INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic test international evaluation for calving traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from 18 countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for calving traits of bulls were computed from:
AUS BEL CAN CHE DEU DFS FRA GBR HUN IRL ISR ITA NLD NZL USA SVK ESP POL
Holstein data were included in this evaluation.

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

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dce:      CAN, DEU, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, HUN, ESP, POL
dsb:      CAN, DEU, DFS,    , ITA, NLD,           POL
mce:      CAN, DEU, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, HUN,      POL
msb:      CAN, DEU, DFS,    , ITA, NLD,           POL
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CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

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NLD (HOL)    DCE in line with changes introduced in MACE
GBR (HOL)    Updates in genotypes and data update
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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 December 2022

Country	Date
CAN	20221201
DFS	20221101
ITA	20221111
NLD	20221201
GBR	20221109
HUN	20211122
DEU	20221206
BEL	20201201
ESP	20221115
POL	20221017

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for dce

CAN	38647.0								
DFS	5459.0	35319.0							
ITA	36151.0	4941.0	37547.0						
NLD	4069.0	31684.0	3451.0	34097.0					
GBR	35575.0	5934.0	35584.0	4427.0	37781.0				
HUN	2268.0	7626.0	2252.0	7769.0	2494.0	9032.0			
DEU	9885.0	34484.0	9415.0	32458.0	10474.0	8190.0	41151.0		
BEL	686.0	628.0	679.0	733.0	664.0	549.0	720.0	1429.0	
ESP	6594.0	34538.0	6092.0	32303.0	7168.0	8022.0	35842.0	695.0	36841.0
POL	4592.0	29664.0	4055.0	28267.0	5072.0	7586.0	30090.0	824.0	30308.0 31046.0

Number of bulls in reference population for mce

CAN	30974.0								
DFS	5168.0	35843.0							
ITA	29063.0	4699.0	30197.0						
NLD	3859.0	32439.0	3292.0	34141.0					
GBR	28378.0	5671.0	28362.0	4157.0	29904.0				
HUN	2208.0	7263.0	2195.0	7265.0	2363.0	8352.0			
DEU	8741.0	35047.0	8288.0	33151.0	9307.0	7804.0	40749.0		
POL	4442.0	29802.0	3948.0	28480.0	4913.0	7229.0	30202.0	31169.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for dsb

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CAN 35407.0
DFS  5289.0 33818.0
ITA 33143.0  4766.0 34433.0
NLD  3879.0 30299.0  3296.0 32037.0
DEU  9506.0 33043.0  9037.0 31067.0 39415.0
POL  4431.0 27847.0  3891.0 26532.0 28295.0 29177.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for        msb
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CAN 28724.0
DFS  5027.0 35042.0
ITA 26980.0  4552.0 28044.0
NLD  3714.0 31762.0  3166.0 33347.0
DEU  8378.0 34300.0  7925.0 32479.0 39694.0
POL  4305.0 28802.0  3804.0 27573.0 29222.0 30116.0
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