

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:

DFS (HOL) ang - Decrease in reliability due to a number of foreign bulls failing to meet requirements.
AUS (HOL) ocs - Some changes due to genotype update, added information for some bulls and/or new information on relatives.
ITA (HOL) Decrease in reliability due to changes in bull population
DEU (HOL) Some bulls affected by changed or added information in relatives
ESP (HOL) Changed the reference genome and the imputing process, new check on genotypes and Interbull Method for gebv reliability. (GEBV test OK)
GBR (HOL) Some animals affected by change in genomic information

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>

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 August 2023

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20230801
DEU	20230808
DFS	20230808
ESP	20230710
FRA	20230809
GBR	20230710
ITA	20230704
NLD	20230801
HUN	20230721
POL	20230630
CZE	20230724

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for	sta
BEL	1671.0
CAN	726.0 39599.0

POL	4864.0	33866.0	33411.0	34072.0	30338.0	5319.0	4256.0	31840.0	7626.0	35468.0	
CZE	1848.0	2362.0	1748.0	2175.0	1684.0	1769.0	1766.0	1715.0	1412.0	2533.0	3721.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rwi

CAN	38776.0										
DEU	9374.0	45053.0									
DFS	5213.0	38559.0	39514.0								
ESP	6630.0	40359.0	38593.0	41262.0							
FRA	4038.0	34676.0	34095.0	34759.0	36403.0						
GBR	33207.0	10085.0	5820.0	7311.0	4121.0	35544.0					
ITA	33595.0	8681.0	4519.0	5959.0	3302.0	32755.0	34605.0				
NLD	4114.0	36537.0	35850.0	36514.0	34181.0	4454.0	3467.0	38312.0			
HUN	2234.0	8217.0	7647.0	8047.0	7274.0	2449.0	2213.0	7797.0	9023.0		
POL	4864.0	33860.0	33405.0	34066.0	30331.0	5319.0	4256.0	31833.0	7617.0	35462.0	
CZE	1848.0	2362.0	1748.0	2175.0	1684.0	1769.0	1766.0	1715.0	1412.0	2533.0	3721.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rls

CAN	39599.0										
DEU	9375.0	45109.0									
DFS	5214.0	38615.0	39570.0								
ESP	6631.0	40414.0	38648.0	41317.0							
FRA	4038.0	34732.0	34151.0	34814.0	36459.0						
GBR	33208.0	10086.0	5821.0	7312.0	4121.0	35545.0					
ITA	33596.0	8682.0	4520.0	5960.0	3302.0	32756.0	34606.0				
NLD	4115.0	36594.0	35907.0	36570.0	34237.0	4455.0	3468.0	38369.0			
HUN	2234.0	8226.0	7656.0	8056.0	7283.0	2449.0	2213.0	7806.0	9032.0		
POL	4864.0	33869.0	33414.0	34075.0	30341.0	5319.0	4256.0	31843.0	7626.0	35471.0	
CZE	1848.0	2362.0	1748.0	2175.0	1684.0	1769.0	1766.0	1715.0	1412.0	2533.0	3721.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rlr

CAN	38671.0										
DEU	9370.0	42999.0									
DFS	5207.0	36533.0	37478.0								
ESP	6625.0	38319.0	36562.0	39204.0							
FRA	4030.0	32659.0	32102.0	32746.0	34320.0						
GBR	32374.0	10079.0	5812.0	7304.0	4111.0	34408.0					
ITA	32763.0	8677.0	4513.0	5954.0	3294.0	31924.0	33772.0				
NLD	4104.0	34537.0	33849.0	34512.0	32218.0	4365.0	3459.0	35864.0			
HUN	2229.0	7333.0	6762.0	7161.0	6427.0	2368.0	2210.0	6772.0	7867.0		
POL	4855.0	31850.0	31393.0	32053.0	28357.0	5308.0	4247.0	29835.0	6731.0	33395.0	
CZE	1847.0	2349.0	1735.0	2162.0	1672.0	1767.0	1765.0	1703.0	1404.0	2471.0	3630.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fan

