

INTRODUCTION

The latest genomic routine international evaluation for **conformation traits** took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from twenty (22) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for calving traits of bulls from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark-Finland-Sweden, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Estonia, Slovenia, Portugal and the United States of America were computed. Holstein data were included in this evaluation.

BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL submitted GEBVs.

ang: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
bcs: BEL, CAN, DEU, , FRA, , , GBR, ITA, NLD,
bde: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
cwi: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
fan: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ftl: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ftp: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
fua: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
loc: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD,
ocs: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, AUS, , GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ofl: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ous: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ran: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
rlr: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
rls: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
rtp: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ruh: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
rwi: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
sta: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
ude: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL
usu: BEL, CAN, DEU, ESP, FRA, , DFS, GBR, ITA, NLD, POL

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

GBR HOL Change of organization - data now provided by SRUC. New method for computing reliabilities. Coding of bulls is slightly different as usual rule in UK was applied for other traits in terms of status of bull and type of proof

FRA HOL New base and Inclusion of FRR population in HOLFRA

BEL HOL Small modifications in the editing and preparation of the data used for the SS GBLUP

POL HOL Corrections made for some previously incorrect types of proofs.

AUS HOL New base

DEU HOL New base

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

The Parameter-space approach (Sullivan, 2016) was used for this GMACE run:

- New residual correlations were derived to account for different heritability among country-traits
- Parameter space restrictions were used to bound GMACE results on the scale of each country
- The use of Predicted National Reliabilities (the MP.5 approach) is no longer used for the GMACE genetic evaluations. For reliability approximations, MP.5 is no longer used for reliabilities that have a defined parameter space, but MP.5 continues to be used to improve reliability predictions in countries where a bull does not have a national GEBV (i.e. where a parameter space is not defined)
- Information about bull controlling country (file 734) and genotyped animals (file 733) is now extracted directly from IDEA

Sullivan, P.G. 2016. Defining a Parameter Space for GMACE. Interbull Bulletin 50, p 85-93.

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Eleven 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 eleven 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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<http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar>

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 minimizing the need to resort to conversions.

At the same time, all recipients of Interbull results are expected to honor 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 April 2017

Country	Date
BEL	20170401
CAN	20170401
DEU	20170404
DFS	20170306
ESP	20170307
FRA	20170405
GBR	20170304
ITA	20170306
NLD	20170401
POL	20170215

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Table 2.

 Number of bulls in reference population for sta

BEL	2568.0									
CAN	1310.0	31923.0								
DEU	958.0	2385.0	34025.0							
DFS	867.0	2203.0	31825.0	32982.0						
ESP	920.0	2239.0	32135.0	32251.0	33198.0					
FRA	1013.0	2553.0	30686.0	30639.0	31076.0	32910.0				
GBR	845.0	25494.0	2145.0	1943.0	1978.0	2235.0	25890.0			
ITA	1144.0	26083.0	1773.0	1506.0	1534.0	1799.0	24642.0	26397.0		
NLD	981.0	2511.0	32349.0	32239.0	32668.0	31160.0	2218.0	1780.0	34331.0	
POL	1439.0	2627.0	27663.0	27764.0	28128.0	26880.0	1990.0	1844.0	28236.0	29805.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for cwi

BEL	2568.0									
CAN	1310.0	31919.0								
DEU	957.0	2385.0	32811.0							
DFS	866.0	2203.0	30745.0	31895.0						
ESP	919.0	2239.0	30928.0	31171.0	31987.0					
FRA	1012.0	2553.0	29499.0	29572.0	29894.0	31710.0				
GBR	845.0	25491.0	2145.0	1943.0	1978.0	2235.0	25887.0			
ITA	1144.0	26081.0	1773.0	1506.0	1534.0	1799.0	24641.0	26395.0		
NLD	980.0	2511.0	31162.0	31175.0	31480.0	29999.0	2218.0	1780.0	33141.0	
POL	1438.0	2627.0	26515.0	26739.0	26978.0	25758.0	1990.0	1844.0	27093.0	28654.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for bde

