

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 genetic evaluation of conformation traits are as follows:

FRA (HOL) Changes in proofs for some bulls due to changes in their information and consequent change in status.
CZE (HOL) Small adjustment of the G matrix
ITA (HOL) Drops in reliabilities due to update of information for some bulls
AUS (HOL) Genotypes updates for some bulls
ESP (HOL) New GEBVs are calculated with SNPBLUP applying afterwards the f factor described by the Interbull genomic reliability method for adjusting genomic reliabilities.

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 2021

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20210801
DEU	20210810
DFS	20210810
ESP	20210701
FRA	20210811
GBR	20210309
ITA	20210714
NLD	20210801
HUN	20210723
POL	20210810
CZE	20210722

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for	sta
BEL	1716.0
CAN	748.0 37945.0

POL	4514.0	32560.0	32404.0	32917.0	30308.0	4451.0	3422.0	31767.0	7453.0	34522.0		
CZE	1522.0	1976.0	1637.0	1853.0	1653.0	1454.0	1307.0	1694.0	1284.0	2384.0	3329.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for rwi

CAN	37123.0											
DEU	7115.0	41845.0										
DFS	4636.0	37188.0	38264.0									
ESP	5334.0	38138.0	37497.0	39283.0								
FRA	4012.0	34598.0	34113.0	34692.0	36348.0							
GBR	31658.0	7387.0	4884.0	5644.0	4100.0	33886.0						
ITA	31238.0	5928.0	3601.0	4102.0	3194.0	30038.0	31774.0					
NLD	4085.0	36327.0	35805.0	36414.0	34156.0	4377.0	3233.0	38224.0				
HUN	1978.0	7841.0	7408.0	7769.0	7216.0	2097.0	1837.0	7584.0	8445.0			
POL	4514.0	32553.0	32397.0	32910.0	30301.0	4451.0	3422.0	31760.0	7444.0	34515.0		
CZE	1522.0	1976.0	1637.0	1853.0	1653.0	1454.0	1307.0	1694.0	1284.0	2384.0	3329.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for rls

CAN	37946.0											
DEU	7116.0	41902.0										
DFS	4637.0	37245.0	38321.0									
ESP	5335.0	38194.0	37553.0	39339.0								
FRA	4012.0	34654.0	34169.0	34747.0	36404.0							
GBR	31659.0	7388.0	4885.0	5645.0	4100.0	33887.0						
ITA	31239.0	5929.0	3602.0	4103.0	3194.0	30039.0	31775.0					
NLD	4086.0	36384.0	35862.0	36470.0	34212.0	4378.0	3234.0	38281.0				
HUN	1978.0	7850.0	7417.0	7778.0	7225.0	2097.0	1837.0	7593.0	8454.0			
POL	4514.0	32563.0	32407.0	32920.0	30311.0	4451.0	3422.0	31770.0	7453.0	34525.0		
CZE	1522.0	1976.0	1637.0	1853.0	1653.0	1454.0	1307.0	1694.0	1284.0	2384.0	3329.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for rlr

CAN	37019.0											
DEU	7110.0	39793.0										
DFS	4630.0	35165.0	36231.0									
ESP	5329.0	36100.0	35468.0	37227.0								
FRA	4004.0	32583.0	32122.0	32680.0	34267.0							
GBR	30823.0	7380.0	4876.0	5637.0	4090.0	32299.0						
ITA	30410.0	5922.0	3595.0	4096.0	3186.0	29209.0	30944.0					
NLD	4075.0	34329.0	33806.0	34413.0	32195.0	4286.0	3225.0	35766.0				
HUN	1976.0	6957.0	6523.0	6883.0	6368.0	2092.0	1835.0	6696.0	7554.0			
POL	4505.0	30545.0	30387.0	30898.0	28328.0	4440.0	3413.0	29763.0	6557.0	32451.0		
CZE	1521.0	1963.0	1624.0	1840.0	1641.0	1452.0	1306.0	1682.0	1276.0	2322.0	3238.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for fan

