INTRODUCTION

The latest routine international evaluation for calving traits took place as scheduled at the Interbull Centre. Data from eighteen (18) countries were included in this evaluation.

International genetic evaluations for calving traits of bulls from Australia, Austria-Germany, Belgium, Canada, Denmark-Finland-Sweden, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Slovack Republic, Poland and the United States of America were computed. Brown Swiss, Holstein, and Red Dairy Cattle breed data were included in this evaluation.

CHANGES IN NATIONAL PROCEDURES

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

ISR (HOL) Slight reductions for a few bulls in number of daughters due to edits and paternity corrections

SVN (ALL) Some changes in information due to changes in data base related to the pedigree completness and phenotypic data improvement.

FRA (ALL) Some drops in information due to corrections made in pedigree

AUS (ALL) Decrease in information as a result of data clean up such as pedigree changes,

causing also changes in type of proofs. Change of status of bull which leads to a good number of bulls no longer being qualified. Decreases in EDC due to rounding.

DEU (HOL, RDC) smaller decreases in herds, daughters or edc (less than 10%) are caused by data editing or pedigree correction.

POL (HOL) Decrease in information due to data edits

ESP (HOL) Decrease in information due to data editing USA (ALL) Drops in information due to pedigree correct:

JSA (ALL) Drops in information due to pedigree corrections and her-year minimum edits.

CHE (HOL) In-depth corrections and renewal of the database table containing bull information by one of our breeding associations lead to changes in status of bulls and type of

proof as well as a fewer number of EBV delivered. Slight changes in number of daughters,

number of herds and EDC are due to manual edits in the database.

NZL (ALL) Daughter counts \hat{a} \200\223 affects all traits. New Zealand has continuous DNA parentage testing

so daughters will always change.

Herd Count $\hat{a}\200\223$ affects all traits. Affected by continuous DNA parentage testing.

EDCs â\200\223 affects all traits. Affected by continuous DNA parentage testing and a bug was

found in the EDC calculation so a fix was applied

INTERBULL CHANGES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ROUTINE RUN

Post-processing Windows:

According to the decision taken by ITC in Orlando (2015) to review the post-processing windows every 5 years, during the 2020 the relative working group has been re-activated and new windows have been identified.

As before, the upper bounds have been set to 0.99 as these were judged to have very little effect on evaluations while the lower values have been reduced to the 10th percentile. This reduction would provide post-processed correlations to be closer to the real estimated ones. Over the past five years, in fact, the previous adopted lower value (25th percentile) had been found too high causing estimated and post-processed correlations to differ significantly from each other. The new lower values have been applied to all breeds and traits.

The weight assigned to the magnitude of the changes tested by each country has also been revised. The new weight will allow post-processed correlations to take more in consideration the value of the new estimated ones even when no changes are applied by the countries.

The new weights are as follows:

No changes :: 2 Small changes:: 1 Big changes :: 0

More information can be read on https://interbull.org/ib/rg_procedure

DATA AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS

Data were national genetic evaluations of AI sampled bulls with at least 10 daughters or 10 EDC (for clinical mastitis and maternal calving traits at least 50 daughters or 50 EDC, and for direct calving traits at least 50 calvings or 50 EDC) in at least 10 herds. Table 1 presents the amount of data included in this Interbull evaluation for all breeds.

National proofs were first de-regressed within country and then analysed jointly with a linear model including the effects of evaluation country, genetic group of bull and bull merit. Heritability estimates used in both the de-regression and international evaluation were as in each country's national evaluation.

Table 2 presents the date of evaluation as supplied by each country

Estimated genetic parameters and sire standard deviations are shown in APPENDIX I and the corresponding number of common bulls are listed in APPENDIX II.

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

The international genetic evaluation procedure is based on international work described in the following scientific publications:

International genetic evaluation computation: Schaeffer. 1994. J. Dairy Sci. 77:2671-2678 Klei, 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:3-7

Verification and Genetic trend validation: Klei et al., 2002. Interbull Bulletin 29:178-182. Boichard et al., 1995. J. Dairy Sci. 78:431-437

Weighting factors:

Fikse and Banos, 2001. J. Dairy Sci. 84:1759-1767

De-regression:

Sigurdsson and G. Banos. 1995. Acta Agric. Scand. 45:207-219 Jairath et al. 1998. J. Dairy Sci. Vol. 81:550-562

Genetic parameter estimation:

Klei and Weigel, 1998, Interbull Bulletin 17:8-14 Sullivan, 1999. Interbull Bulletin 22:146-148

Post-processing of estimated genetic correlations:
Mark et al., 2003, Interbull Bulletin 30:126-135
Jorjani et al., 2003. J. Dairy Sci. 86:677-679
https://wiki.interbull.org/public/rG%20procedure?action=print

Time edits

Weigel and Banos. 1997. J. Dairy Sci. 80:3425-3430

International reliability estimation

Harris and Johnson. 1998. Interbull Bulletin 17:31-36

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Dates for the next routine evaluation can be found on http://www.interbull.org/ib/servicecalendar.