BEL	2553.0									
CAN	1310.0	31923.0								
DEU	958.0	2385.0	33467.0							
DFS	867.0	2203.0	31381.0	32535.0						
ESP	920.0	2239.0	31578.0	31807.0	32639.0					
FRA	1013.0	2553.0	30155.0	30210.0	30545.0	32378.0				
GBR	845.0	25494.0	2145.0	1943.0	1978.0	2235.0	25890.0			
ITA	1144.0	26083.0	1773.0	1506.0	1534.0	1799.0	24642.0	26397.0		
NLD	981.0	2511.0	31791.0	31794.0	32109.0	30628.0	2218.0	1780.0	33770.0	
POL	1439.0	2627.0	27151.0	27365.0	27614.0	26394.0	1990.0	1844.0	27721.0	29290.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for ang

BEL	2525.0									
CAN	1308.0	31483.0								
DEU	948.0	2380.0	30253.0							
DFS	859.0	2199.0	28258.0	29406.0						
ESP	910.0	2234.0	28385.0	28696.0	29438.0					
FRA	1003.0	2548.0	27011.0	27149.0	27405.0	29218.0				
GBR	842.0	25482.0	2139.0	1938.0	1972.0	2229.0	25868.0			
ITA	1142.0	25907.0	1768.0	1502.0	1529.0	1794.0	24633.0	26219.0		
NLD	961.0	2504.0	28607.0	28689.0	28934.0	27512.0	2208.0	1774.0	30236.0	
POL	1427.0	2622.0	23960.0	24253.0	24431.0	23270.0	1983.0	1837.0	24534.0	26087.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for          ran
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BEL  2569.0
CAN  1310.0 31923.0
DEU   958.0 2385.0 33929.0
DFS   867.0 2203.0 31729.0 32886.0
ESP   920.0 2239.0 32044.0 32160.0 33107.0
FRA  1013.0 2553.0 30591.0 30544.0 30986.0 32815.0
GBR   845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA  1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD   981.0 2511.0 32254.0 32144.0 32578.0 31065.0 2218.0 1780.0 34236.0
POL  1439.0 2627.0 27660.0 27761.0 28125.0 26877.0 1990.0 1844.0 28233.0 29802.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for          rwi
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BEL  2553.0
CAN  1310.0 31103.0
DEU   958.0 2385.0 33970.0
DFS   867.0 2203.0 31773.0 32930.0
ESP   920.0 2239.0 32081.0 32200.0 33144.0
FRA  1013.0 2553.0 30631.0 30587.0 31022.0 32855.0
GBR   845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA  1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD   981.0 2511.0 32294.0 32187.0 32614.0 31105.0 2218.0 1780.0 34276.0
POL  1439.0 2627.0 27653.0 27757.0 28118.0 26870.0 1990.0 1844.0 28226.0 29795.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for          rls
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BEL  2569.0
CAN  1310.0 31923.0
DEU   958.0 2385.0 34026.0
DFS   867.0 2203.0 31826.0 32983.0
ESP   920.0 2239.0 32136.0 32252.0 33199.0
FRA  1013.0 2553.0 30687.0 30640.0 31077.0 32911.0
GBR   845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA  1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD   981.0 2511.0 32350.0 32240.0 32669.0 31161.0 2218.0 1780.0 34332.0
POL  1439.0 2627.0 27663.0 27764.0 28128.0 26880.0 1990.0 1844.0 28236.0 29805.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for          rlr
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BEL  2543.0
CAN  1308.0 30992.0
DEU   952.0 2377.0 31924.0
DFS   861.0 2195.0 29913.0 31060.0
ESP   914.0 2231.0 30053.0 30336.0 31108.0
FRA  1007.0 2545.0 28622.0 28748.0 29026.0 30778.0
GBR   842.0 24665.0 2136.0 1934.0 1969.0 2226.0 25053.0
ITA  1143.0 25246.0 1765.0 1498.0 1526.0 1791.0 23818.0 25558.0
NLD   965.0 2501.0 30302.0 30351.0 30617.0 29147.0 2205.0 1771.0 31944.0
POL  1433.0 2619.0 25651.0 25911.0 26110.0 24901.0 1981.0 1836.0 26232.0 27739.0
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Number of bulls in reference population for fan

