

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
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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:

CAN (HOL) Base change, changes in the genomic reference population affecting the SNP estimates, when many MACE proofs are replaced by domestic EBV that include only local progeny of these international bulls (dropping out the USA progeny data).
FRA (HOL) Base change
AUS (HOL) OCS: influx of New Zealand genotypes, some with data and links to Australian pedigrees, and these have specifically affected GEBVs for NZL sires
DEU (HOL) Base change, ANG: The definition for this trait was changed since last year, its genomic reference population is much smaller than all the other conformation traits.
ITA (HOL): Base change, cut-off one year of data in line with MACE
POL (HOL): Changes in pedigrees and in the reference population
NLD (HOL): Base change
GBR (HOL): Updates in data and genotypes

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 April 2024

Country	Date
BEL	20201201
CAN	20240401
DEU	20240403
DFS	20240206
ESP	20240312
FRA	20240403
GBR	20240312
ITA	20240305
NLD	20240101
HUN	20231117
POL	20240307
CZE	20240318

Table 2.

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Number of bulls in reference population for      sta
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BEL  1671.0
CAN  726.0 40147.0
DEU  727.0 9958.0 45971.0
DFS  651.0 6015.0 39757.0 40720.0
ESP  703.0 7039.0 41037.0 39511.0 41975.0
FRA  710.0 4040.0 34733.0 34289.0 34820.0 36460.0
GBR  683.0 33706.0 10834.0 6857.0 7878.0 4122.0 36266.0
ITA  721.0 34130.0 9413.0 5436.0 6490.0 3309.0 33381.0 35209.0
NLD  740.0 4118.0 36601.0 36096.0 36577.0 34238.0 4459.0 3476.0 38372.0
HUN  549.0 2235.0 8227.0 7770.0 8062.0 7283.0 2451.0 2215.0 7806.0 9032.0
POL  994.0 4866.0 33922.0 33708.0 34092.0 30343.0 5320.0 4364.0 31845.0 7626.0 35477.0
CZE  844.0 1932.0 2449.0 1878.0 2257.0 1693.0 1848.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      cwi
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CAN 40144.0
DEU 9960.0 44751.0
DFS 6016.0 38617.0 39574.0
ESP 7041.0 39823.0 38371.0 40747.0
FRA 4040.0 33539.0 33170.0 33624.0 35253.0
GBR 33703.0 10836.0 6858.0 7880.0 4122.0 36263.0
ITA 34127.0 9415.0 5437.0 6492.0 3309.0 33378.0 35206.0
NLD 4118.0 35407.0 34969.0 35383.0 33070.0 4459.0 3476.0 37176.0
HUN 2235.0 7690.0 7263.0 7523.0 6772.0 2451.0 2215.0 7267.0 8492.0
POL 4866.0 32766.0 32620.0 32936.0 29213.0 5320.0 4364.0 30696.0 7086.0 34317.0
CZE 1932.0 2446.0 1875.0 2254.0 1690.0 1848.0 1872.0 1723.0 1425.0 2546.0 3809.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      bde
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CAN 40147.0
DEU 9958.0 45412.0
DFS 6015.0 39229.0 40188.0
ESP 7039.0 40479.0 38982.0 41415.0
FRA 4040.0 34201.0 33783.0 34288.0 35927.0
GBR 33706.0 10834.0 6857.0 7878.0 4122.0 36266.0
ITA 34130.0 9413.0 5436.0 6490.0 3309.0 33381.0 35209.0
NLD 4118.0 36042.0 35566.0 36017.0 33705.0 4459.0 3476.0 37811.0
HUN 2235.0 7715.0 7287.0 7548.0 6797.0 2451.0 2215.0 7292.0 8517.0
POL 4866.0 33409.0 33224.0 33577.0 29856.0 5320.0 4364.0 31330.0 7111.0 34961.0
CZE 1932.0 2448.0 1877.0 2256.0 1692.0 1848.0 1872.0 1724.0 1425.0 2548.0 3811.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ang
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BEL  1579.0
CAN  720.0 39206.0
DEU  684.0 9497.0 32229.0
DFS  616.0 5568.0 27047.0 27973.0
ESP  667.0 6588.0 28196.0 26829.0 29105.0
FRA  677.0 3619.0 23056.0 22760.0 23137.0 24762.0
GBR  659.0 33269.0 10260.0 6294.0 7312.0 3585.0 35331.0
ITA  715.0 33613.0 9099.0 5131.0 6182.0 3023.0 33025.0 34652.0
NLD  680.0 3670.0 23849.0 23512.0 23843.0 22632.0 3829.0 3173.0 25154.0
HUN  512.0 2208.0 5028.0 4636.0 4859.0 4179.0 2344.0 2194.0 4463.0 5521.0
POL  957.0 4420.0 21130.0 21095.0 21348.0 18745.0 4759.0 4059.0 19161.0 4425.0 22665.0
CZE  824.0 1917.0 2371.0 1809.0 2186.0 1627.0 1837.0 1858.0 1655.0 1382.0 2475.0 3717.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ran
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CAN 40146.0
DEU 9957.0 45874.0
DFS 6014.0 39660.0 40623.0
ESP 7038.0 40945.0 39419.0 41883.0
FRA 4040.0 34638.0 34194.0 34730.0 36365.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for fua

