

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:

DEU (HOL) ANG - Smaller reference population due to a recent change in the definition of the trait.
DFS (HOL) Started a new system for handling genotypes. As consequence few bulls with genotypes have been deleted from the system
ESP (HOL) Base change
OFL - Extreme changes for some bulls detected due to their sires entering the reference population
HUN (HOL) New GEBV provided since 2022, in a transition period from previous service owner to the new Herd-Book Society.
NLD (HOL) SNP effects and DGTV are estimated with single step genomic system. GEBV are published from the pseudo-record system using DGV from the single step system
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 December 2023

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20231201
DEU	20231205
DFS	20231107
ESP	20231115
FRA	20231206
GBR	20231110
ITA	20231107
NLD	20231201
HUN	20231117
POL	20231009
CZE	20231120

Table 2.

Number of bulls in reference population for	sta
BEL	1671.0
CAN	726.0 40061.0
DEU	727.0 9670.0 45543.0

CZE 1928.0 2441.0 1866.0 2257.0 1693.0 1856.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rwi

CAN 39238.0
DEU 9669.0 45487.0
DFS 5573.0 39353.0 40294.0
ESP 7010.0 40772.0 39551.0 41887.0
FRA 4040.0 34678.0 34410.0 34766.0 36405.0
GBR 33651.0 10462.0 6351.0 7821.0 4125.0 36102.0
ITA 34320.0 9269.0 5090.0 6478.0 3309.0 33581.0 35397.0
NLD 4116.0 36541.0 36222.0 36522.0 34183.0 4458.0 3474.0 38315.0
HUN 2235.0 8218.0 7818.0 8053.0 7274.0 2451.0 2215.0 7797.0 9023.0
POL 4866.0 33901.0 33889.0 34080.0 30333.0 5326.0 4362.0 31835.0 7617.0 35465.0
CZE 1928.0 2441.0 1866.0 2257.0 1693.0 1856.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rls

CAN 40061.0
DEU 9670.0 45544.0
DFS 5574.0 39410.0 40351.0
ESP 7011.0 40828.0 39607.0 41943.0
FRA 4040.0 34734.0 34466.0 34821.0 36461.0
GBR 33652.0 10463.0 6352.0 7822.0 4125.0 36103.0
ITA 34321.0 9270.0 5091.0 6479.0 3309.0 33582.0 35398.0
NLD 4117.0 36598.0 36279.0 36578.0 34239.0 4459.0 3475.0 38372.0
HUN 2235.0 8227.0 7827.0 8062.0 7283.0 2451.0 2215.0 7806.0 9032.0
POL 4866.0 33911.0 33899.0 34090.0 30343.0 5326.0 4362.0 31845.0 7626.0 35475.0
CZE 1928.0 2441.0 1866.0 2257.0 1693.0 1856.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

Number of bulls in reference population for rlr

CAN 39132.0
DEU 9664.0 43433.0
DFS 5567.0 37328.0 38259.0
ESP 7004.0 38732.0 37521.0 39827.0
FRA 4032.0 32661.0 32417.0 32753.0 34322.0
GBR 32816.0 10455.0 6343.0 7813.0 4115.0 34957.0
ITA 33487.0 9264.0 5084.0 6472.0 3301.0 32749.0 34563.0
NLD 4106.0 34541.0 34221.0 34519.0 32220.0 4369.0 3466.0 35867.0
HUN 2230.0 7334.0 6933.0 7167.0 6427.0 2370.0 2212.0 6772.0 7867.0
POL 4857.0 31892.0 31878.0 32068.0 28359.0 5315.0 4353.0 29837.0 6731.0 33399.0
CZE 1927.0 2428.0 1853.0 2244.0 1681.0 1854.0 1871.0 1713.0 1418.0 2487.0 3721.0

Number of bulls in reference population for fan

CAN 40027.0
DEU 9671.0 43385.0
DFS 5573.0 37515.0 38438.0
ESP 7011.0 38934.0 37714.0 40041.0
FRA 4038.0 32904.0 32636.0 32990.0 34625.0
GBR 33626.0 10464.0 6351.0 7822.0 4123.0 35774.0
ITA 34292.0 9271.0 5090.0 6479.0 3307.0 33557.0 35368.0
NLD 4113.0 34712.0 34393.0 34692.0 32418.0 4378.0 3473.0 36036.0
HUN 2232.0 7538.0 7139.0 7372.0 6631.0 2373.0 2214.0 6976.0 8072.0
POL 4864.0 32077.0 32064.0 32254.0 28574.0 5324.0 4360.0 30017.0 6937.0 33635.0
CZE 1927.0 2439.0 1864.0 2255.0 1691.0 1856.0 1871.0 1723.0 1424.0 2547.0 3809.0

Number of bulls in reference population for hde

Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 40062.0
DEU 9671.0 44723.0
DFS 5575.0 38600.0 39535.0
ESP 7013.0 40013.0 38794.0 41120.0
FRA 4040.0 33943.0 33680.0 34028.0 35665.0
GBR 33653.0 10461.0 6353.0 7823.0 4125.0 36101.0
ITA 34322.0 9270.0 5092.0 6480.0 3309.0 33582.0 35398.0
NLD 4117.0 35798.0 35478.0 35776.0 33465.0 4459.0 3475.0 37570.0
HUN 2235.0 7693.0 7292.0 7526.0 6775.0 2451.0 2215.0 7270.0 8495.0
POL 4866.0 33107.0 33095.0 33284.0 29566.0 5325.0 4361.0 31045.0 7089.0 34668.0
CZE 1928.0 2440.0 1865.0 2256.0 1692.0 1856.0 1872.0 1724.0 1425.0 2548.0 3811.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 40059.0
DEU 9669.0 44408.0
DFS 5574.0 38295.0 39208.0
ESP 7011.0 39697.0 38468.0 40778.0
FRA 4040.0 33636.0 33383.0 33722.0 35359.0
GBR 33650.0 10459.0 6352.0 7821.0 4125.0 36096.0
ITA 34319.0 9268.0 5091.0 6478.0 3309.0 33579.0 35395.0
NLD 4117.0 35475.0 35169.0 35454.0 33148.0 4459.0 3475.0 37246.0
HUN 2235.0 7704.0 7303.0 7537.0 6786.0 2451.0 2215.0 7281.0 8506.0
POL 4866.0 33243.0 33231.0 33420.0 29702.0 5325.0 4361.0 31180.0 7103.0 34804.0
CZE 1928.0 2440.0 1865.0 2256.0 1692.0 1856.0 1872.0 1724.0 1425.0 2548.0 3811.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruw

