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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DFS (HOL)        Started a new system for handling genotypes. As consequence few bulls with genotypes have been deleted from the system
HUN (HOL)        New GEBV provided since 2022, in a transition period from previous service owner to the new Herd-Book Society.
NLD (HOL)        SNP effects and DGTV are estimated with single step genomic system. GEBV are published from the pseudo-record system using DGV from the single step system
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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 2023

Country	Date
CAN	20231201
DFS	20221107
ITA	20230704
NLD	20231201
GBR	20231110
HUN	20231117
DEU	20231205
BEL	20201201
ESP	20231115
POL	20231019

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for dce

CAN	40105.0								
DFS	5682.0	36172.0							
ITA	37233.0	5212.0	38374.0						
NLD	4082.0	32032.0	3462.0	33695.0					
GBR	36792.0	6458.0	36688.0	4399.0	39121.0				
HUN	2274.0	7781.0	2256.0	7645.0	2456.0	8796.0			
DEU	11029.0	35378.0	10660.0	32473.0	11866.0	8201.0	42702.0		
BEL	687.0	643.0	682.0	719.0	656.0	533.0	720.0	1403.0	
ESP	7176.0	35399.0	6643.0	32314.0	7990.0	8022.0	36804.0	696.0	37786.0
POL	4676.0	30300.0	4191.0	28269.0	5241.0	7579.0	30462.0	825.0	30497.0 31223.0

Number of bulls in reference population for mce

CAN	32103.0								
DFS	5396.0	36973.0							
ITA	29944.0	4989.0	30914.0						
NLD	3875.0	33091.0	3312.0	34461.0					
GBR	29402.0	6184.0	29341.0	4177.0	31197.0				
HUN	2225.0	7733.0	2210.0	7568.0	2378.0	8667.0			
DEU	9709.0	36209.0	9386.0	33477.0	10515.0	8130.0	42402.0		
ESP	6748.0	36240.0	6297.0	33349.0	7567.0	7967.0	37531.0	38439.0	
POL	4539.0	30773.0	4105.0	28799.0	5101.0	7534.0	30884.0	30939.0	31693.0

Number of bulls in reference population for dsb

CAN	36817.0					
DFS	5501.0	34601.0				
ITA	34181.0	5021.0	35219.0			
NLD	3895.0	30651.0	3307.0	32056.0		
DEU	10642.0	33863.0	10264.0	31096.0	40921.0	
POL	4513.0	28467.0	4023.0	26549.0	28651.0	29354.0

Number of bulls in reference population for msb

CAN	31180.0					
DFS	5295.0	35871.0				
ITA	29181.0	4871.0	30086.0			
NLD	3766.0	32120.0	3219.0	33410.0		
DEU	9495.0	35140.0	9152.0	32532.0	41172.0	
POL	4416.0	29453.0	3967.0	27616.0	29595.0	30348.0