NEXT TEST INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION

Dates for the next test run can be found on

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.

PUBLICATION OF INTERBULL TEST RUN

Test evaluation results are meant for review purposes only and should not be published.

^LTable 1. National evaluation data considered in the Interbull evaluation for calving (December Routine Evaluation 2021).

Number of records for direct calving ease by breed

Country	BSW	GUE	HOL	JER	RDC	SIM
AUS			6560			
BEL			1191			
CAN	163		13111		510	
CHE	1598		2112			
CZE						
DEA	3503					
DEU			19789		280	
DFS			10649		6469	
ESP			2308			
EST						
FRA	367		12784			
FRM						
GBR			3133			
HUN			1765			
IRL			2192		58	
ISR			527			
ITA			9575			
JPN						
KOR						
LTU						
LVA						
NLD	163		15234		76	
NOR					3860	
NZL			7542		1107	
POL			6396			
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SVK			687			
SVN						
URY						
USA	526		36492			
ZAF						
HRV						
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Pub. Proofs	6723	0	131474	0	12833	0

^LAPPENDIX I. Sire standard deviations in diagonal and genetic correlations below diagonal

BSW	dce																	
	DEA	NLD	USA	CHE	CAN	FRA												
DEA	9.24																	
NLD	0.88	5.55																
USA	0.69	0.85	0.13	10 50														
CHE	0.86	0.94	0.83	10.53	П 60													
CAN	0.80	0.95	0.91	0.93	7.62	0.76												
FRA	0.76	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.87	0.76												
BSW	mce																	
	DEA	NLD	USA	CHE	CAN	FRA												
DEA	9.74																	
NLD	0.64	4.67																
USA	0.79	0.77	0.15															
CHE	0.79	0.73	0.87	12.90														
CAN	0.42	0.79	0.85	0.73	6.19													
FRA	0.84	0.77	0.92	0.93	0.80	1.02												
HOL	dce																	
	AUS	CAN	CHE	DFS	FRA	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	GBR	HUN	DEU	BEL	IRL	NZL	SVK	ESP	POL
AUS	0.04																	
CAN	0.77	6.83																
CHE	0.71	0.92	9.14															
DFS	0.75	0.92	0.84	11.58														
FRA	0.79	0.95	0.91	0.88	0.92													
ISR	0.70	0.82	0.67	0.83	0.79	2.75												
ITA	0.57	0.67	0.64	0.66	0.69	0.68	7.23											
NLD	0.84	0.97	0.90	0.93	0.93	0.85	0.70	7.07										
USA	0.74	0.91	0.87	0.86	0.91	0.78	0.66	0.87	0.13	0 07								
GBR	0.75	0.79	0.67	0.70	0.75	0.70	0.59	0.83	0.71	0.07	1 00							
HUN	0.55	0.63	0.49	0.54	0.64	0.63	0.44	0.62	0.61	0.59	1.26	10 70						
DEU BEL	0.80 0.61	0.93 0.66	0.88 0.65	0.89 0.68	0.94 0.68	0.79 0.52	0.64 0.56	0.93 0.68	0.86 0.68	0.75 0.53	0.64 0.64	12.70 0.65	9.47					
IRL	0.77	0.87	0.80	0.84	0.86	0.76	0.65	0.00	0.82	0.69	0.58	0.81	0.63	0.09				
NZL	0.77	0.76	0.75	0.76	0.75	0.68	0.52	0.80	0.74	0.60	0.36	0.76	0.49	0.80	2.99			
SVK	0.50	0.45	0.33	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.44	0.44	0.48	0.44	0.44	0.41	0.24	13.01		
ESP	0.63	0.81	0.75	0.72	0.80	0.66	0.61	0.78	0.78	0.60	0.61	0.80	0.63	0.74	0.62	0.40	11.18	
POL	0.51	0.58	0.44	0.60	0.58	0.51	0.46	0.55	0.56	0.54	0.45	0.54	0.47	0.55	0.23	0.46	0.43	14.12
HOL	mce																	
	CAN	CHE	DFS	FRA	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	GBR	HUN	DEU	BEL	SVK	ESP	POL			
CAN	6.72																	
CHE	0.86	11.65																
DFS	0.84	0.69	12.06															
FRA	0.91	0.96	0.77	1.28														
ISR	0.84	0.69	0.81	0.77	2.64													
ITA	0.79	0.84	0.63	0.84	0.76	9.21												
NLD	0.84	0.74	0.86	0.81	0.71	0.58	5.29	0 1 =										
USA	0.92	0.91	0.79	0.95	0.85	0.84	0.79	0.15										
GBR	0.62	0.69	0.52	0.72	0.54	0.60	0.55	0.66	0.04	1 00								
HUN	0.44	0.40	0.46	0.44	0.50	0.39	0.45	0.44	0.42	1.28	10 50							
DEU	0.83	0.72	0.91	0.77	0.76	0.67	0.85	0.79	0.55	0.47	12.50	10 40						
BEL	0.67	0.70	0.70	0.73	0.56	0.61	0.78	0.68	0.51	0.47	0.74	10.42	15 70					
SVK ESP	0.37 0.71	0.37 0.59	0.38 0.75	0.38 0.67	0.49 0.69	0.38 0.52	0.37 0.73	0.37 0.67	0.53 0.51	0.38 0.51	0.37 0.76	0.46 0.61	15.79	11.77				
POL	0.71	0.59	0.75	0.67	0.69	0.52	0.73	0.67	0.31	0.31	0.76	0.50		0.48	15 61			
FOL	0.52	0.48	0.34	0.31	0.32	0.49	0.50	0.52	0.43	0.3/	0.54	0.50	0.38	0.48	10.01			