Number of bulls in reference population for usu

BEL 1671.0
CAN 726.0 40064.0
DEU 727.0 9672.0 45543.0
DFS 649.0 5576.0 39412.0 40353.0
ESP 703.0 7014.0 40830.0 39609.0 41945.0
FRA 710.0 4040.0 34733.0 34465.0 34820.0 36460.0
GBR 684.0 33655.0 10463.0 6355.0 7825.0 4125.0 36104.0
ITA 721.0 34324.0 9272.0 5094.0 6482.0 3309.0 33585.0 35401.0
NLD 740.0 4117.0 36597.0 36278.0 36577.0 34238.0 4459.0 3475.0 38371.0
HUN 549.0 2235.0 8227.0 7827.0 8062.0 7283.0 2451.0 2215.0 7806.0 9032.0
POL 994.0 4866.0 33909.0 33898.0 34088.0 30342.0 5325.0 4361.0 31844.0 7626.0 35473.0
CZE 844.0 1928.0 2441.0 1866.0 2257.0 1693.0 1856.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 40056.0
DEU 9671.0 45550.0
DFS 5574.0 39411.0 40352.0
ESP 7011.0 40829.0 39606.0 41942.0
FRA 4040.0 34733.0 34464.0 34820.0 36460.0
GBR 33651.0 10466.0 6354.0 7824.0 4125.0 35804.0
ITA 34321.0 9275.0 5093.0 6481.0 3309.0 33587.0 35404.0
NLD 4114.0 36601.0 36279.0 36578.0 34238.0 4383.0 3478.0 37934.0
HUN 2233.0 8228.0 7827.0 8062.0 7283.0 2375.0 2216.0 7667.0 8766.0
POL 4867.0 33911.0 33899.0 34090.0 30343.0 5326.0 4362.0 31846.0 7627.0 35475.0
CZE 1929.0 2441.0 1866.0 2257.0 1693.0 1857.0 1873.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3813.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

CAN 40066.0
DEU 9673.0 45507.0
DFS 5575.0 39367.0 40308.0
ESP 7012.0 40786.0 39563.0 41901.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ofl

CAN 39860.0
DEU 9633.0 44811.0
DFS 5568.0 38761.0 39693.0
ESP 6994.0 40156.0 38961.0 41249.0
FRA 4038.0 34080.0 33827.0 34162.0 35789.0
GBR 33487.0 10419.0 6345.0 7803.0 4124.0 35617.0
ITA 34158.0 9227.0 5085.0 6462.0 3307.0 33410.0 35222.0
NLD 4109.0 35966.0 35662.0 35949.0 33614.0 4371.0 3465.0 37269.0
HUN 2228.0 8223.0 7826.0 8060.0 7283.0 2368.0 2209.0 7666.0 8759.0
POL 4861.0 33278.0 33276.0 33456.0 29711.0 5323.0 4359.0 31223.0 7626.0 34837.0
CZE 1928.0 2439.0 1864.0 2255.0 1691.0 1856.0 1872.0 1724.0 1426.0 2547.0 3810.0

Number of bulls in reference population for loc

CAN 34616.0
DEU 9574.0 40689.0
DFS 5522.0 34884.0 35684.0
ESP 6945.0 36308.0 35029.0 37290.0
FRA 3996.0 30417.0 30088.0 30455.0 32021.0
GBR 31706.0 10364.0 6304.0 7759.0 4094.0 33810.0
ITA 32146.0 9171.0 5048.0 6423.0 3278.0 31638.0 33183.0
NLD 4072.0 32300.0 31919.0 32240.0 30002.0 4340.0 3438.0 33497.0
CZE 1918.0 2404.0 1832.0 2223.0 1660.0 1848.0 1861.0 1692.0 3684.0
HUN 2222.0 6509.0 6116.0 6341.0 5630.0 2359.0 2204.0 5947.0 1397.0 7029.0
POL 4816.0 29456.0 29354.0 29581.0 26014.0 5283.0 4320.0 27519.0 2435.0 5907.0 30785.0

Number of bulls in reference population for bcs

DEU 37255.0
FRA 27257.0 28701.0
GBR 10203.0 4058.0 32423.0
ITA 9096.0 3265.0 30105.0 31827.0
NLD 28934.0 26761.0 4377.0 3419.0 30578.0
CZE 2397.0 1655.0 1837.0 1854.0 1689.0 3559.0
CAN 9464.0 3947.0 30181.0 30836.0 4011.0 1909.0 34793.0
ESP 32887.0 27290.0 7575.0 6351.0 28848.0 2216.0 6839.0 33801.0
HUN 7302.0 6406.0 2437.0 2201.0 6877.0 1412.0 2222.0 7139.0 8088.0
POL 28125.0 24797.0 5145.0 4263.0 26187.0 2363.0 4713.0 28217.0 6711.0 29400.0