CAN	39565.0										
DEU	9376.0	42953.0									
DFS	5213.0	36724.0	37661.0								
ESP	6631.0	38523.0	36759.0	39420.0							
FRA	4036.0	32905.0	32325.0	32986.0	34626.0						
GBR	33182.0	10087.0	5820.0	7312.0	4119.0	35223.0					
ITA	33567.0	8683.0	4519.0	5960.0	3300.0	32731.0	34576.0				
NLD	4111.0	34711.0	34025.0	34688.0	32419.0	4374.0	3466.0	36036.0			
HUN	2231.0	7537.0	6967.0	7366.0	6631.0	2371.0	2212.0	6976.0	8072.0		
POL	4862.0	32038.0	31583.0	32242.0	28575.0	5317.0	4254.0	30018.0	6937.0	33634.0	
CZE	1847.0	2360.0	1746.0	2173.0	1682.0	1769.0	1765.0	1713.0	1410.0	2531.0	3718.0

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 39601.0
DEU 9377.0 44290.0
DFS 5215.0 37804.0 38753.0
ESP 6633.0 39599.0 37834.0 40494.0
FRA 4038.0 33941.0 33364.0 34021.0 35663.0
GBR 33210.0 10086.0 5822.0 7313.0 4121.0 35544.0
ITA 33598.0 8683.0 4521.0 5961.0 3302.0 32757.0 34607.0
NLD 4115.0 35794.0 35105.0 35768.0 33463.0 4455.0 3468.0 37567.0
HUN 2234.0 7692.0 7120.0 7520.0 6775.0 2449.0 2213.0 7270.0 8495.0
POL 4864.0 33065.0 32609.0 33269.0 29564.0 5318.0 4255.0 31043.0 7089.0 34664.0
CZE 1848.0 2361.0 1747.0 2174.0 1683.0 1769.0 1766.0 1714.0 1411.0 2532.0 3720.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 39599.0
DEU 9376.0 43976.0
DFS 5214.0 37499.0 38426.0
ESP 6632.0 39284.0 37508.0 40153.0
FRA 4038.0 33634.0 33067.0 33715.0 35357.0
GBR 33208.0 10085.0 5821.0 7312.0 4121.0 35540.0
ITA 33596.0 8682.0 4520.0 5960.0 3302.0 32755.0 34605.0
NLD 4115.0 35471.0 34796.0 35446.0 33146.0 4455.0 3468.0 37243.0
HUN 2234.0 7703.0 7131.0 7531.0 6786.0 2449.0 2213.0 7281.0 8506.0
POL 4864.0 33201.0 32745.0 33405.0 29700.0 5318.0 4255.0 31178.0 7103.0 34800.0
CZE 1848.0 2361.0 1747.0 2174.0 1683.0 1769.0 1766.0 1714.0 1411.0 2532.0 3720.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 1671.0
CAN 726.0 39603.0
DEU 727.0 9378.0 45110.0
DFS 625.0 5216.0 38617.0 39572.0
ESP 702.0 6634.0 40416.0 38650.0 41319.0
FRA 710.0 4038.0 34731.0 34150.0 34813.0 36458.0
GBR 684.0 33212.0 10088.0 5824.0 7315.0 4121.0 35547.0
ITA 718.0 33600.0 8685.0 4523.0 5963.0 3302.0 32760.0 34610.0
NLD 740.0 4115.0 36593.0 35906.0 36569.0 34236.0 4455.0 3468.0 38368.0
HUN 549.0 2234.0 8226.0 7656.0 8056.0 7283.0 2449.0 2213.0 7806.0 9032.0
POL 994.0 4864.0 33867.0 33413.0 34073.0 30340.0 5318.0 4255.0 31842.0 7626.0 35469.0
CZE 843.0 1848.0 2362.0 1748.0 2175.0 1684.0 1769.0 1766.0 1715.0 1412.0 2533.0 3721.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 39595.0
DEU 9377.0 45115.0
DFS 5214.0 38614.0 39569.0
ESP 6631.0 40415.0 38647.0 41318.0
FRA 4038.0 34731.0 34149.0 34813.0 36458.0
GBR 33208.0 10089.0 5821.0 7313.0 4121.0 35251.0
ITA 33597.0 8687.0 4520.0 5961.0 3302.0 32761.0 34612.0
NLD 4112.0 36596.0 35904.0 36570.0 34236.0 4378.0 3470.0 37931.0
HUN 2232.0 8227.0 7656.0 8056.0 7283.0 2373.0 2214.0 7667.0 8766.0
POL 4865.0 33870.0 33415.0 34076.0 30341.0 5319.0 4256.0 31844.0 7627.0 35472.0
CZE 1849.0 2362.0 1748.0 2175.0 1684.0 1770.0 1767.0 1715.0 1412.0 2533.0 3722.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