CAN	37923.0											
DEU	7116.0	39746.0										
DFS	4637.0	35356.0	36414.0									
ESP	5335.0	36304.0	35666.0	37443.0								
FRA	4012.0	32830.0	32346.0	32922.0	34574.0							
GBR	31639.0	7388.0	4885.0	5645.0	4100.0	33123.0						
ITA	31222.0	5929.0	3602.0	4103.0	3194.0	30023.0	31758.0					
NLD	4083.0	34503.0	33983.0	34591.0	32397.0	4296.0	3233.0	35938.0				
HUN	1978.0	7161.0	6728.0	7088.0	6572.0	2095.0	1837.0	6900.0	7759.0			
POL	4514.0	30735.0	30579.0	31090.0	28548.0	4451.0	3422.0	29948.0	6763.0	32691.0		
CZE	1521.0	1974.0	1635.0	1851.0	1651.0	1454.0	1306.0	1692.0	1282.0	2382.0	3326.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 37945.0
DEU 7116.0 41082.0
DFS 4637.0 36432.0 37502.0
ESP 5335.0 37377.0 36737.0 38514.0
FRA 4012.0 33862.0 33381.0 33953.0 35607.0
GBR 31658.0 7388.0 4885.0 5645.0 4100.0 33886.0
ITA 31238.0 5929.0 3602.0 4103.0 3194.0 30038.0 31774.0
NLD 4086.0 35583.0 35059.0 35667.0 33437.0 4378.0 3234.0 37478.0
HUN 1978.0 7315.0 6880.0 7241.0 6716.0 2097.0 1837.0 7056.0 7916.0
POL 4514.0 31759.0 31601.0 32114.0 29533.0 4451.0 3422.0 30969.0 6915.0 33718.0
CZE 1522.0 1975.0 1636.0 1852.0 1652.0 1454.0 1307.0 1693.0 1283.0 2383.0 3328.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 37945.0
DEU 7116.0 40770.0
DFS 4637.0 36114.0 37157.0
ESP 5335.0 37064.0 36393.0 38175.0
FRA 4012.0 33556.0 33070.0 33648.0 35302.0
GBR 31658.0 7388.0 4885.0 5645.0 4100.0 33884.0
ITA 31238.0 5929.0 3602.0 4103.0 3194.0 30038.0 31774.0
NLD 4086.0 35261.0 34736.0 35346.0 33121.0 4378.0 3234.0 37155.0
HUN 1978.0 7328.0 6893.0 7254.0 6729.0 2097.0 1837.0 7069.0 7929.0
POL 4514.0 31896.0 31738.0 32251.0 29670.0 4451.0 3422.0 31105.0 6930.0 33855.0
CZE 1522.0 1975.0 1636.0 1852.0 1652.0 1454.0 1307.0 1693.0 1283.0 2383.0 3328.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 1717.0
CAN 748.0 37947.0
DEU 721.0 7116.0 41900.0
DFS 635.0 4637.0 37243.0 38319.0
ESP 700.0 5336.0 38192.0 37551.0 39338.0
FRA 710.0 4012.0 34652.0 34167.0 34745.0 36402.0
GBR 683.0 31660.0 7388.0 4885.0 5646.0 4100.0 33888.0
ITA 730.0 31240.0 5929.0 3602.0 4104.0 3194.0 30040.0 31776.0
NLD 742.0 4086.0 36382.0 35860.0 36468.0 34210.0 4378.0 3234.0 38279.0
HUN 513.0 1978.0 7849.0 7416.0 7777.0 7224.0 2097.0 1837.0 7592.0 8453.0
POL 1017.0 4514.0 32561.0 32405.0 32918.0 30309.0 4451.0 3422.0 31768.0 7452.0 34523.0
CZE 840.0 1522.0 1976.0 1637.0 1853.0 1653.0 1454.0 1307.0 1694.0 1284.0 2384.0 3329.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 37938.0
DEU 7115.0 41898.0
DFS 4636.0 37241.0 38317.0
ESP 5334.0 38190.0 37549.0 39335.0
FRA 4012.0 34652.0 34167.0 34745.0 36402.0
GBR 31653.0 7387.0 4884.0 5644.0 4100.0 33137.0
ITA 31237.0 5928.0 3601.0 4102.0 3194.0 30037.0 31773.0
NLD 4082.0 36380.0 35858.0 36466.0 34210.0 4295.0 3232.0 37822.0
HUN 1978.0 7850.0 7417.0 7778.0 7225.0 2095.0 1837.0 7591.0 8452.0
POL 4514.0 32562.0 32406.0 32919.0 30310.0 4451.0 3422.0 31769.0 7453.0 34524.0
CZE 1522.0 1976.0 1637.0 1853.0 1653.0 1454.0 1307.0 1694.0 1284.0 2384.0 3329.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

