

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, ESP, FRA, , , GBR, ITA, NLD, ,
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,
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:

NLD (HOL) New added edc from a new validation affecting GREL and SD
BEL (HOL) Same data as August but after correcting some run bugs and removing some previous adjustments
HUN (HOL) Changes affecting genomic EDC
ESP (HOL) Stopped incorporating candidates and culled bulls older than 2 years old in the genomic evaluation

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE AUGUST ROUTINE RUN

Starting with the December 2019 evaluation, the GMACE software was updated to ensure GMACE reliabilities are always at least 1 point higher than the corresponding reliabilities of MACE parent averages. This update affects bulls from countries with extremely low national genomic reliabilities for a given trait. The vast majority of GMACE results were unaffected by the update.

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 December 2019

Country	Date
BEL	20190901
CAN	20191201
DEU	20191203
DFS	20191105
ESP	20191111
FRA	20191204
GBR	20191009
ITA	20191112

NLD 20191201
 HUN 20191115
 POL 20191031
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Table 2.

 Number of bulls in reference population for sta

BEL	3142.0										
CAN	1760.0	36025.0									
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	39198.0								
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	35810.0	36808.0							
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	36387.0	36107.0	37386.0						
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	34073.0	33763.0	34297.0	36042.0					
GBR	1336.0	29851.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31512.0				
ITA	1626.0	29916.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28586.0	30262.0			
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	35417.0	35158.0	35656.0	33788.0	3810.0	2855.0	37421.0		
HUN	759.0	1637.0	7184.0	6874.0	7112.0	6857.0	1649.0	1493.0	7088.0	7739.0	
POL	1718.0	3958.0	31455.0	31461.0	31828.0	29969.0	3650.0	3043.0	31097.0	6951.0	33441.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for cwi

BEL	3142.0										
CAN	1760.0	36019.0									
DEU	1294.0	5126.0	37984.0								
DFS	1093.0	3710.0	34606.0	35596.0							
ESP	1242.0	4070.0	35177.0	34900.0	36162.0						
FRA	1272.0	3769.0	32886.0	32583.0	33107.0	34842.0					
GBR	1336.0	29845.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31506.0				
ITA	1626.0	29912.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28582.0	30258.0			
NLD	1218.0	3733.0	34230.0	33969.0	34468.0	32627.0	3810.0	2855.0	36232.0		
HUN	759.0	1637.0	6648.0	6336.0	6574.0	6347.0	1649.0	1493.0	6550.0	7200.0	
POL	1717.0	3958.0	30306.0	30311.0	30678.0	28846.0	3650.0	3043.0	29955.0	6412.0	32289.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for bde

BEL	3128.0										
CAN	1760.0	36025.0									
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	38640.0								
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	35252.0	36246.0							
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	35830.0	35548.0	36827.0						
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	33542.0	33231.0	33766.0	35510.0					
GBR	1336.0	29851.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31512.0				
ITA	1626.0	29916.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28586.0	30262.0			
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	34859.0	34598.0	35097.0	33256.0	3810.0	2855.0	36861.0		
HUN	759.0	1637.0	6673.0	6361.0	6599.0	6372.0	1649.0	1493.0	6575.0	7225.0	
POL	1718.0	3958.0	30943.0	30947.0	31314.0	29483.0	3650.0	3043.0	30583.0	6437.0	32926.0

 Number of bulls in reference population for ang

BEL	3073.0										
CAN	1758.0	35584.0									
DEU	1285.0	5121.0	35429.0								
DFS	1086.0	3705.0	32073.0	33061.0							
ESP	1233.0	4065.0	32624.0	32366.0	33602.0						
FRA	1263.0	3764.0	30388.0	30105.0	30608.0	32340.0					
GBR	1315.0	29835.0	5156.0	3745.0	4110.0	3788.0	30835.0				
ITA	1624.0	29735.0	4193.0	2845.0	3119.0	2920.0	28574.0	30079.0			
NLD	1187.0	3727.0	31678.0	31438.0	31917.0	30131.0	3724.0	2849.0	33217.0		
HUN	750.0	1632.0	4116.0	3824.0	4037.0	3867.0	1642.0	1488.0	4012.0	4626.0	
POL	1706.0	3953.0	27755.0	27779.0	28123.0	26350.0	3642.0	3036.0	27406.0	3876.0	29727.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ran

BEL 3143.0
CAN 1760.0 36025.0
DEU 1295.0 5126.0 39102.0
DFS 1094.0 3710.0 35714.0 36712.0
ESP 1243.0 4070.0 36296.0 36016.0 37295.0
FRA 1273.0 3769.0 33978.0 33668.0 34207.0 35947.0
GBR 1336.0 29851.0 5163.0 3752.0 4117.0 3795.0 31512.0
ITA 1626.0 29916.0 4198.0 2850.0 3124.0 2925.0 28586.0 30262.0
NLD 1219.0 3733.0 35322.0 35063.0 35566.0 33693.0 3810.0 2855.0 37326.0
HUN 759.0 1637.0 7184.0 6874.0 7112.0 6857.0 1649.0 1493.0 7088.0 7739.0
POL 1718.0 3958.0 31452.0 31458.0 31825.0 29966.0 3650.0 3043.0 31094.0 6951.0 33438.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rwi