BEL 2554.0
CAN 1308.0 31918.0
DEU 957.0 2385.0 31834.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 30050.0 31191.0
ESP 919.0 2239.0 30216.0 30484.0 31275.0
FRA 1012.0 2553.0 28830.0 28921.0 29225.0 31048.0
GBR 843.0 25491.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25883.0
ITA 1143.0 26081.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24641.0 26395.0
NLD 970.0 2509.0 30434.0 30475.0 30760.0 29314.0 2214.0 1779.0 32075.0
POL 1438.0 2627.0 25800.0 26051.0 26269.0 25085.0 1990.0 1844.0 26378.0 27937.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

BEL 2569.0
CAN 1310.0 31922.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 33208.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31137.0 32289.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 31321.0 31562.0 32380.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 29896.0 29965.0 30287.0 32115.0
GBR 845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA 1144.0 26082.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26396.0
NLD 981.0 2511.0 31550.0 31562.0 31867.0 30387.0 2218.0 1780.0 33529.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 26860.0 27083.0 27323.0 26103.0 1990.0 1844.0 27435.0 28999.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

BEL 2569.0
CAN 1310.0 31922.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 32896.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 30818.0 31943.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 31009.0 31216.0 32040.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 29591.0 29653.0 29981.0 31811.0
GBR 845.0 25493.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25889.0
ITA 1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD 981.0 2511.0 31229.0 31238.0 31547.0 30072.0 2218.0 1780.0 33207.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 26997.0 27214.0 27460.0 26240.0 1990.0 1844.0 27571.0 29136.0

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 2569.0
CAN 1310.0 31923.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 34024.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31824.0 32981.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 32134.0 32250.0 33197.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 30685.0 30638.0 31075.0 32909.0
GBR 845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA 1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD 981.0 2511.0 32348.0 32238.0 32667.0 31159.0 2218.0 1780.0 34330.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 27661.0 27762.0 28126.0 26878.0 1990.0 1844.0 28234.0 29803.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

BEL 2557.0
CAN 1308.0 31919.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 34023.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31823.0 32980.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 32133.0 32249.0 33196.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 30685.0 30638.0 31075.0 32909.0
GBR 843.0 25491.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25883.0
ITA 1143.0 26082.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24641.0 26396.0
NLD 971.0 2509.0 32347.0 32237.0 32666.0 31159.0 2214.0 1779.0 33996.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 27661.0 27762.0 28126.0 26879.0 1990.0 1844.0 28234.0 29803.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

BEL 2569.0
CAN 1310.0 31923.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 33978.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31778.0 32935.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 32089.0 32205.0 33152.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 30639.0 30592.0 31030.0 32863.0
GBR 845.0 25494.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25890.0
ITA 1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD 981.0 2511.0 32302.0 32192.0 32622.0 31113.0 2218.0 1780.0 34284.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 27661.0 27762.0 28126.0 26878.0 1990.0 1844.0 28234.0 29803.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftl

BEL 2557.0
CAN 1308.0 31907.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 34023.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31823.0 32980.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 32133.0 32249.0 33196.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 30685.0 30638.0 31075.0 32909.0
GBR 843.0 25491.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25883.0
ITA 1143.0 26082.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24641.0 26396.0
NLD 971.0 2509.0 32347.0 32237.0 32666.0 31159.0 2214.0 1779.0 33996.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 27661.0 27762.0 28126.0 26879.0 1990.0 1844.0 28234.0 29803.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rtp