CAN 40147.0
DEU 9958.0 45150.0
DFS 6015.0 39006.0 39964.0
ESP 7041.0 40222.0 38759.0 41152.0
FRA 4040.0 33942.0 33560.0 34027.0 35664.0
GBR 33706.0 10832.0 6857.0 7879.0 4122.0 36264.0
ITA 34130.0 9412.0 5436.0 6491.0 3309.0 33380.0 35208.0
NLD 4118.0 35801.0 35354.0 35775.0 33464.0 4459.0 3476.0 37570.0
HUN 2235.0 7692.0 7265.0 7525.0 6774.0 2451.0 2215.0 7269.0 8494.0
POL 4866.0 33117.0 32962.0 33285.0 29565.0 5319.0 4363.0 31044.0 7088.0 34669.0
CZE 1932.0 2448.0 1877.0 2256.0 1692.0 1848.0 1872.0 1724.0 1425.0 2548.0 3811.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ruh

CAN 40144.0
DEU 9956.0 44836.0
DFS 6014.0 38695.0 39630.0
ESP 7039.0 39907.0 38426.0 40811.0
FRA 4040.0 33636.0 33256.0 33722.0 35359.0
GBR 33703.0 10830.0 6856.0 7877.0 4122.0 36259.0
ITA 34127.0 9410.0 5435.0 6489.0 3309.0 33377.0 35205.0
NLD 4118.0 35479.0 35039.0 35454.0 33148.0 4459.0 3476.0 37247.0
HUN 2235.0 7704.0 7276.0 7537.0 6786.0 2451.0 2215.0 7281.0 8506.0
POL 4866.0 33254.0 33092.0 33422.0 29702.0 5319.0 4363.0 31180.0 7103.0 34806.0
CZE 1932.0 2448.0 1877.0 2256.0 1692.0 1848.0 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 40149.0
DEU 727.0 9959.0 45971.0
DFS 651.0 6016.0 39759.0 40722.0
ESP 703.0 7042.0 41040.0 39514.0 41978.0
FRA 710.0 4040.0 34733.0 34289.0 34820.0 36460.0
GBR 683.0 33708.0 10834.0 6859.0 7881.0 4122.0 36267.0
ITA 721.0 34132.0 9414.0 5438.0 6493.0 3309.0 33383.0 35211.0
NLD 740.0 4118.0 36601.0 36096.0 36577.0 34238.0 4459.0 3476.0 38372.0
HUN 549.0 2235.0 8227.0 7770.0 8062.0 7283.0 2451.0 2215.0 7806.0 9032.0
POL 994.0 4866.0 33920.0 33707.0 34090.0 30342.0 5319.0 4363.0 31844.0 7626.0 35475.0
CZE 844.0 1932.0 2449.0 1878.0 2257.0 1693.0 1848.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ude

CAN 40141.0
DEU 9958.0 45981.0
DFS 6014.0 39759.0 40722.0
ESP 7039.0 41040.0 39512.0 41976.0
FRA 4040.0 34733.0 34288.0 34820.0 36460.0
GBR 33704.0 10838.0 6858.0 7880.0 4122.0 35962.0
ITA 34129.0 9417.0 5437.0 6492.0 3309.0 33384.0 35212.0
NLD 4115.0 36605.0 36097.0 36578.0 34238.0 4383.0 3479.0 37935.0
HUN 2233.0 8228.0 7770.0 8062.0 7283.0 2375.0 2216.0 7667.0 8766.0
POL 4867.0 33922.0 33708.0 34092.0 30343.0 5320.0 4364.0 31846.0 7627.0 35477.0
CZE 1933.0 2449.0 1878.0 2257.0 1693.0 1849.0 1873.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3813.0