BEL 3128.0
CAN 1760.0 35203.0
DEU 1295.0 5126.0 39143.0
DFS 1094.0 3710.0 35755.0 36753.0
ESP 1243.0 4070.0 36333.0 36053.0 37332.0
FRA 1273.0 3769.0 34018.0 33708.0 34243.0 35987.0
GBR 1336.0 29851.0 5163.0 3752.0 4117.0 3795.0 31512.0
ITA 1626.0 29916.0 4198.0 2850.0 3124.0 2925.0 28586.0 30262.0
NLD 1219.0 3733.0 35362.0 35103.0 35602.0 33733.0 3810.0 2855.0 37366.0
HUN 759.0 1637.0 7175.0 6865.0 7103.0 6848.0 1649.0 1493.0 7079.0 7730.0
POL 1718.0 3958.0 31445.0 31451.0 31818.0 29959.0 3650.0 3043.0 31087.0 6942.0 33431.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rls

BEL 3143.0
CAN 1760.0 36025.0
DEU 1295.0 5126.0 39199.0
DFS 1094.0 3710.0 35811.0 36809.0
ESP 1243.0 4070.0 36388.0 36108.0 37387.0
FRA 1273.0 3769.0 34074.0 33764.0 34298.0 36043.0
GBR 1336.0 29851.0 5163.0 3752.0 4117.0 3795.0 31512.0
ITA 1626.0 29916.0 4198.0 2850.0 3124.0 2925.0 28586.0 30262.0
NLD 1219.0 3733.0 35418.0 35159.0 35657.0 33789.0 3810.0 2855.0 37422.0
HUN 759.0 1637.0 7184.0 6874.0 7112.0 6857.0 1649.0 1493.0 7088.0 7739.0
POL 1718.0 3958.0 31455.0 31461.0 31828.0 29969.0 3650.0 3043.0 31097.0 6951.0 33441.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rlr

BEL 3091.0
CAN 1757.0 35096.0
DEU 1289.0 5118.0 37099.0
DFS 1088.0 3702.0 33739.0 34727.0
ESP 1237.0 4062.0 34302.0 34031.0 35284.0
FRA 1267.0 3761.0 32012.0 31725.0 32240.0 33915.0
GBR 1313.0 29024.0 5153.0 3742.0 4107.0 3785.0 30024.0
ITA 1624.0 29082.0 4190.0 2842.0 3116.0 2917.0 27764.0 29426.0
NLD 1191.0 3724.0 33372.0 33112.0 33610.0 31780.0 3721.0 2846.0 34920.0
HUN 756.0 1635.0 6296.0 5985.0 6222.0 6004.0 1646.0 1491.0 6198.0 6847.0
POL 1712.0 3949.0 29445.0 29449.0 29815.0 27994.0 3639.0 3034.0 29099.0 6060.0 31377.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fan

BEL 3103.0
CAN 1758.0 36015.0
DEU 1294.0 5126.0 37008.0

DFS	1093.0	3710.0	33886.0	34866.0																
ESP	1242.0	4070.0	34462.0	34185.0	35455.0															
FRA	1272.0	3769.0	32217.0	31908.0	32440.0	34180.0														
GBR	1316.0	29842.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	30850.0													
ITA	1625.0	29909.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28580.0	30255.0												
NLD	1196.0	3732.0	33501.0	33244.0	33742.0	31941.0	3731.0	2854.0	35046.0											
HUN	758.0	1637.0	6497.0	6186.0	6423.0	6204.0	1649.0	1493.0	6399.0	7048.0										
POL	1717.0	3958.0	29591.0	29597.0	29962.0	28174.0	3650.0	3043.0	29239.0	6262.0	31571.0									

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

BEL	3143.0																			
CAN	1760.0	36024.0																		
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	38381.0																	
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	34999.0	35991.0																
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	35572.0	35293.0	36563.0															
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	33283.0	32977.0	33505.0	35247.0														
GBR	1336.0	29850.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31511.0													
ITA	1626.0	29915.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28585.0	30261.0												
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	34618.0	34357.0	34855.0	33015.0	3810.0	2855.0	36620.0											
HUN	759.0	1637.0	6650.0	6338.0	6576.0	6349.0	1649.0	1493.0	6552.0	7202.0										
POL	1718.0	3958.0	30652.0	30656.0	31023.0	29192.0	3650.0	3043.0	30297.0	6414.0	32635.0									