CAN 37948.0
DEU 7118.0 41856.0
DFS 4638.0 37198.0 38274.0

Number of bulls in reference population for of1

CAN 37792.0
DEU 7116.0 41259.0
DFS 4637.0 36613.0 37686.0
ESP 5335.0 37555.0 36919.0 38688.0
FRA 4011.0 34012.0 33535.0 34102.0 35747.0
GBR 31528.0 7389.0 4886.0 5646.0 4100.0 33007.0
ITA 31145.0 5930.0 3603.0 4104.0 3194.0 29945.0 31681.0
NLD 4083.0 35772.0 35250.0 35858.0 33601.0 4296.0 3233.0 37190.0
HUN 1978.0 7849.0 7416.0 7777.0 7224.0 2095.0 1837.0 7590.0 8451.0
POL 4515.0 31945.0 31790.0 32303.0 29692.0 4452.0 3423.0 31162.0 7452.0 33907.0
CZE 1522.0 1974.0 1635.0 1851.0 1651.0 1454.0 1307.0 1693.0 1284.0 2382.0 3327.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

CAN 32144.0
DEU 7065.0 37167.0
DFS 4589.0 32761.0 33693.0
ESP 5285.0 33725.0 33004.0 34737.0
FRA 3966.0 30331.0 29784.0 30378.0 31962.0
GBR 29405.0 7338.0 4847.0 5604.0 4062.0 30852.0
ITA 28922.0 5895.0 3574.0 4073.0 3167.0 28034.0 29374.0
NLD 4045.0 32091.0 31496.0 32132.0 29974.0 4262.0 3206.0 33399.0
CZE 1512.0 1940.0 1604.0 1819.0 1620.0 1446.0 1296.0 1661.0 3201.0
HUN 1972.0 6134.0 5708.0 6057.0 5570.0 2087.0 1832.0 5873.0 1255.0 6727.0
POL 4338.0 28128.0 27872.0 28428.0 25977.0 4415.0 3273.0 27440.0 2270.0 5732.0 29719.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

DEU 33857.0
FRA 27182.0 28651.0
GBR 7273.0 4030.0 30026.0
ITA 5870.0 3155.0 26504.0 28102.0
NLD 28736.0 26742.0 4304.0 3189.0 30502.0
CZE 1936.0 1618.0 1437.0 1289.0 1660.0 3078.0
CAN 6974.0 3919.0 27880.0 27656.0 3987.0 1504.0 32399.0
ESP 30430.0 27223.0 5537.0 4050.0 28751.0 1817.0 5187.0 31400.0
HUN 6927.0 6348.0 2086.0 1826.0 6668.0 1270.0 1968.0 6855.0 7523.0
POL 26944.0 24770.0 4361.0 3316.0 26121.0 2201.0 4322.0 27194.0 6535.0 28535.0