BEL 2546.0
CAN 1310.0 28776.0
DEU 956.0 2375.0 31645.0
DFS 865.0 2195.0 29700.0 30759.0
ESP 918.0 2229.0 29802.0 30040.0 30772.0
FRA 1011.0 2541.0 28437.0 28526.0 28766.0 30542.0
GBR 845.0 23630.0 2138.0 1937.0 1971.0 2228.0 24021.0
ITA 1144.0 24148.0 1767.0 1501.0 1528.0 1792.0 22876.0 24460.0
NLD 979.0 2484.0 30014.0 30056.0 30275.0 28853.0 2193.0 1756.0 31780.0
POL 1436.0 2619.0 26143.0 26393.0 26555.0 25353.0 1983.0 1838.0 26662.0 28143.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ocs

AUS 2603.0
BEL 318.0 2552.0
CAN 787.0 1310.0 31906.0
DEU 557.0 957.0 2385.0 33393.0
ESP 539.0 919.0 2239.0 31509.0 32569.0
FRA 572.0 1012.0 2553.0 30054.0 30448.0 32264.0
GBR 801.0 845.0 25477.0 2145.0 1978.0 2235.0 25873.0
ITA 578.0 1144.0 26068.0 1773.0 1534.0 1799.0 24627.0 26382.0
NLD 653.0 980.0 2511.0 31745.0 32064.0 30556.0 2218.0 1780.0 33723.0
POL 522.0 1438.0 2627.0 27052.0 27516.0 26268.0 1990.0 1844.0 27634.0 29193.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ous

BEL 2547.0
CAN 1310.0 31922.0
DEU 958.0 2385.0 34025.0
DFS 867.0 2203.0 31825.0 32981.0
ESP 920.0 2239.0 32135.0 32250.0 33197.0
FRA 1013.0 2553.0 30686.0 30638.0 31075.0 32908.0
GBR 845.0 25493.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25889.0
ITA 1144.0 26083.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24642.0 26397.0
NLD 981.0 2511.0 32350.0 32240.0 32669.0 31161.0 2218.0 1780.0 34331.0
POL 1439.0 2627.0 27662.0 27762.0 28126.0 26878.0 1990.0 1844.0 28236.0 29803.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ofl

BEL 2534.0
CAN 1308.0 31773.0
DEU 957.0 2385.0 33389.0
DFS 866.0 2203.0 31202.0 32355.0
ESP 919.0 2239.0 31505.0 31627.0 32565.0
FRA 1012.0 2553.0 30051.0 30014.0 30445.0 32261.0
GBR 843.0 25365.0 2145.0 1943.0 1978.0 2235.0 25757.0
ITA 1143.0 25977.0 1773.0 1506.0 1534.0 1799.0 24536.0 26291.0
NLD 970.0 2509.0 31741.0 31634.0 32060.0 30553.0 2214.0 1779.0 33365.0
POL 1438.0 2627.0 27048.0 27151.0 27512.0 26265.0 1990.0 1844.0 27630.0 29189.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

BEL 2513.0
CAN 1302.0 25657.0
DEU 952.0 2339.0 27596.0
DFS 862.0 2156.0 25945.0 26840.0
ESP 914.0 2191.0 26157.0 26351.0 26986.0
FRA 1007.0 2502.0 24715.0 24744.0 25101.0 26581.0
GBR 840.0 22792.0 2104.0 1899.0 1934.0 2190.0 23168.0
ITA 1135.0 23302.0 1749.0 1484.0 1512.0 1776.0 22186.0 23596.0
NLD 964.0 2466.0 26313.0 26317.0 26644.0 25117.0 2175.0 1756.0 27741.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

BEL 2400.0
DEU 945.0 24397.0
FRA 998.0 21637.0 23274.0
GBR 838.0 2092.0 2179.0 21682.0
ITA 1136.0 1738.0 1766.0 20693.0 22340.0
NLD 953.0 23165.0 22021.0 2158.0 1740.0 24545.0
CAN 1302.0 2325.0 2489.0 21322.0 22058.0 2447.0 25997.0