1692.0
 CAN 723.0 38748.0
 DEU 726.0 8292.0 43574.0
 DFS 635.0 5232.0 38235.0 39231.0
 ESP 701.0 6112.0 39356.0 38352.0 40469.0
 FRA 710.0 4031.0 34719.0 34196.0 34807.0 36450.0
 GBR 683.0 32625.0 8762.0 5637.0 6594.0 4124.0 35449.0
 ITA 705.0 30925.0 6039.0 3742.0 4268.0 3202.0 29955.0 31473.0
 NLD 742.0 4118.0 36575.0 35948.0 36567.0 34243.0 4455.0 3248.0 38411.0
 HUN 549.0 2219.0 8145.0 7662.0 8032.0 7281.0 2454.0 1895.0 7810.0 9020.0
 POL 994.0 4662.0 33253.0 32966.0 33582.0 30333.0 4967.0 3231.0 31862.0 7623.0 34973.0
 CZE 842.0 1729.0 2191.0 1793.0 2063.0 1669.0 1674.0 1315.0 1729.0 1396.0 2486.0 3584.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

 CAN 38739.0
 DEU 8290.0 43571.0
 DFS 5229.0 38232.0 39227.0
 ESP 6109.0 39353.0 38348.0 40465.0
 FRA 4031.0 34719.0 34196.0 34807.0 36450.0
 GBR 32618.0 8760.0 5634.0 6591.0 4124.0 34364.0
 ITA 30922.0 6037.0 3740.0 4266.0 3202.0 29952.0 31470.0
 NLD 4114.0 36573.0 35946.0 36565.0 34243.0 4367.0 3246.0 37954.0
 HUN 2216.0 8145.0 7662.0 8032.0 7282.0 2360.0 1894.0 7667.0 8753.0
 POL 4662.0 33254.0 32967.0 33583.0 30334.0 4967.0 3231.0 31863.0 7624.0 34974.0
 CZE 1729.0 2191.0 1793.0 2063.0 1669.0 1674.0 1315.0 1729.0 1396.0 2486.0 3584.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

 CAN 38746.0
 DEU 8291.0 43528.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ofl

CAN 38558.0
DEU 8264.0 42857.0
DFS 5225.0 37592.0 38579.0
ESP 6100.0 38693.0 37710.0 39787.0
FRA 4029.0 34066.0 33558.0 34149.0 35779.0
GBR 32467.0 8728.0 5631.0 6580.0 4123.0 34196.0
ITA 30814.0 6022.0 3738.0 4261.0 3201.0 29841.0 31359.0
NLD 4110.0 35944.0 35333.0 35940.0 33619.0 4359.0 3243.0 37297.0
HUN 2213.0 8142.0 7660.0 8030.0 7281.0 2356.0 1892.0 7666.0 8748.0
POL 4659.0 32621.0 32346.0 32951.0 29702.0 4964.0 3230.0 31241.0 7623.0 34338.0
CZE 1729.0 2189.0 1791.0 2061.0 1667.0 1674.0 1315.0 1728.0 1396.0 2484.0 3582.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

CAN 33204.0
DEU 8210.0 38755.0
DFS 5180.0 33738.0 34588.0
ESP 6053.0 34860.0 33796.0 35835.0
FRA 3984.0 30397.0 29820.0 30436.0 32005.0
GBR 30489.0 8671.0 5592.0 6537.0 4086.0 32184.0
ITA 28876.0 5990.0 3713.0 4235.0 3175.0 28082.0 29326.0
NLD 4071.0 32273.0 31592.0 32226.0 30003.0 4325.0 3215.0 33520.0
CZE 1720.0 2155.0 1760.0 2029.0 1636.0 1667.0 1305.0 1696.0 3457.0
HUN 2206.0 6427.0 5953.0 6311.0 5628.0 2346.0 1887.0 5947.0 1367.0 7017.0
POL 4614.0 28802.0 28428.0 29073.0 26001.0 4925.0 3199.0 27534.0 2372.0 5904.0 30284.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

DEU 35388.0
FRA 27240.0 28688.0
GBR 8578.0 4051.0 31640.0
ITA 5962.0 3163.0 26545.0 27980.0
NLD 28907.0 26762.0 4368.0 3197.0 30612.0
CZE 2151.0 1633.0 1656.0 1297.0 1694.0 3333.0
CAN 8101.0 3936.0 28955.0 27533.0 4011.0 1711.0 33371.0
ESP 31506.0 27274.0 6427.0 4209.0 28833.0 2025.0 5947.0 32440.0
HUN 7218.0 6402.0 2438.0 1882.0 6878.0 1382.0 2206.0 7106.0 8074.0
POL 27561.0 24785.0 4833.0 3179.0 26202.0 2302.0 4525.0 27786.0 6705.0 28974.0