

INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic routine international evaluation for **longevity trait** took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from 21 populations were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for direct longevity trait of bulls from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark-Finland-Sweden Spain, France, The United Kingdom, Ireland, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, The Netherlands, The United States of America Hungary, Norway, Slovenia and Czech Republic were computed. Holstein breed data were included in this evaluation.

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

dlo: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, HUN

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

HUN (HOL) First participation

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

No changes in Interbull procedures

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Eleven 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 eleven 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>

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

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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 December 2017

Country	Date
BEL	20171201
CAN	20171201
DEU	20171205
DFS	20171107
ESP	20171114
FRA	20171206
GBR	20171027
ITA	20171108
NLD	20171201
HUN	20170901

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for	dlo
BEL	2697.0
CAN	1381.0 31577.0
DEU	997.0 2879.0 35202.0
DFS	892.0 2424.0 32680.0 33615.0
ESP	961.0 2494.0 33180.0 32983.0 34076.0
FRA	1039.0 2788.0 31542.0 31109.0 31734.0 33501.0
GBR	904.0 28242.0 2643.0 2235.0 2282.0 2534.0 28655.0
ITA	1145.0 27771.0 1985.0 1599.0 1639.0 1876.0 26516.0 28180.0
NLD	995.0 2686.0 33168.0 32611.0 33210.0 31520.0 2454.0 1845.0 34873.0
HUN	468.0 976.0 6124.0 5764.0 6019.0 5931.0 922.0 825.0 6087.0 6557.0