CAN 39606.0
DEU 9380.0 45072.0
DFS 5215.0 38569.0 39524.0

Number of bulls in reference population for of1

CAN 39398.0
DEU 9339.0 44378.0
DFS 5212.0 37975.0 38921.0
ESP 6616.0 39745.0 38008.0 40628.0
FRA 4036.0 34078.0 33512.0 34155.0 35787.0
GBR 33045.0 10046.0 5820.0 7298.0 4120.0 35070.0
ITA 33437.0 8643.0 4518.0 5946.0 3300.0 32589.0 34434.0
NLD 4107.0 35962.0 35291.0 35942.0 33612.0 4367.0 3458.0 37266.0
HUN 2227.0 8222.0 7655.0 8054.0 7283.0 2366.0 2207.0 7666.0 8759.0
POL 4859.0 33236.0 32793.0 33441.0 29709.0 5316.0 4253.0 31221.0 7626.0 34833.0
CZE 1848.0 2360.0 1746.0 2173.0 1682.0 1769.0 1766.0 1714.0 1412.0 2531.0 3719.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

CAN 34248.0
DEU 9281.0 40257.0
DFS 5167.0 34108.0 34918.0
ESP 6571.0 35903.0 34088.0 36674.0
FRA 3995.0 30416.0 29782.0 30449.0 32020.0
GBR 31361.0 9990.0 5779.0 7257.0 4090.0 33358.0
ITA 31524.0 8587.0 4481.0 5908.0 3271.0 30912.0 32400.0
NLD 4071.0 32297.0 31557.0 32234.0 30002.0 4336.0 3431.0 33495.0
CZE 1837.0 2324.0 1715.0 2141.0 1651.0 1760.0 1754.0 1682.0 3592.0
HUN 2221.0 6509.0 5950.0 6336.0 5631.0 2357.0 2202.0 5948.0 1383.0 7030.0
POL 4814.0 29410.0 28870.0 29559.0 26013.0 5274.0 4213.0 27518.0 2419.0 5908.0 30774.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

DEU 36845.0
FRA 27255.0 28699.0
GBR 9846.0 4054.0 31992.0
ITA 8533.0 3258.0 29386.0 31064.0
NLD 28928.0 26757.0 4373.0 3413.0 30573.0
CZE 2317.0 1646.0 1748.0 1747.0 1679.0 3466.0
CAN 9173.0 3945.0 29829.0 30206.0 4009.0 1827.0 34419.0
ESP 32503.0 27283.0 7116.0 5855.0 28838.0 2133.0 6466.0 33243.0
HUN 7301.0 6406.0 2435.0 2199.0 6877.0 1398.0 2221.0 7133.0 8088.0
POL 28088.0 24795.0 5138.0 4163.0 26185.0 2346.0 4711.0 28203.0 6711.0 29396.0