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

BEL	3143.0																			
CAN	1760.0	36024.0																		
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	38069.0																	
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	34682.0	35647.0																
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	35260.0	34950.0	36225.0															
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	32978.0	32667.0	33201.0	34943.0														
GBR	1336.0	29850.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31509.0													
ITA	1626.0	29915.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28585.0	30261.0												
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	34307.0	34045.0	34545.0	32710.0	3810.0	2855.0	36308.0											
HUN	759.0	1637.0	6664.0	6352.0	6590.0	6363.0	1649.0	1493.0	6566.0	7216.0										
POL	1718.0	3958.0	30789.0	30793.0	31160.0	29329.0	3650.0	3043.0	30433.0	6429.0	32772.0									

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL	3143.0																			
CAN	1760.0	36026.0																		
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	39197.0																	
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	35809.0	36807.0																
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	36386.0	36106.0	37385.0															
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	34072.0	33762.0	34296.0	36041.0														
GBR	1336.0	29852.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31513.0													
ITA	1626.0	29917.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28587.0	30263.0												
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	35416.0	35157.0	35655.0	33787.0	3810.0	2855.0	37420.0											
HUN	759.0	1637.0	7183.0	6873.0	7111.0	6856.0	1649.0	1493.0	7087.0	7738.0										
POL	1718.0	3958.0	31453.0	31459.0	31826.0	29967.0	3650.0	3043.0	31095.0	6950.0	33439.0									

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

BEL 3106.0

NLD	764.0	1218.0	3732.0	34790.0	35028.0	33161.0	3809.0	2854.0	36789.0		
HUN	579.0	759.0	1637.0	7184.0	7112.0	6857.0	1649.0	1493.0	7088.0	7739.0	
POL	658.0	1717.0	3955.0	30817.0	31190.0	29332.0	3648.0	3041.0	30471.0	6951.0	32802.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ous

BEL	3122.0										
CAN	1760.0	36024.0									
DEU	1295.0	5126.0	39197.0								
DFS	1094.0	3710.0	35809.0	36807.0							
ESP	1243.0	4070.0	36386.0	36106.0	37385.0						
FRA	1273.0	3769.0	34072.0	33762.0	34296.0	36037.0					
GBR	1335.0	29850.0	5163.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	31506.0				
ITA	1626.0	29915.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28585.0	30261.0			
NLD	1219.0	3733.0	35418.0	35159.0	35657.0	33789.0	3810.0	2855.0	37421.0		
HUN	759.0	1637.0	7184.0	6874.0	7112.0	6857.0	1649.0	1493.0	7088.0	7739.0	
POL	1718.0	3958.0	31453.0	31459.0	31826.0	29967.0	3650.0	3043.0	31097.0	6951.0	33439.0

Number of bulls in reference population for of1

BEL	3085.0										
CAN	1758.0	35878.0									
DEU	1294.0	5127.0	38562.0								
DFS	1093.0	3710.0	35183.0	36178.0							
ESP	1242.0	4070.0	35753.0	35478.0	36740.0						
FRA	1272.0	3769.0	33437.0	33135.0	33658.0	35390.0					
GBR	1315.0	29724.0	5164.0	3752.0	4117.0	3795.0	30728.0				
ITA	1625.0	29808.0	4198.0	2850.0	3124.0	2925.0	28478.0	30154.0			
NLD	1196.0	3732.0	34809.0	34550.0	35048.0	33181.0	3731.0	2854.0	36336.0		
HUN	759.0	1637.0	7183.0	6873.0	7111.0	6856.0	1649.0	1493.0	7087.0	7738.0	
POL	1717.0	3958.0	30838.0	30845.0	31212.0	29353.0	3650.0	3043.0	30491.0	6950.0	32824.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

BEL	3061.0										
CAN	1750.0	29944.0									
DEU	1289.0	5059.0	32454.0								
DFS	1088.0	3640.0	29313.0	30054.0							
ESP	1237.0	4000.0	30033.0	29585.0	30802.0						
FRA	1267.0	3700.0	27879.0	27427.0	28107.0	29567.0					
GBR	1310.0	27330.0	5106.0	3694.0	4059.0	3739.0	28306.0				
ITA	1616.0	27316.0	4151.0	2804.0	3078.0	2881.0	26303.0	27595.0			
NLD	1190.0	3669.0	29315.0	28930.0	29580.0	27691.0	3678.0	2809.0	30669.0		
HUN	755.0	1631.0	5476.0	5171.0	5400.0	5208.0	1641.0	1488.0	5378.0	6022.0	

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

BEL	2941.0										
DEU	1279.0	28832.0									
FRA	1257.0	24402.0	25885.0								
GBR	1295.0	5073.0	3704.0	26773.0							
ITA	1615.0	4137.0	2867.0	24798.0	26332.0						
NLD	1177.0	25818.0	24284.0	3636.0	2788.0	27144.0					
CAN	1747.0	5005.0	3638.0	25834.0	26064.0	3603.0	30237.0				
ESP	1226.0	26466.0	24640.0	4024.0	3065.0	26071.0	3937.0	27171.0			
HUN	753.0	6272.0	5988.0	1641.0	1485.0	6175.0	1629.0	6200.0	6822.0		