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	AUS	CAN	CHE	DFS	FRA	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	HUN	DEU	POL
AUS	0.04											
CAN	0.62	7.60										
HE	0.30	0.64	17.69									
FS	0.67	0.87	0.60	12.51								
RA	0.46	0.75	0.62	0.65	0.76							
SR	0.82	0.73	0.41	0.75	0.50	1.67						
TA	0.63	0.54	0.31	0.55	0.38	0.70	7.22					
LD	0.36	0.78	0.73	0.71	0.67	0.50	0.30	4.48				
SA	0.38	0.68	0.62	0.57	0.66	0.38	0.32	0.61	0.07			
UN	0.60	0.47	0.26	0.48	0.29	0.65	0.41	0.26	0.30	1.10		
EU	0.51	0.89	0.70	0.85	0.67	0.67	0.44	0.81	0.65	0.44	12.34	
OL	0.34	0.57	0.56	0.63	0.51	0.37	0.30	0.57	0.51		0.63	16.63
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	CAN	CHE	DFS	FRA	ISR	ITA	NLD	USA	HUN	DEU	POL	
CAN	6.06											
CHE	0.79	16.91										
FS	0.95	0.78	11.56									
RA	0.87	0.81	0.85	0.93								
SR	0.88	0.76	0.85	0.78	1.72							
TA	0.48	0.70	0.44	0.70	0.62	9.22						
LD	0.40	0.75	0.95	0.81	0.81	0.40	4.20					
SA	0.93	0.80	0.93	0.84	0.80	0.40	0.79	0.12				
UN	0.87	0.34	0.84	0.35	0.50	0.31	0.79	0.12	1.22			
	0.31	0.80	0.34	0.33	0.86	0.44	0.31	0.83	0.32	10 77		
EU	0.95	0.80	0.97	0.83	0.86	0.44	0.95	0.83		0.80	14.31	
ОП	0.03	0.70	0.01	0.75	0.02	0.30	0.70	0.74	0.52	0.00	14.51	
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	CAN	DFS	NOR	NLD	DEU	IRL	NZL					
CAN	6.55	44										
FS	0.92	11.33	10									
OR	0.82											
LD	0.95	0.91	0.90	4.87								
EU	0.92		0.88	0.92	13.72							
RL	0.84	0.83			0.80	0.07						
ZL	0.73	0.72	0.68	0.78	0.73	0.75	2.78					
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	CAN	DFS	NOR	DEU								
AN	6.93											
FS	0.80	12.16										
OR	0.64	0.89	15.66									
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