Number of bulls in reference population for ftp

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CAN 40151.0
DEU 9960.0 45938.0
DFS 6015.0 39715.0 40678.0
ESP 7040.0 40997.0 39469.0 41935.0
FRA 4040.0 34687.0 34242.0 34775.0 36414.0
GBR 33709.0 10840.0 6859.0 7881.0 4122.0 36274.0
ITA 34134.0 9419.0 5438.0 6493.0 3309.0 33388.0 35217.0
NLD 4119.0 36561.0 36053.0 36536.0 34192.0 4464.0 3481.0 38334.0
HUN 2236.0 8228.0 7770.0 8062.0 7282.0 2453.0 2217.0 7806.0 9033.0
POL 4867.0 33921.0 33707.0 34091.0 30342.0 5320.0 4364.0 31845.0 7626.0 35476.0
CZE 1933.0 2449.0 1878.0 2257.0 1693.0 1849.0 1873.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3813.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ft1
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BEL 1642.0
CAN 724.0 40130.0
DEU 727.0 9957.0 45966.0
DFS 651.0 6014.0 39754.0 40717.0
ESP 703.0 7039.0 41034.0 39509.0 41970.0
FRA 710.0 4040.0 34732.0 34288.0 34819.0 36459.0
GBR 668.0 33702.0 10831.0 6856.0 7877.0 4122.0 36022.0
ITA 720.0 34126.0 9411.0 5435.0 6489.0 3309.0 33377.0 35204.0
NLD 720.0 4116.0 36599.0 36094.0 36574.0 34237.0 4384.0 3475.0 37953.0
HUN 531.0 2233.0 8226.0 7769.0 8061.0 7283.0 2397.0 2214.0 7679.0 8828.0
POL 994.0 4866.0 33920.0 33707.0 34090.0 30342.0 5319.0 4363.0 31844.0 7626.0 35475.0
CZE 844.0 1932.0 2449.0 1878.0 2257.0 1693.0 1848.0 1872.0 1725.0 1426.0 2549.0 3812.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      rtp
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CAN 37050.0
DEU 9954.0 43674.0
DFS 6009.0 37542.0 38418.0
ESP 7034.0 38734.0 37217.0 39587.0
FRA 4034.0 32506.0 32088.0 32540.0 34178.0
GBR 31873.0 10834.0 6853.0 7875.0 4116.0 34430.0
ITA 32128.0 9414.0 5433.0 6488.0 3304.0 31560.0 33207.0
NLD 4095.0 34302.0 33828.0 34222.0 31962.0 4440.0 3457.0 35872.0
POL 4860.0 32433.0 32231.0 32548.0 28852.0 5313.0 4358.0 30306.0 33859.0
CZE 1928.0 2433.0 1863.0 2241.0 1678.0 1844.0 1868.0 1709.0 2474.0 3728.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ocs
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AUS 3076.0
CAN 1235.0 40059.0
DEU 919.0 9910.0 45211.0
ESP 841.0 7019.0 40345.0 41262.0
FRA 747.0 4036.0 34059.0 34141.0 35768.0
GBR 1275.0 33635.0 10780.0 7857.0 4120.0 36181.0
ITA 1173.0 34060.0 9360.0 6471.0 3306.0 33300.0 35125.0
NLD 808.0 4110.0 35949.0 35930.0 33594.0 4448.0 3464.0 37711.0
HUN 764.0 2231.0 8225.0 8062.0 7284.0 2446.0 2210.0 7807.0 9028.0
POL 692.0 4859.0 33268.0 33436.0 29690.0 5316.0 4360.0 31202.0 7627.0 34817.0
CZE 414.0 1932.0 2447.0 2255.0 1691.0 1848.0 1872.0 1724.0 1426.0 2547.0 3810.0

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Number of bulls in reference population for      ous
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CAN 40097.0
DEU 9918.0 45877.0
DFS 6003.0 39735.0 40692.0
ESP 7022.0 41003.0 39497.0 41933.0
FRA 4038.0 34721.0 34284.0 34805.0 36442.0
GBR 33667.0 10785.0 6844.0 7858.0 4121.0 36207.0
ITA 34092.0 9366.0 5424.0 6472.0 3307.0 33332.0 35157.0
NLD 4112.0 36584.0 36095.0 36564.0 34228.0 4450.0 3466.0 38350.0

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