



International beef evaluation for Carcass traits

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Interbeef at a glance

Interbeef evaluations

- Adapted to the beef industry
 - Low use of A.I. within herds (10-15%)
 - Low connection across country
- AMACI* model (Phocas et al., 2005)
 - Use of phenotypes
 - Different models for each country
 - Across country co-variances

*Animal Model accounting
for Across Country
Interactions



Interbeef at a glance

Research and development

- Done by participating countries and Interbull Centre
 - Calving – Czech Republic
 - Animal weaning weight – Ireland
 - Carcass – Great Britain & Ireland
 - Female fertility – Germany
- Development of models and pipelines
- Process: Research > Pilot > Test > Routine



Carcass trait

A goal since the beginning of the Interbeef WG

- Survey NGECC GBR (SRUC) (May 2014)





Carcass traits particularities



- Carcass weight & carcass quality
- Males, females and steers (EUROP: A, B, C, D, E)
- Trait definition can differ between EU and non-EU countries (different grades)
- Crossbreed animals
- No maternal effect
- Multi-trait models considering also weaning weight



Recorded Traits - survey 2014



	CHE	CZE	DNK	FIN	SWE	FRA	GBR	IRL
C. Weight	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C. Conformation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C. Fat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Individual Primal Cuts							✓	✓
Total meat yield								✓
Tenderness								✓
Age at slaughter						✓		



Recommendations



Recommended starting with:

- **Carcass weight**
- **Carcass conformation**
- **Carcass fat**



From R&D to a Service

- Research runs started by Ireland
 - Traits: carcass weight, conformation and fat
 - First data call – September 2018
 - Countries: Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Great Britain (GBR) and Ireland (IRL)
 - Breeds: Limousin, Charolais and Simmental



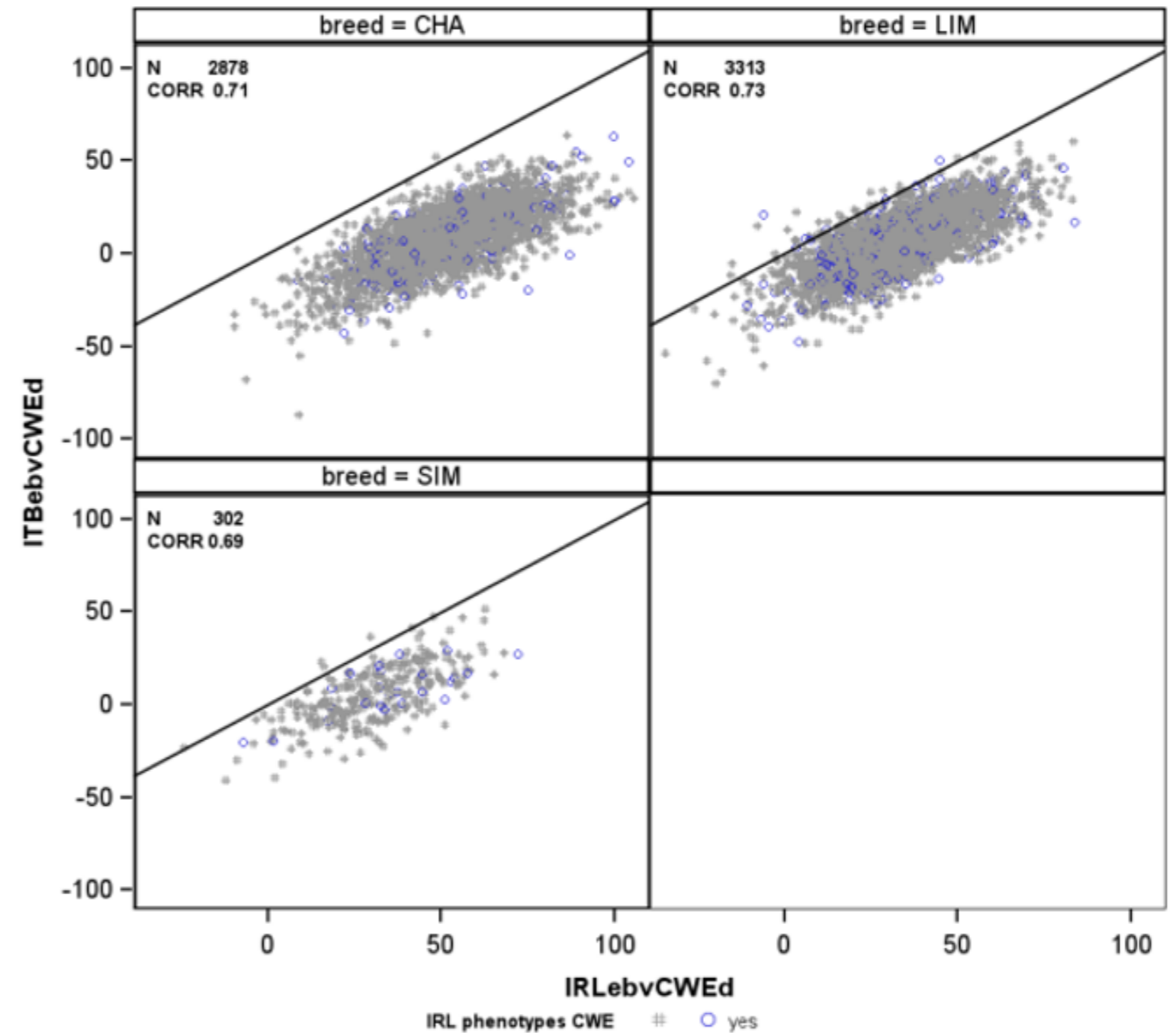
From R&D to a Service

Last research run December 2022

Results were considered satisfactory

Comparison of ITB (ITBebvCWEd) & IRL (IRLebvCWEd) EBVs

Reliability of trait ITB > 0.70 and IRL > 0.70





From R&D to a Service

Test run April 2023

Participants GBR and IRL

Performances

	CHA		LIM		SIM	
	Total: 1,620,279		Total: 1,619,571		Total: 450,708	
	GBR	IRL	GBR	IRL	GBR	IRL
CWE, CFA, CCO	151,593*	388,500*	153,600*	386,257*	102,006*	48,230*

* per each trait

Pedigree/EBVs

	CHA	LIM	SIM
Animals	1,232,423	1,276,613	361,419



From R&D to a Service

1st Routine run October 2023

Carcass traits are prime goals trait in Ireland. The Interbeef evaluation for carcass traits will expand the capacity for farmers and the industry to select the best bulls to optimise profit (ICBF)

Inclusion of carcass traits in Interbeef will enhance our national evaluations for these traits and make the Interbeef service more relevant to our breeders (AHDB)



Impact on other traits' evaluation

- Inclusion of Genetic Groups
 - Discussion started in the Carcass WG
 - Implementation extended also to other evaluated trait groups



Next steps

- Genomic Evaluation
- New countries
- Expand to more breeds
- Age at Slaughter (GenTORE)
- Beef on dairy



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