

## 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, HUN submitted GEBVs.

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

## CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

ESP (HOL) Base change  
NLD (HOL) Included a deregression post-processing step to keep the animals with information in the system  
HUN (HOL) First participation with bcs and loc  
BEL (HOL) Corrected a small bug in their routines preparing final GEBV to be submitted  
Increase in the size of the reference population (mainly females)

## INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE DECEMBER ROUTINE RUN

No changes in Interbull procedures

## 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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#### 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 2018

Country	Date
BEL	20180701
CAN	20180801
DEU	20180807
DFS	20180807
ESP	20180620
FRA	20180808
GBR	20180708









ITA	846.0	1308.0	28151.0	2761.0	2372.0	2502.0	26851.0	28445.0		
NLD	733.0	997.0	2908.0	32928.0	33284.0	31594.0	2851.0	2319.0	35000.0	
HUN	453.0	493.0	1065.0	6217.0	6193.0	6067.0	1035.0	983.0	6184.0	6733.0
POL	641.0	1525.0	3221.0	28718.0	29562.0	27970.0	2818.0	2553.0	28786.0	6190.0 31176.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for           ous  
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BEL	2716.0									
CAN	1448.0	33769.0								
DEU	1062.0	3322.0	36181.0							
DFS	861.0	2669.0	33591.0	34737.0						
ESP	1011.0	3004.0	34085.0	34082.0	35523.0					
FRA	1081.0	3145.0	32266.0	32134.0	32972.0	34764.0				
GBR	1010.0	27707.0	3174.0	2611.0	2947.0	3070.0	28846.0			
ITA	1308.0	28170.0	2761.0	2124.0	2372.0	2502.0	26870.0	28464.0		
NLD	998.0	2908.0	33533.0	33429.0	33889.0	32199.0	2851.0	2319.0	35608.0	
HUN	493.0	1065.0	6217.0	5940.0	6193.0	6067.0	1035.0	983.0	6184.0	6733.0
POL	1526.0	3222.0	29329.0	29472.0	30173.0	28581.0	2818.0	2553.0	29388.0	6190.0 31787.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for           of1  
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BEL	2701.0									
CAN	1446.0	33618.0								
DEU	1061.0	3322.0	35545.0							
DFS	860.0	2669.0	32965.0	34108.0						
ESP	1010.0	3004.0	33452.0	33454.0	34878.0					
FRA	1080.0	3145.0	31631.0	31507.0	32334.0	34117.0				
GBR	998.0	27576.0	3174.0	2611.0	2947.0	3070.0	28221.0			
ITA	1307.0	28064.0	2761.0	2124.0	2372.0	2502.0	26764.0	28358.0		
NLD	987.0	2906.0	32924.0	32820.0	33280.0	31591.0	2777.0	2318.0	34529.0	
HUN	493.0	1065.0	6216.0	5939.0	6192.0	6066.0	1035.0	983.0	6183.0	6732.0
POL	1525.0	3222.0	28715.0	28858.0	29559.0	27968.0	2818.0	2553.0	28782.0	6189.0 31173.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for           loc  
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BEL	2678.0									
CAN	1439.0	27698.0								
DEU	1056.0	3270.0	29593.0							
DFS	855.0	2621.0	27289.0	28168.0						
ESP	1005.0	2949.0	27895.0	27752.0	29049.0					
FRA	1075.0	3089.0	26185.0	25927.0	26855.0	28337.0				
GBR	994.0	25184.0	3123.0	2562.0	2895.0	3018.0	25801.0			
ITA	1299.0	25578.0	2721.0	2087.0	2334.0	2464.0	24594.0	25805.0		
NLD	981.0	2864.0	27483.0	27257.0	27868.0	26154.0	2733.0	2282.0	28914.0	
HUN	489.0	1062.0	4548.0	4273.0	4525.0	4457.0	1030.0	980.0	4513.0	5055.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for           bcs  
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BEL	2564.0									
DEU	1049.0	26201.0								
FRA	1068.0	22921.0	24809.0							
GBR	986.0	3112.0	3006.0	24299.0						
ITA	1300.0	2709.0	2451.0	23088.0	24538.0					
NLD	972.0	24198.0	22930.0	2714.0	2263.0	25578.0				
CAN	1440.0	3252.0	3068.0	23704.0	24323.0	2836.0	28038.0			
HUN	490.0	5351.0	5241.0	1034.0	982.0	5318.0	1064.0	5863.0		